



# About Tyler ...

Our son, Tyler, was tragically killed in a single car accident on August 17, 2013 while visiting family in Kansas City. Our family wanted to find a way to honor and remember Tyler while bringing together those he touched – family, friends, teammates and coaches. At the same time, we wanted to salute his love of hockey and find a way to assist those who have the same passion for the game, regardless of their financial situation. The Tyler Frederes Memorial Fund was established, and the golf tournament created as a means to raise those much needed funds.



Tyler came into the world as a miracle baby, weighing only 4 pounds. His tenacity to survive set the groundwork for the man he would later become. He was passionate about sports, beginning as a 6-year-old riding sheep in the rodeo. At age 7, he began a zealous hockey career that would take him all over the country and Canada. Tyler started playing hockey in Kansas City as a Mite, and continued playing hockey, locally, for the Blades, Stars and Outlaws in addition to his high school team, Blue Valley West, and also played on a summer Minnesota select team. Tyler left Kansas City his senior year of high school to play junior hockey in Salem, MA, and college hockey in Albany, NY. Tyler was always known as easy going off the ice but a fierce competitor inside the rink. He enjoyed being the ambassador of the grinder role, could pass and shoot and was never afraid to “drop the gloves.” Coaches and players respected Tyler’s hard work ethic, tenacity and leadership.

Tyler was passionate about the game, and it was truly an integral part of our family life. However, there were times during the 16 years Tyler played hockey where our family struggled with expenses. We witnessed teammates who dropped from competitive to recreational play due to financial burdens, and, sadly, others who gave up the game entirely because of expenses. The funds raised from the *Tyler Frederes Memorial Golf Tournament* are intended to support such players who need assistance with expenses.

Funds raised from the inaugural Tyler Frederes Memorial Golf Tournament were distributed in 2015 to 13 deserving players in the Midwest Amateur Hockey Association, totaling \$10,000. The 2015 tournament exceeded that goal, with \$12,000 distributed at the beginning of the 2016 hockey season. After another successful year, we anticipate distributing \$15,000 to players in 2017.

We look forward to continuing to host a quality golf tournament, increasing player participation, cultivating new relationships and partnerships, and raising more funds each year to assist those who play the sport Tyler loved so much.

Thank you for your consideration and support.

Mick and Debby Frederes and family

*The Tyler Frederes Memorial Fund was established in 2013 as a 501©3 not-for-profit whose mission is to develop and enhance the lives of young deserving hockey players by providing resources that educate and build character, teamwork and value-based life lessons through the game of hockey.*

