



To whom it may concern,

This request is for a raffle or monetary donation for the **28th Annual 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament/Family Day** event of which all proceeds assist The Tommy Finnegan Legacy Foundation. This event will be held on **Sunday March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018** at St. Rita High School, 7740 South Western Avenue Chicago, IL

### **MISSION STATEMENT**

The mission of the Tommy Finnegan Legacy Foundation (TFLF) is to provide assistance to families whose children have suffered illness, rendering them physically and/or mentally challenged. The support provided will directly affect and enhance the life of that child, which in turn benefits the family as a whole. The TFLF will provide assistance, utilizing resources gathered through fundraising events, after evaluating the needs of each family seeking assistance.

### **HISTORY**

Thomas "Tommy" Finnegan was born on February 28, 1988 and passed away on March 1, 2008. Tommy could not speak, was confined to a wheelchair, tube fed, had to endure countless surgeries and illnesses but was an inspiration to all of those who were fortunate enough to have known him.

Tommy was diagnosed with Tyrosinemia weeks after being born and received a liver transplant in June of 1988 thereby, at that time, becoming the world's youngest liver transplant recipient. Months later it was realized that prior to Tommy receiving his new liver; Tyrosinemia had caused neurological damage, which left him with severe to profound cerebral palsy and mental retardation. To assist Tommy's father and mother in providing all they could for Tommy's needs, family and friends united in what became the annual "Tourney for Tommy" 3 on 3 basketball tournament. Tommy's passed away from complications due to pneumonia 1 day before his 18<sup>th</sup> annual tournament.

### **THE TRADITION CONTINUES**

Tommy's life brought out the best in human beings. So it is with that experience his family and friends formed The Tommy Finnegan Legacy Foundation to assist other families in need. The TFLF is an IRS recognized Not for Profit 501(c)(3) charitable organization and as such is eligible to receive tax-deductible contributions from donors.

Should you choose to participate by submitting a monetary/raffle prize, it can be sent to the Foundation's address listed on the bottom of this letter or brought the day of the tournament. Additionally, monetary donations are gratefully accepted by using PayPal through the Foundations website, TFLF.org.

Thank you for any consideration to this request and hope to see you at this year's Tournament/Family Day.

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