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Dear Members of the Randy King Memorial Scholarship,

I am pleased and honored to recommend a Williamson County student for the Randy King Memorial Scholarship. While I did not know Randy or the King family, it is clear that they embody gratitude for the time and love they had with their beloved husband and father.

That same strength and gratitude exudes from Seth Dick, a senior at Franklin Christian Academy. When Seth was only nine, his household was introduced to life with a family member with cancer. His father's colon cancer started the path to ongoing treatment for the last nine years. Unfortunately, this is not a scenario of hope but one of acceptance, as the diagnosis is terminal.

It is not overtly evident in the family's faces and their daily lives that this heavy burden exists. Seth's parents do everything possible to normalize what is an extremely stressful and challenging situation for anyone, let alone two young boys emerging into adulthood.

Despite the stress, Seth has excelled in high school. He also managed to volunteer, participate in activities, and secure a part-time job. Seth is well-rounded in his activities, ranging from baseball to performing arts. This athlete volunteered time as an usher and greeter at Studio Tenn, supporting our local theater. Maybe it was this experience that challenged him to step out of his comfort zone and onto the stage, auditioning for the school play.

He has had every reason to pull back but instead he charges forward and continues to do so each day—something I feel sure he's learned from his dad's journey. He has mentored a dozen middle school boys over the last three years as part of the Servant Leadership Team. Last summer, his creativity led him to found a LEGO-themed Little Free Library in Cool Springs, where he stocks books for young readers weekly. This year he ran for president of National Honor Society, has taken the stage in two FCA theatre performances, and joined the school worship team, where he plays guitar.

He is very intelligent but steers clear of falling into the trap of doing the bare minimum. He is driven to exceed expectations on all fronts: school, work, and relationships. I had the pleasure of working with Seth in an academic setting as well as being present with him on a field trip. The needs of others come first as was witnessed during an outing where thousands of people were standing in line on hot pavement in 95 degree weather for hours. Clearly the masses came unprepared. Seth took it upon himself to step out of line and purchase bottles of water at a nearby gas station, handing them out to the crowd for free to keep people hydrated and safe.

It takes a special person at a young age to not be self-absorbed, and Seth is that person. Perhaps it is because he lives each day in gratitude for having his father, whose cancer has now spread to his liver. Or maybe it's because that's how he and his brother were raised.

Regardless of the reason, I know that Seth is well-deserving of this scholarship. It is not because of his academic success or his talents, but because he possesses humility, kindness, and strength—traits that are so needed in a world that can be difficult and unfair.

I ask that you consider Seth Dick for The Randy King Memorial Scholarship as it will go to a well-deserving student and family. He plans to attend Purdue University this fall, a college that only offers merit scholarships to 10% of their incoming students. Any relief that can be provided will allow Seth to feel the love and support surrounding him while he goes out into the world to make a difference.

Thank you for your consideration and for providing this opportunity to students and families who are well-deserving.

Sincerely,

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