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John & Wesley Nygren Memorial
Scholarship Foundation
23212 W 126th St
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Dear Friend,

I am writing on behalf of the John and Wesley Nygren Memorial Scholarship Foundation. We are a component fund of the Greater Kansas City Community Foundation, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, established with the vision of helping young people achieve their dreams and aspirations in college.

WHO WE ARE

Wesley Nygren was a champion gymnast in Northern California with aspirations to compete at the collegiate level and to one day become a member of the United States Olympic Team. Tragically, however, Wesley's young life was cut short in a terrible automobile accident in Sonoma County on December 1, 2005. Wesley's father, John, died a few days later from injuries sustained in the same accident. John and Wesley were both compassionate, giving individuals who did their best to impact others' lives for the better.

Our foundation's goal is to keep John and Wesley's legacy of dedication to others alive by assisting graduating student athletes reach their goal of a college degree.

THE WESLEY NYGREN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Each year our foundation will award a scholarship to the graduating senior athlete who most exemplifies the traits that made Wesley such a dynamic young man. Beginning in 2010, our fund will offer two annual scholarships – one each to a male and female gymnast.

1. Coachability – How well does the athlete work with his coach and how willing is he/she to accept coaching to help improve his performance?
2. Leadership – Does the athlete provide an example of positive leadership?
3. Teamwork – How well does this athlete support and assist in the development of the team?
4. Sportsmanship – Does this athlete demonstrate good sportsmanship?

The scholarship award is currently valued at \$1,000 per year, renewable for up to four years. Realizing that not all junior athletes will continue their athletic pursuits at the collegiate level, this scholarship is open to graduating gymnasts whether or not they will compete at the next level. The bigger purpose here is to assist exemplary young men with the cost of post-secondary education.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

A young gymnast from Lodi, California, approached our foundation with a wonderful idea last year. Graduating seniors in California are required to complete a "senior project", a task that gets them outside of the standard academic curriculum. David Ishida, himself a Level 10 competitive gymnast, decided he would like to focus his energies on organizing a fund raising activity for our organization. To that end, we were pleased to have the "1st annual Walk for Wesley" a walk-a-thon that took place at the state Capitol in Sacramento, California on August 4th 2007. This year the family of John and Wesley Nygren have taken over the organization of the walk and are pleased to announce the 3rd annual Walk for Wesley to be held on August 9, 2009.

We are working with local gymnastics facilities throughout Northern California and have already received

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many commitments for support from this amazing gymnastics family. At this point, we are anticipating a great turn out.

To make the event as successful as possible, we are also seeking individual and corporate partners who may be able to offer sponsorship support in the form of monetary or in-kind donations to assist with our efforts. Logos of corporate sponsors will appear on the commemorative T-shirt given to all participants in the walk. We will also provide these shirts to any corporate or individual sponsors who make a donation of \$100 or more.

From the onset of our scholarship fund we have counted on the generosity and kindness of friends, family, and corporate partners to ensure we can continue to support and live out the legacies of John and Wesley Nygren. We appreciate your consideration and any support you may be able to provide.

Please feel free to contact myself (nygren_fund@sbcglobal.net) or the walk organizer, Lisa Clark (walkforwesley@comcast.net) with any questions or visit our website at www.WalkForWesley.com.

Sincerely,



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