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Dear KWEST Family,

It has been a year since we began our journey. We thank you so much because nothing is possible without each one of our members! Since we started one year ago, we have witnessed so much support and enthusiasm from the family and friends of Kevin Whitney and also from our local communities. With over 100 members and growing, we have been able to positively impact the lives of inspirational individuals while having a bit of fun!

Last fall, we had our first official KWEST event at Petaluma's McNear Park. Throughout the afternoon, over one hundred people came by to check out our spot in the park complete with raffle prizes, music, games and an amazing BBQ buffet. Friends of all ages, locals and visitors, and even members of the Petaluma Fire Department gathered to mingle and contribute to KWEST's cause in near 100 degree heat! It was a great success. Again, thanks to all those who have

supported us with donations and volunteer hours; we could not have done it without you! Shortly after our event in the park, we presented local teen Danny Cox with \$500 to assist with his medical bills. Last year, Danny was paralyzed after a sudden and tragic accident. Our community has truly rallied in support of this brave and strong young man. As KWEST members, we feel honored to help Danny in any way during this time of need.

A couple of months later, on December 4th, Petaluma High held its football awards night. The event was filled with stories about the 2010 football teams from freshman to varsity levels.



The KWEST Board and our amazing volunteers!

There were lots of laughs and also lots of encouraging stories. Toward the end of the banquet, varsity football coach Rick Krist got up to present the awards voted on by both players and coaches.

One of the final awards of the night was the Kevin Whitney Award. This is awarded to a player who exceeds expectations on and off the field, who shows courage, leadership, and above all, inspires those around him. This year, the Kevin Whitney Award, voted on by the coaching staff, was presented to Patrick Hodges. Patrick is a bright, active and inspirational young man and he was very thankful to receive this special award. KWEST also presented Patrick with a scholarship that will go toward his tuition when he attends college this fall.



Patrick Hodges Receiving the Kevin Whitney Award at PHS.



Julie, Lauren, and Jennea hanging with Brian Whitney at the 2010 KWEST BBQ.



Kwest Board of Directors at the Butter and Egg Days Parade.

While the main goals for KWEST focus on helping inspirational youth build thriving futures, we also love having the opportunity to interact with our community. It was really fun for us to be a part of this year's Butter and Egg Days Parade. By adding a tent and handing out delicious baked goods and signature KWEST tote bags, we were able to socialize while spreading the word about KWEST to Sonoma County locals.

We'll be having our second Day In The Park later this year. We are very excited to recreate a fun, laid-back event that will draw in even more people. KWEST has already grown so much, and will continue down this path moving forward. With another event on the horizon, we will soon be well-positioned to accomplish more of our ambitious goals including Fire Academy/Paramedics scholarships and hiring motivational speakers for local youth outreach. Stay tuned for event details in upcoming months!

We are so grateful to our supporters for helping us with this mission! KWEST is off to a great start and we are all so hopeful for the future. We thank you again for joining us on this fun and positive KWEST!



Ashley, Emily and delicious cookies at the Butter and Egg Days Parade



Emily, Jon, and Chris selling raffle tickets