



# Rusty Mazzie and Seth Nicholson Memorial Scholarship

## ABOUT THE FUND

Russell John "Rusty" Mazzie was born June 10, 1968, and was a lifelong resident of Clarksburg, West Virginia. He was a 1986 graduate of Liberty High School, where he played football and baseball. Later, Rusty attended DeVry Institute and graduated from Salem College. Rusty was a loving husband and father who was also a hard-working, intelligent and spiritual man with a great sense of humor. He knew the value of a good education, and he always tried to instill this in his children and the community youth with whom he worked.



Rusty was significantly involved in the community, serving as the Vice President of the Harrison County Babe Ruth Association, the former President of the Clarksburg Jerry West League, a board member for the Harrison County Parks and Recreation and the Central WV Soccer Association. Rusty was a coach in all of these leagues. In 2004, Rusty coached the 13-year old West Virginia Babe Ruth State Champions. Rusty additionally acted as the Sports Information Director at Salem College, the Sports Editor of The Shinnston News and the Assistant Sports Editor of the Clarksburg Exponent-Telegram. While volunteering his time to those many leagues and organizations, Rusty was an engineer assistant for Verizon and a member of Immaculate Conception Church. Rusty passed away on May 22, 2009.

Seth Edward Nicholson, who attended Robert C. Byrd High School and graduated from Notre Dame High School in 2010, was born on June 13, 1991. He was known as an athlete among his peers, having played basketball, baseball and football for his alma mater. Seth was deeply musically inclined with a strong passion for music and its creation. He attended classes at Fairmont State University and an Ohio school for music production called Recording Workshop. In addition to being a strong man with a kind, gentle spirit, Seth was a loving brother, son, grandson and friend.



Rusty was like a father to Seth, and only three days shy of his 25th birthday, Seth joined Rusty in Heaven. Together, Rusty and Seth leave behind a wife and mother, Karolann; a son and brother, Noah; and two daughters and sisters, Olivia and Victoria. Rusty and Seth each made the most of their time on Earth, and they touched the lives of each person they met. This scholarship will continue Rusty and Seth's legacy of positively impacting the lives of so many.

## ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES

The recipient must be a graduating senior who participated in athletics at Notre Dame High School. It will be awarded to students who have worked hard, overcome challenges and displayed goodwill toward others through participation in school, sports and community endeavors. To apply, please visit [www.ycfwv.org/scholarships](http://www.ycfwv.org/scholarships).

## HOW CAN I DONATE?

The scholarship is managed by Your Community Foundation of North Central West Virginia, Inc. (YCF). YCF is a qualified 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization eligible to receive donations.

Any individual, organization, or business can make a tax-deductible contribution to the fund. Donations are accepted in the form of checks, credit cards, stocks and through bequests. To donate online, click on the "Donate" link on the YCF website, [www.ycfwv.org](http://www.ycfwv.org). You may enter a name of a specific fund during the checkout process. Alternatively, donations by check may be made payable to "YCF" and mailed to the address below. Checks should include the name of the fund in the memo line.

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