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Dear Friends of Allegan High School:

It is with great pleasure that we are writing to inform you of the establishment of the **Allegan Tigers Athletic Scholarship Fund**. The scholarship fund was created through a partnership with the Allegan County Community Foundation as a means to provide athletic scholarships for Allegan High School athletes and to support the ongoing work of the Allegan All-Sports Booster Club.

As we look back on our own school days and consider the role sports played in our lives, it is hard to imagine what it would have been like to have gone without. The day-to-day work of the Boosters supports the efforts of our middle and high school teams as these young athletes hone their skills and develop as young adults through the lessons and experiences sports provide. The Booster Club's role is to diminish the family's financial burden by supplementing the costs associated with team sports. With the establishment of the Allegan Tigers Athletic Scholarship Fund, the Booster Club will have the ability to participate in the awarding of an annual athletic scholarship while continuing to address the ongoing needs of our sports teams. The Boosters Club plays an integral role behind the scenes of the sporting events as they run the concessions stands, take tickets, organize raffles, coordinate volunteers, and conduct fundraisers. The caliber of Allegan High School athletic programs is considerably enhanced by the presence of the Boosters Club.

Take a moment and think back on the role youth sports played in your life; or are playing now in the life of a child or grandchild. Honor a coach, teammate, teacher or memory with a financial contribution to the **Allegan Tigers Athletic Scholarship Fund**. Together we can keep sports within the grasp of the children of Allegan. The enclosed brochure outlines the variety of ways to make a tax-deductible contribution. If these incentives aren't enough...the donor who has established this fund has issued a challenge – he will match the first \$6,500 in gifts, **dollar for dollar!** The challenge is only valid for gifts that are received before December 31, 2009. We encourage you to share this with friends and family who may be interested – they can find the link on the Allegan County Community Foundation website at: [<http://alleganfoundation.org/tigersfund.pdf>] or they may call us directly at: 269.673.8344.

Please accept our sincere thanks for taking the time to reflect on how youth sports have impacted your life or the life of someone close to you and how your gift can help us continue to bring quality sporting opportunities to Allegan youth.

Warm regards,

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