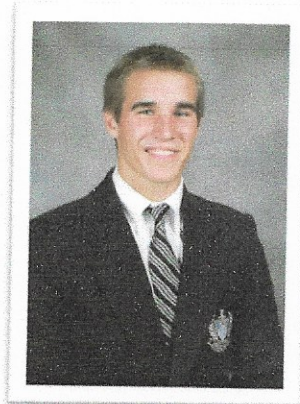


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Dear Friends of the AAF:

We hope this 4th newsletter finds you well, in good health and spirits. We are happy to have the opportunity to share many very positive things that have happened in the past year both on behalf of and due to the resources of the AAF.



To begin, it is always our honor to share with you the recipients of this past year's AAF scholarships. At Pomperaug High School, the \$1000 awards were given to Adam Narducci, a co-captain on the Boys' Lacrosse team who is now a freshman at Villanova University, and to Taryn Smith from the Girls' Lacrosse team. Taryn's coach described her as "self-sacrificing, and asks for no recognition in return." Taryn is a freshman at Castleton State College where she was recruited by the Lacrosse program. The AAF asks annually that the Pomperaug Youth Lacrosse program select a player to receive support from the Foundation to attend a summer lacrosse camp. This past summer, a youth player attended the Army Lacrosse Camp. He received an All Star Award while attending.

The AAF again donated \$1,000 to The Hill School. Ned Ide, Boy's Head Lacrosse Coach and also the Chair of the English Department, wrote that the team used the award to help The Hill lacrosse program in a variety of ways. We especially appreciated Ned's summary of the 2009-2010 season: this year Chris Howel wore Alex's #16. It has become a school tradition to assign Alex's # to one special player. We appreciate the team's support and the way they continue to keep the memory of Alex alive and support his love of the game. Ned also wrote, "We won the league championships, Chris Howell wore the 16 this season, we went up 11-10 with 16 seconds to go to beat L'ville and we finished 9-7 (16 games in the season)." The players asked that rather than get an end of the season gift (a Hill tradition), they would prefer to have the money be given to the The Hill School Alex Archie Fund; that way "He lives on here in so many ways."



While we still have both editions of AAF t-shirts for sale, Henry and Sam (Alex's brothers) decided to create a wristband for the Foundation as the new fundraising

item. We sell them for \$1.00, and would be glad to send one or some to you. Please email us at ctarchie@aol.com to place an order. A check should be made out to the AAF.



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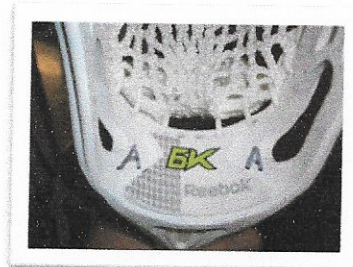
In gathering our thoughts for this newsletter, we realized that a number of special things have happened to us/the AAF both since its inception and especially in the past year and we would like to mention a few. Truly, we have been so blessed by the generous support you have all given to the Foundation. Without your contributions, we would not have been able to fulfill our mission:

- From the founding of the AAF, the pursuit of our 501©3 status, to the understanding and completion of AAF tax returns, we give our thanks for Julia and Scott Brown for their legal and accounting knowledge, and their sensitivity, all of which has been shared both pro bono and at greatly reduced rates.
- Our long time friend in lacrosse, Bob Bush, owner of Cheshire Sport in Cheshire, CT learned of the new AAF wristband and offered to sell them for the Foundation in his store. He has set up a special spot for all to see. He has kindly produced both AAF t-shirts at cost as his donation to the Foundation.

- The owner of Southbury Business and Shipping Center, Craig Paige, so generously stamped over 150 newsletters for us in such a genuine, unsolicited manner.
- Our friend and Coach of the Girls' Lacrosse Team at Pomperaug High School, Mike Fleming, ran in a local triathlon with his daughter, Taylor (one of the original AAF scholarship recipients), and raised money for the Foundation. We should also mention that Mike Fleming and his teams have raised money for the AAF each year at their annual youth clinic.



- We heard from a father of a Hill School graduate, Dave Morton, a friend of Alex's. Dave marks all of his lacrosse sticks with "AA" and "16." In corresponding with Dave, he explained that Alex had inspired him to love the game again. He now plays for Robert Morris University.



- And, our Owasco Tubing Club friends from the greater Syracuse area who made a fantastic, big banner for the AAF which had been intended for the showcase that we were unfortunately never able to run.



- T-shirts and wristbands would never be sold without the tireless efforts of the Connolly and Silverman families who act as ambassadors for the Foundation.

In the fall of 2010, the Pomperaug Youth Lacrosse program hosted the Bridgeport Boy's Youth Lacrosse team. The AAF paid for bus transportation and the Pomperaug Youth team, HS coaches and several youth coaches helped run an all day clinic for the teams. After the clinic the PYL held a BBQ for the players and coaches. A PYL player, Matt Witek organized a fundraiser that collected enough money to send the Bridgeport Youth team home with 2 new goals and two dozen balls.



At this clinic we met Don Wilson, the founder of the Bridgeport program. He brought along a Yashua, a youth alum who is now a player on his high school's club team. Yashua told us of their struggle to start a high school team. The team had been practicing with only one goal and the only equipment they had was what each player owned. The school, Platt Technical Institute, was supporting the boys' effort along with lots of local teams and individuals. Yashua told us the team was trying to raise enough money for new helmets, required by the school, to start a boy's Lacrosse Club. Four weeks later we were excited to represent the AAF and donate 20 new black and red lacrosse

helmets, which Bob Bush of Cheshire Sport helped us locate. We wish Alex could have seen the joy and excitement on the players faces as they opened the boxes of new helmets. We want to thank all of you from the bottom of our hearts for donating your money to the AAF in order to make this possible. We are sure Alex is very happy right now, knowing these fellow teammates have a chance to play the game he loved.



All of these gestures and the many we have surely forgotten are more appreciated than we could ever articulate. You/they lift our spirits in a way that is indescribable, and help us to know that Alex is remembered and honored in so many special ways. Thank you so very much.

Very sincerely,

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