

Ronald "Papa" Schaper

Inaugural Golf Outing

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Dear Friend,

New Lenox Youth Football recently lost their Founder, Director and Coach who passed away February 14th, 2010. We plan to gather on July 30th for the Inaugural Ron "Papa" Schaper Memorial Scholarship Golf Outing in his honor. The viability of a community is built as much on the strength of its youth as it is on the strength of its personal and business partnerships.

Ron "Papa" Schaper understood this, too. When he was twelve, he lost his beloved mother in a furnace explosion at his childhood home. His father, he said, never really took much interest in his pursuits. As a result, Papa dedicated his life to the youth of the area, ensuring that no other child would be made to feel the way he did. For 45 years until his death, Papa led the New Lenox Mustang Youth Football Organization as its founder, director and head coach. Over the years, the program grew from one team to 11, and now boasts more than 300 football players, 200 cheerleaders and 85 coaches. The real success of the program, though, is in the thousands of Mustang alumni who fondly remember lessons of teamwork, dedication, self-confidence, sportsmanship and community instilled in them by Papa's leadership learned through competition, hard work and fellowship.

Throughout his lifetime, he received numerous community honors: he was board president for both the New Lenox and Lincoln-Way School Districts, was named 1979 New Lenox Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year, received the 2004 Man of the Year award from the New Lenox Community Park District, and in 2005, he became the first youth coach inducted into the Joliet Area Sports Hall of Fame. Despite these impressive achievements, though, accolades were not what motivated Papa to give back to the New Lenox community.

In appreciation for his dedication and hard work to the New Lenox community, we are asking for your assistance to honor his enduring legacy and raise money for a special scholarship fund established in his name, the first annual Ron "Papa" Schaper Memorial Scholarship Golf Outing will be held Friday, July 30th at The Sanctuary Golf Course in New Lenox. The event will also honor the fund's first scholarship recipients, all of who have demonstrated a commitment learned through their involvement with Papa and the Mustang program.

We hope you will consider partnering with us for this event as one of our generous contributors and, in doing so, help us continue Papa's giving tradition. The enclosed document details sponsorship opportunities that are currently available, as well as contact information if you have questions.

Thank you in advance for your consideration. We hope you will join us for the day.

Sincerely,

The Ron "Papa" Schaper Inaugural Golf Committee