



April 7, 2019

Dear Prospective Donor,

Since 2004 we have organized a Kicks for Charity soccer tournament to raise money in support of worthy causes. In the last 15 years, we have raised and donated almost \$40,000 to a number of organizations in the area. Past year contributions have gone to The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, Claudia Simonian Fund, the UMass Medical Center, Pediatric Cancer Care, Why Me, VNACare, the New England Revolution Charitable Foundation, and many more.

This year we are raising money for two causes. Every year our community and many others around the country are impacted by the scourge of cancer and this year is no different. We are aware of some in our community fighting this scary and devastating disease right now and we will be donating to the Dana-Farber/Brigham and Women's Cancer Center at Milford Regional Medical Center in support of continuing to battle all forms of cancer. Moreover, it is sad and tragic when life is lost and possible life saving equipment can possibly prevent that from happening. The second cause we plan to support is the Michael T. Ellsesser Fund. The Ellsesser Family & Friends have been raising money and purchasing AEDs since the tragic death of their middle son Michael in 2010 and their youngest son Timothy in 2015. In addition to a portion of our proceeds going to this worthy fund, we are asking attendees to please bring lightly used or like new sports equipment and footwear to the event (shin guards, sticks, pads, balls, skates, cleats, bats, etc). We will be donating these items to Mike's Sporting Spirit Store at the First Congregational Church in Sutton where those in need in our surrounding community can come to select items in support of extracurricular activities for their kids.

Our focus with the Soccer Kicks for Charity Tournament is to teach kids within our own community the joy of helping others. The kids collect pledges for their participation. Several years ago we started a new tradition and included the boys and girls high school soccer players who were eager to participate and make this an annual community service project. They will assist in the planning, seeking of contributions as well as event day responsibilities.

In addition to the tournament, we also collect items to have at a raffle table for additional fun and support in raising money. We are looking for sponsors to provide a monetary tax deductible donation or raffle item in support of this fundraising event. We understand how difficult it can be to provide a monetary contribution and thus if that is not possible appreciate your consideration of donating anything for the raffle. In years past, we have had tickets to museums and zoos, golf courses, theaters, sports equipment and clothes, outdoor and home items, gift certificates and refreshment assistance such as drinks and snacks. No donation is too small and all are greatly appreciated. Donations will be recognized and we also will have tables for marketing material. We also can come and pick up any donations.

The tournament this year is scheduled for June 9th at Sutton High School from 12-2:30pm. Any contributions can be made to Sutton Youth Soccer and mailed to the following address – Michael Elster / 73 Barnett Road / Sutton, MA 01590. We will accept any monetary donations up until the end of July and any in kind donations for the day of the event such as food, drink, raffle items, etc up until the day of the event. We can provide a letter recognizing your donation as well as info for tax deductible purposes.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Kind regards,

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