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**2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL ERIC BEGEHR MEMORIAL FUNDRAISER AND SOCCER GAME  
SUPPORTS AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY AND COMPANIONS ON A JOURNEY**

**Former FC Cincinnati Players Corben Bone and Jimmy McLaughlin Will Join the All-Star Game  
Between Scoring Together FC and Kings Hammer FC U20**

**Cincinnati, OH – July 12, 2023** - The Eric Bekehr Memorial Fundraiser – a charity event supporting cancer-related causes – will be played on July 15 at St. Xavier High School beginning at 3 p.m. Two local all-star teams will compete, showcasing skill and sportsmanship while promoting unity and the spirit of giving. This year's event donations benefit the American Cancer Society and Companions on a Journey.

Eric Bekehr, the event's namesake, lost his battle with prostate cancer in 2022. The fundraiser, initially organized by family and friends to grieve the loss of their father, husband, and friend, focuses on helping others battling cancer and experiencing similar cancer-related loss and grief. Last year generous donors raised more than \$15,000 for local charities. An athlete at heart, Eric was a 1976 graduate of St. Xavier High School, played soccer at Ohio University, and coached his children in their respective sports.

Hunter Bekehr, 20, Eric's son and a driving force behind the event, said: "Eric had an infectious personality and positively impacted everyone he met. Embracing the game of soccer, this fundraiser is a tribute to his spirit while supporting those experiencing the devastating impacts of cancer."

Battling for bragging rights, the Scoring Together FC team will play Kings Hammer FC U20 with former FC Cincinnati players Corben Bone and Jimmy McLaughlin joining these power-packed teams. Scoring Together FC, led by Hunter Bekehr and coached by St. Xavier's Varsity Head Soccer Coach and Dean of Students Brian Schaeper, includes hand-picked elite college players and former teammates. The Kings Hammer FC U20 team, with a roster of exceptional high school players coached by Tony Awor, is eager to demonstrate their skills against college-level opponents.

The All-Star Soccer Game is scheduled from 3-5 p.m. at St. Xavier High School's football stadium at 600 W. North Bend Road, Cincinnati. A Kona Ice truck will be on-site.

Following the soccer match, a post-event celebration will be held from 6-9 p.m. at the Silver Spring House at 8322 E. Kemper Road, Cincinnati. The post-event celebration will include entertainment by Nick Roach, a split-the-pot raffle, and a wine pull (or wine wall).

There is no admission charge for the game or post-event celebration, but donations are encouraged, and QR codes will be available onsite for tax-deductible donations. Generous sponsors of this year's event include the Silver Spring House, ABCO Pavement Service, and Application Software Integrations (ASI).

For more information about Scoring Together, the Eric Begehr Memorial Fundraiser, and to donate, please visit <https://scoringtogether.com> or email [scoringtogether@gmail.com](mailto:scoringtogether@gmail.com).

### **About the American Cancer Society**

The American Cancer Society (ACS) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to eliminating cancer. Founded in 1913, they conduct and fund research, provide education and awareness on cancer prevention and treatment, offer support services to patients and their families, and advocate for policies that advance cancer research and improve access to care.

### **About Companions on a Journey**

Founded in 1997, Companions on a Journey offers support and resources for individuals dealing with grief. They provide a safe and compassionate environment through support groups, counseling, workshops, and retreats.

### **About the Eric Begehr Memorial Fundraiser and Scoring Together**

The Eric Begehr Memorial Fundraiser is an annual charitable event dedicated to supporting cancer-related causes. Organized by the Begehr family, with the support of generous sponsors and community partners, the event aims to raise funds and assist individuals fighting cancer or experiencing loss. Scoring Together provides fundraising support to organizations with a presence in the Cincinnati community that are making a difference in the lives of those who are impacted by cancer.

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