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**Drake Memorial Organization Donates to Kittatinny Golf Team and Sandyston Recreation Following Successful Fundraising Effort**

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Brian Drake, former resident of Sandyston, NJ, son of Maureen and Ed Drake of Meyers Road, and son-in-law of Janet and Mike Dashio of Ridge Road, passed away in September 2024 at the age of 45 following a brief but courageous battle against cancer. Following Brian’s passing, his family and friends formed the non-profit Drake Memorial Organization (DMO) in his memory. DMO’s mission is to give youth the chance to experience the mental, physical, and social benefits of participating in sports and outdoor recreation.

Sandyston Recreation is the proud recipient of the first donation in Brian’s name. DMO is generously donating a Gaga Ball pit and supplies for permanent installation at the Sandyston Municipal playground. DMO also made a \$5,000 contribution to the Kittatinny Regional High School Golf Team towards golf equipment and supplies. The donation to Kittatinny holds special significance, as Brian was a member of the high school’s golf team and grew up golfing with his family and friends at Hidden Acres Golf Course.

“From the beginning, we wanted our first donation to be made in Sandyston, as the town means so much to our family. Brian would be honored to know he will have a permanent place here, someplace where our son can go to play and see the impact his dad had on the community,” said Jennifer Drake, Brian’s widow.

These donations were made possible through the overwhelming support of donors, sponsors, and golfers who participated in the First Annual Brian Drake Memorial Golf Outing, held at Farmstead Golf & Country Club. “This event was more than just a day of golf. It was an incredibly fun celebration of Brian’s life and a way to continue his passion for sports and the outdoors,” said Lisa Yarrish, DMO Secretary. “We are grateful for the overwhelming support and are proud to give back to the community in ways that will make a lasting difference.”

Building on this success, the **Second Annual Brian Drake Memorial Golf Outing** is scheduled for **September 4, 2026**, at Farmstead Golf & Country Club. Registration will be opening soon—supporters are encouraged to visit the Drake Memorial Organization’s website and Facebook page for updates.

Donations to support DMO’s mission are always welcome. To contribute, please visit [www.drakememorial.org](http://www.drakememorial.org) and navigate to the **Registration & Donations** page.

For more information about the Drake Memorial Organization and future events, please visit [www.drakememorial.org](http://www.drakememorial.org).

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