

May 27, 2022

Dear friends, participants & sponsors,

We have spent a considerable amount of time talking with our family and race committee members and we have collectively decided that this year's 13th Annual Bradley R. Smith Memorial Scholarship 5k Run will be our last year to have the Bradley R Smith Memorial Scholarship 5K Run/Walk event..

This was a very difficult decision to make and we would like to tell you why we came to this conclusion. Our committee has worked tirelessly for the past thirteen years beginning in June of each year and concluding in September. We feel that being able to spend this time with family and friends is more beneficial at this point in our lives. And lastly, we are not getting any younger. Although we are blessed with good health we just don't move and get around like we used to.

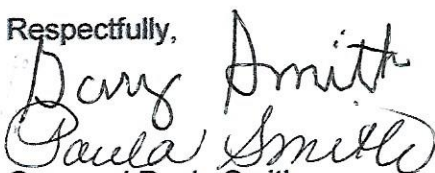
We are so thankful for all the wonderful support we have received from the City of Troy Administration (Past and Present), Tri Township Park District, Troy/Maryville/St. Jacob/Marine Chamber of Commerce, Troy VFW, Troy Police and Fire Protection personnel, local organizations, Business and Individual sponsors, all the participants both local and remote and volunteers who have made this event a possible and a huge success for these past 13 years

We have been able to provide over \$350,000.00 in scholarships to our local youth in the last 12 years and would love to be able to make our goal of \$400,000 total scholarships with a successful final event this year.

On a positive note we are not completely eliminating the scholarship program. Our hope is that through continuing private fundraising events and through business and individual donations we can continue to fund and support our graduating seniors for years to come. We would welcome the continued support of any business or individual who would want to continue to give toward the scholarship program in 2023 and beyond.

As parents we are so thankful to you for helping keep Bradley's name alive and mostly the support you have shown in young students lives.

Respectfully,


Gary and Paula Smith