

Don Rose, Sr.
Youth Scholarship Fund

“Every kid should have a chance to play sports”

-Don Rose, Sr.

To whom it may concern:

The Don Rose, Sr. Youth Scholarship Fund was established to provide financial support for Loudoun County high school graduates who wish to further their education. Funds received will help qualified students pursue their dreams at a college, technical, or trade school. Applicants from public, private, and home schools are eligible to receive the scholarship, provided they participated in youth sports within Loudoun County. Our immediate goal for the 2015-2016 school year is to award two scholarships to each of the four oldest high schools in Loudoun. The scholarships, which will be \$500 each, are to be presented to a qualified male and female student. Ultimately the members of the Don Rose, Sr. Youth Scholarship Fund are determined to award two scholarships to every high school in Loudoun County. Your generous support will be an integral step to making this happen.

Don Rose, Sr. was involved in youth sports for 47 years. During that time he served as a coach and mentor to hundreds of athletes throughout Loudoun County. Regardless of background, financial status, or athletic ability, Don believed that every child should have a chance to participate in sports. To support his belief, Don donated his time and personal finances to help pay for registration fees, shoes, and socks for children who wanted to play sports but could not afford the expense. He selflessly gave his time and personal finances to build and maintain playing fields throughout Loudoun County. With support from his brothers, Mike and Tom, in conjunction with their company LEO Construction, the Fireman's Field in Purcellville, VA was refurbished into one of the finest stadiums on the East Coast. Don's vision in rebuilding the stadium came to life in 1998 when the first Babe Ruth World Series came to Loudoun County. Since then players have come from all over the USA to play in the stadium. Six Babe Ruth World Series tournaments have been held here, the last being played right after Don's death in 2013. The Town of Purcellville honored Don's legacy during the tournament by unveiling a plaque in his honor which welcomes athletes and fans at the entrance of Fireman's Field.

In 1981 Don was awarded the first and only Purcellville Optimist Club "Man of Youth Award" for his commitment to youth sports. The Loudoun Times Mirror recognized him in 2003 with the Loudoun County Citizen of the Year Award for his "tireless effort in promoting youth sports". In addition to these awards, Don served as the President of Upper Loudoun Youth Football, President of Western Loudoun Basketball, President of the Greater Loudoun Babe Ruth, and was the Commissioner for both the VA State Babe Ruth and Babe Ruth District 8. Many remember his iconic voice on Friday nights as "the Voice of Viking football" for over 25 years at Loudoun Valley High School in Purcellville, VA. Because of his dedication to Loudoun Valley High School, he was inducted into the LVHS Sports Hall of Fame.

On January 24, 2013, Loudoun County's most devoted sports advocate passed away. His passing left a void in the youth athletic community he so loved. Your donation to the Don Rose, Sr. Youth Scholarship Fund will help ensure that his legacy is never forgotten.

Enclosed is a contribution form to help you participate in this project. If you would like more information about the Scholarship Fund, please feel free to call Donny Rose at 703-980-5626.

With sincere thanks,

Donald Neff Rose, Jr
President, Don Rose, Sr. Youth Scholarship Fund

**The Don Rose, Sr. Youth Scholarship Fund
DONOR FORM**

YES, I want to help make dreams come true. Please accept my contribution to this fund so that continuing education will be possible for high school graduates of Loudoun County, Virginia who participated in youth sports.

NAME _____

AGENCY/ COMPANY (if applicable) _____

ADDRESS _____

Amount of Contribution: _____

(Optional)

This contribution is in honor of:

NAME _____

Please make your check payable to:

Don Rose, Sr. Youth Scholarship Fund
(This is a tax-deductible charitable donation)

Please mail this form with your check to:

Don Rose, Sr. Youth Scholarship Fund
PO Box 1879
Leesburg, VA 20177-1879

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