



Greetings!

On Saturday, April 16th, we will be hosting our 3rd annual Brett Smith memorial Fun Run/Walk. Brett, who was my first cousin, was diagnosed with AML Leukemia in January of his senior year at Solon High School. After a tough battle, he passed away April the following year at the MD Anderson cancer center in Texas. This event is a way that our family and his friends can gather to honor his memory. It is also a testament to his strength, in that he never gave up, always feeling he would beat his disease. He was a true testament to the strength of the human spirit.

In order for us to be able to donate almost all of the race proceeds to the person or family chosen by Brett's family, race sponsorship is very important. In 2014 we donated to Nora Sanderson, a local girl fighting Leukemia. Last year we donated to Mark Kasperek, a local Solon resident that has been battling a long term illness for most of his life. The biggest outgoing expenses that we will incur are the race t-shirts and the chip timing cost. The sponsorship money we receive will go to pay for the expenses listed above as well as other miscellaneous race needs, so that we don't have to use the entry fees to cover those outgoing costs.

For sponsors that give a minimum donation of \$75, we will put the sponsor name on the volunteer t-shirts. For sponsors that give a donation of \$100 and up, the sponsor name will go on the race t-shirts.

We are certified 501c3 so your donation will be tax deductible. To be a race sponsor please contact Sarah Drea. *For further information about the run or to register go to brettsrunsolon.org

I truly appreciate that you have taken the time to read my letter. I hope that it finds you and yours well in the new year. This event is very close to my heart and any donation you would wish to give would be very, very appreciated. I also encourage you to sign up to join us on race day, so you can see how much fun we have remembering Brett! It is truly a fun day for all of us and you will get the chance to see what your donation will be used for.

Thank you again!

Sincerely,

Sarah Drea

