



Dear Jefferson County School Superintendents/Principals and/or Counselors/Health Department:

Let me introduce the BB 5K committee. We are Debbie Schumaker, Chairman of the JOI BB 5K and Adult Adviser, Carol Schanz, Chairman of the Junior Optimist Club, and Katie Huck, past Adult Adviser for the Junior Optimist Club which is sponsored by the Twin City Area Optimist Club. Our group are children from 8 to 18 years of age. Their theme is "Kids Helping Kids" in the Jefferson County area.

Debbie Schumaker lost her grandson, BB (Bryan Brennan), in June 2019 from suicide. She wanted to make people aware that this could happen to anyone. He was only 13 years old and had the knowledge of suicide at his fingertips. The first annual BB's 5K run/walk was held at Larry Crites Memorial Park. We raised over \$3000.00 which went to Oakville Middle School Athletic Department (BB's school), because he loved sports, especially football.

The 3rd annual BB 5K walk/run last year raised enough money to present seven local students a \$500 scholarship.

The 4th annual BB 5K run/walk has been scheduled for **October 22, 2022**. **Proceeds raised will be awarded to a Jefferson County student, in memory of BB.** Our committee this year has decided to offer to the students in our Jefferson County Schools an opportunity to participate by drafting an essay about how mental illness affects their life. Please see the attached application to pass on to your students. The attached application for this Scholarship will include the criteria for enrollment. The deadline for the application is **October 1, 2022**. Please have the student forward the application to khuckmo2@charter.net or debbie268244@gmail.com. Judging for the winner or winners of a scholarship will be announced at the BB 5K if we receive the essay and application by deadline of October 1, 2022.

BB's 5K run/walk will be held at Larry Crites Memorial Park in the rear pavilion (number 15) at 8 am on October 22, 2022. The application for the BB's run/walk is also attached. We would appreciate your participation to make this a success for one of your students. It would be great to see the student's superintendents/principal, teacher, and counselors, participating in this event so students know they we are there to help them through a possible challenging time in their lives. We will have Cyndi Buchheit-Courtway, State Representative speak about her plan to include mental health in Missouri school's curriculum.

Lastly, while walking around the north end of West City Park please note the memorial stone and tree donated by Todd and Dawn Capstick, it has a beautiful memorial to BB, *"Always remember you are braver than you believe, stronger than you seem, smarter than you think and loved more than you know."*

If you wish to have us, come to speak to your students about the scholarship, please contact us (see information below).

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