



5th Annual

# Matthew Kocher

## MEMORIAL GOLF CLASSIC

Friday, August 2, 2019

June 2019

Dear Friend of the Matthew Kocher Foundation:

On July 27, 2013, John and Kathy Kocher's 15-year-old son Matthew tragically drowned in Lake Michigan while volunteering at a camp to earn service hours. Matthew was an amazing young man who was loved and respected by many. He was an honor student and three-sport athlete playing football, basketball and volleyball at Andrew High School in Tinley Park, IL. Matthew was gentle, kind, cared deeply for others, and was very involved in community service. His tragic death proved that even the most athletically fit person can encounter danger in shallow water.

Recognizing the importance of water safety education, John and Kathy established a foundation in loving memory of Matthew in 2014. Due to the generosity of so many family, friends, and businesses in the community, the Matthew Kocher Foundation has sponsored 250 water safety education classes for 28 area schools, reaching over 47,000 youths. In addition, over \$100,000 in scholarships have been awarded to deserving seniors to further their education. The Foundation provided hundreds of service hours to teens volunteering through the following: Matthew Kocher Foundation Youth Advisory Board, caroling at a retirement home, The Matt Kocher Games (Special Olympics of Illinois), The Tinley Irish Parade, Adopt-A-Road Program in Tinley Park, Tinley Trim-A-Tree, a toy drive for kids/teens with cancer, and a food drive for the Tinley Park Food Pantry. In April 2017, John and Kathy Kocher were awarded the NDPA **Lifesaver of the Year Award**, in Pittsburgh, at the NDPA national conference for their efforts for drowning prevention and water safety.

On Friday, August 2, 2019, the fifth annual **Matthew Kocher Memorial Golf Classic** will be held at The Meadows Golf Club of Blue Island, starting at 11:00 a.m. A barbeque dinner reception will be held at The Meadows Golf Club after golfing.

We ask you to please consider supporting the Matthew Kocher Foundation by sponsoring a hole or donating. The enclosed sheet provides hole sponsorship information. We would be happy to pick up your donation or you may drop it off or mail it to:

**Matthew Kocher Foundation**  
**17552 Mulberry Avenue**  
**Tinley Park, IL 60487**

We truly appreciate your contribution of any amount which will help keep Matt's memory alive through educating and helping others. If writing a check please make payable to "Matthew Kocher Foundation." If you have any questions, please contact us at [admin@MK56.org](mailto:admin@MK56.org) or call **708-476-9093**.

We sincerely thank you for your consideration!

Matthew Kocher Foundation Fundraising Committee

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