

## **To the friends of Tommy Walsh and his family:**

**Tommy Walsh, Jr. was diagnosed with ALS (Lou Gehrig's) in 2013. It has been traced back to a fall he took in a college football bowl game in Feb. 2011. While there is no rhyme or reason as to who may develop ALS it is generally triggered by some type of accident/injury. Also, there is no definitive medical test for ALS, just an elimination of other neuromuscular diseases. At this time there is no cure, but plenty of research being done.**

**Tommy started officiating football with the KFOA when he was 18 and was able to move above the high school ranks to the Mid-South, Ohio Valley, Conference USA, and final the Big East conference. From an early age, his dream was to be an NFL official and this did not diminish until faced with this disease.**

**The Tommy Walsh Family Fund was established to find ways to generate monies for the future medical bills and tuition for Tommy and Dee Dee's children, Michael and Jinhee, both adopted from Korea. To date the bulk of the monies have been utilized for the children's tuition for high school and most recently in Sept 2015 for Tommy's trip to California for stem cell treatments. Doctor's recommendation was for a 1 month stay, due to expense Tommy was there 2 weeks. Through many procedures and tests, including blood patching, stem cell injections and hyperbaric chambers the ALS progression was slowed. From the treatment, Tommy is now able to raise up and look Dee Dee in the eyes which he could not do for the past two years.**

**Tommy's only goal is to educate his kids through high school. Michael is due to graduate from Eastern High School this spring. Jinhee has 2 more years at Mercy.**

**Here is where you can play a part, whether it be big or small to help support the Walsh family. We are selling raffle chances for a nominal \$20 charge and the family gets a little more than 83% of the proceeds. The rest will be paid to 3 lucky people from a random draw. We are also working on some type of event to coincide with the Chance Drawing on March 25, 2017. (More to follow)**

**We can be reached at 2824 Klondike Lane, Louisville, KY 40218. By phone at 502-592-0919 or at home 502-239-3408.**

**THANK YOU,**

**The Extended Walsh Family**