

Our Mission is to **educate,**  
**impact,** and **inspire hope**  
to youth in need.



Dear Friends & Supporters,

As we pen this letter it marks the 5th anniversary of our son/brother Isaac passing from this life to the next. As we do every year we are sitting as a family, and through tears and laughter, reflecting on memories of Isaac and how his life continues to impact and teach us. He has taught us so much; how to love unconditionally, how to reach out and impact others, how to make a difference and how to be grateful for all things.

One of the many things that we are grateful for is the I've Got Your Backs Foundation (IGYB) that we were able to start in honor of Isaac's life. The mission of IGYB is to educate, impact and inspire hope to youth in need. We were recently asked to come and speak to a community group about IGYB and what kind of work we do.

After our presentation the group told us that they had no idea the many different ways IGYB was making a difference in the lives of youth locally and globally. Because you have been a supporter of IGYB, we wanted you to know the ways your support is helping to change lives.

As a small family foundation we realize the importance of partnering with other organizations that align with our mission, so here are a few ways we are doing this.

### **I've Got Your Backs Local Efforts:**



*Tim Hiller, Mike Furrey  
and Ryan Van Dyke  
volunteering at the IGYB  
football camp*

**I've Got Your Backs Youth Football Camp:** Our annual football camp is an opportunity for youth to not only add to their skill and love of football but will also provide an opportunity for physical fitness, positive relationship building among peers, character building and a positive connection with young men in a mentoring capacity.

**Scholarships:** over \$2500 given annually to High School students, criteria for these scholarships, "How is your life making a difference in the lives of others?"

**Needs Box:** We work in conjunction with teachers, counselors, coaches and community leaders to meet the practical needs of students with items such as winter coats, school clothes, boots, shoes, supplies, backpacks, beds, athletic equipment, and the many other items students need to thrive.

**Battle Creek Mentor Program:** IGYB financially and physically supports this weekly program dedicated to providing positive mentoring to inner city Battle Creek youth.



**The Kindness Challenge:** To date over 5,000 elementary aged children have taken the Kindness Challenge, which encourages kindness to fellow students in a way that's intentional, interactive and inspirational.

**The Brian Project:** IGYB provided financial and physical support to the Brian Project which works with communities to prevent violence, promote healthy behaviors and strengthen the community.

**Community Fatherhood:** is dedicated to helping fathers to be involved in the lives of their children so IGYB provided gas cards to help make that possible for fathers.

**Sexual Assault Services:** provides care for those affected by sexual violence, IGYB annually contributes to various needs such as education and awareness, survivor needs and aftercare for victims.

**Child Advocacy Center:** is a child-friendly facility that is emotionally safe for abused children during the forensic interview process. IGYB helped purchase office furniture for their new facility.

**Adoptive and Foster Families:** There are thousands of children in foster care; IGYB purchases gift cards annually for foster children at Christmas time.

**Crossroads Church Bread of Life Food Pantry:** feeds hundreds of people each month, IGYB contributes to annual holiday food baskets for these families.

## I've Got Your Backs Global Efforts

**Haiti:** IGYB partners with Haiti by participating in mission work, each year we contribute to Christmas gifts for 650 youth, which consists of a jar of oil, 1lb rice and 5lbs of beans. After the earthquake of 2010 we sent financial relief and clean water filters as a result of the cholera outbreak.



**Bangladesh:** World change starts with educated children so IGYB provided a \$2500 donor match for Room to Read Literacy Program.

**International Justice Mission:** IGYB sent financial support to IJM which is dedicated to seeking justice for the oppressed around the world, rescuing women and children from slavery providing them with support services and aftercare.

To date we have provided over \$50,000 in resources to help youth in need. We hope this gives you a picture of how we are involved in the lives of youth locally and globally; we could never do it without the generous support of people like you.

With the current condition of our economy, the needs in our communities are on the rise. Thank you for partnering with us so we can continue to be a resource for youth in need, especially during these difficult economic times.

Thank you again for your love and support.

The Loughrige Family