



Dear Golfer/Sponsor:

On Friday, September 24, 2021, the Dakota James Foundation will host our 3rd Annual Golfing Fundraiser at Little Bennett Golf Course in Clarksburg, Maryland. The Dakota James Foundation is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization dedicated to making a difference by working to keep our communities safe. With the help of donations from supporters like you, we will: continue to work with our local communities and public officials to make safety a priority; increase the number of surveillance cameras in under-served areas; bring safety awareness information to our communities and, continue to support families who are faced with the nightmare of having a loved one go missing.

The past year has been a busy one for the Foundation. Because of the pandemic, we were not able to hold events. Instead, we focused our attention on serving our communities by working with local food banks, providing lunches to our front-line health care workers, helping families connect with loved ones by donating tablets to a home for the disabled so they could connect with their families by video, and more. We understand how important these small acts of kindness are because when Dakota was missing, so many people we didn't even know stepped in to join the searches, to feed us and to help us in ways too numerous to list.

In addition, the Foundation was also able to meet some important safety goals. These included two strategic partnerships, one with the Pittsburgh Cultural Trust and, another with the Neighborhood Resilience Project. Together, we are working to complete a key camera project that will bring surveillance capabilities to several prominent downtown locations as well as local neighborhoods around local universities. We are grateful to have been able to see so many of our goals becoming a reality during such a challenging year. We think Dakota would be proud because his ultimate goal was to be in service to make this world a better place. We will continue to do our best to honor Dakota by serving our local communities, both in Frederick and in Pittsburgh.

We need your help and support to continue our work. Please join us for our 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Golfing Fundraiser. Whether you play in the tournament, sponsor a hole, or simply donate, you will be making a definite and immediate impact. Please find attached a registration form and sponsorship information. If you have questions regarding the tournament, please contact Mary James at 301-349-2197 ([mary.james.dljf@gmail.com](mailto:mary.james.dljf@gmail.com)) or Pam James at 240-367-0421 ([pam.james.dljf@gmail.com](mailto:pam.james.dljf@gmail.com)).

This foundation was established in tribute to Dakota James who went missing on January 25, 2017 and was found in the Ohio River 40 days later. We had no one advocating on our behalf and our family was left to navigate a complex and contradictory system on our own. The answer to this tragic event was the formation of the Dakota James Foundation to support public safety and to help others whose loved ones have gone missing.

On behalf of the entire Dakota James Foundation, we thank you in advance for your support! We look forward to seeing you on Friday, September 24, 2021.

Sincerely,

Mary James  
Golfing Event Coordinator  
Dakota James Foundation

