

## LIVE FOR JOHN

### John Cookson Scholarship Fund

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In May, 2015, our friend and classmate, John Cookson, was lost in a tragic drowning in Arlington while kayaking. The loss to his family, friends, and classmates remains immeasurable. John was an honor student at Lamar, a gifted cellist with the Lamar Orchestra and a member of the Lamar Varsity Tennis Team. John was also a Texas Rangers fan and loved his job with the Ranger organization as a parking lot attendant.

To honor the memory of this remarkable young man, the Lamar Tennis and Orchestra Booster Clubs have jointly developed a scholarship in John's name, to be given to tennis and orchestra students at Lamar High School. Planning is now underway for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual "Live for John" Tennis Tournament on Saturday, October 15, 2016, at the Arlington Tennis Center. The John Cookson Scholarship Fund Facebook page is available so everyone can stay informed on upcoming fundraising events. This past May, two \$500 scholarships were awarded to graduating Lamar seniors—one to a Varsity Tennis player and the other to an Orchestra student.

Visit this page, [www.facebook.com/LiveforJohn](http://www.facebook.com/LiveforJohn), often to get updates on the planning of events and to learn how you can support the scholarship fund. Here is the link to the Arlington Citizen Journal's newspaper article about the first tournament held last year:

<http://www.star-telegram.com/news/local/community/arlington-citizen-journal/article41493717.html>

The booster clubs are in immediate need of sponsors for the **October 15<sup>th</sup> "Live for John" Tennis Tournament**. If you or your company can assist with this effort, please let us know. The Lamar Tennis Booster Club is recognized by the IRS as a 501(c)(3) tax exempt charitable organization. A donation of any amount can be sent to the address noted below and would be most appreciated.

#### Sponsorship Levels and Benefits:

**Grandstand Sponsor (\$100 - \$249):** Sponsor name featured on the John Cookson Scholarship Fund Facebook page

**Center Court Sponsor (\$250 - \$500):** Sponsor name printed on the back of the Tournament T-shirt & Sponsor name featured on the John Cookson Scholarship Fund Facebook page

Due to the tournament schedule, we must receive your **Center Court** sponsorships no later than **Friday, September 30<sup>th</sup>** in order to get them onto the shirts. Please include with these donations any corporate graphics that you need to have on the shirts. Please make checks payable to the **Lamar Tennis Booster Club** and mail to the address below.

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The members of the Lamar Orchestra and the Lamar Tennis team thank you and are very grateful for your continued support of this funding effort for the scholarships.