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Dear Friend,

Thank you for taking the time to review this letter. We are the family and friends of the late Dennis Wirgowski. Dennis excelled playing football at Bay City Central earning All-American honors and continued his outstanding football play at Purdue University before enjoying a five-year career in the National Football League (NFL).

Unfortunately, Dennis died by suicide in 2014 after struggling with the effects of Chronic Traumatic Encephalopathy, or CTE. His death was a huge shock, but after much thought, his family and friends decided to come together and find a way to honor Dennis's football legacy and give back to the community that he loved so much. That is how the Dennis Wirgowski Football Camp came to be.

In 2018, we held our third annual football camp at Bay City Central's Elmer Engel Stadium. With assistance from the Dow Bay Area Family Y and the Bay City Public Schools, we had 155 young people from the 3rd thru 6th grades participate in the camp. The purpose of the camp is to teach safe football skills and how to play the game **SAFELY**. Our motto is : **PLAY SAFE - PLAY SMART!** In addition to learning these safe football techniques, camp participants received a camp T-shirt and a boxed lunch.

On August 18th, 2019, our fourth annual football camp will be at Elmer Engel Stadium. Local football coaches, volunteers and high school varsity football players will again support the football camp. The camp is open to the first 200 registrants. Last year we awarded three \$500 scholarships to outstanding senior student athletes. To date, the camp provided \$3000 in scholarships.

We hope you will consider helping us with our mission of teaching young football players to **PLAY SAFE - PLAY SMART!** by donating to the Dennis Wirgowski Football Camp. We are a registered 501 (C)(3) non-profit organization. Donations can be sent directly to:

The Dennis Wirgowski Football Camp
1407 Taylor Street
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Please indicate on the memo line of your check if your donation is for: Football Camp or Scholarship Fund.

Please visit our website for more information - www.wirgowskifootballcamp.com

If you have any questions, please contact us. We hope you will consider a donation to the Dennis Wirgowski Football Camp to help us continue our mission of teaching future football players to **PLAY SAFE - PLAY SMART!**

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