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Dear Friend of the Bragiel Family,

We are writing on behalf of our friends and family, Dwayne, Kathy, Joey, Matt and Sara Bragiel. We are asking for any assistance you may be able to offer.

The Bragiels are a hardworking family in the Clearing community. Dwayne and Kathy are both US Army Veterans and Dwayne is a member of the Chicago Police Department. Their family has been faced with devastating circumstances as two of their three children have been diagnosed with lymphoma.

Matt is a St. Laurence Junior battling Stage 4 Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma. He was diagnosed in March 2015 and has endured an aggressive chemo treatment plan. His parents have been able to rotate and remain at his side throughout this time as he has needed around the clock care and has remained hospitalized during most of the last few months. However, the financial strain is beginning to take its toll.

In September 2015 the unimaginable happened to this family. Matt's sister Sara, a Queen of Peace Freshman was diagnosed with Hodgkin's Lymphoma.

Caring for a child with cancer is inconceivable, but to have the realization shock you to the core that you have 2 children battling for their lives is a concept most of us cannot comprehend. The Bragiels have remained strong through this battle, however, realizing their struggle, their friends and family have rallied to assist and support them during this time of need.

On April 30<sup>th</sup> 2016, friends and family of the Bragiels will be hosting a fundraiser at St. Laurence High School to ease their financial hardship and allow Dwayne and Kathy to be able to remain at their children's side during this time.

The bearer of this letter is a member of the Battling 4 The Bragiels fundraising team and is associated with the event. We are asking community leaders, neighborhood organizations, and local business owners

to donate items for our raffle or make a monetary contribution to raise money for the Bragiel family. We are also seeking food and beverage sponsors to donate to our event. In return for your generosity, your name or the name of your business or organization will be displayed during the event.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter and speak to our committee member about our upcoming **Battling 4 The Bragiels** fundraiser. We hope you consider making a donation. If you have any questions, would like further information on the event, or would like to have your donation picked up, please contact us at the numbers listed or email us at [battling4thebragiels@gmail.com](mailto:battling4thebragiels@gmail.com).

Very Truly Yours,

Battling 4 The Bragiels Fundraising Committee  
[www.battling4thebragiels.com](http://www.battling4thebragiels.com)

Donations can be made in person or mailed to:  
**Battling 4 The Bragiels c/o Byline Bank**  
3435 West 111<sup>th</sup> Street Chicago, IL 60655

Raffle Donations can also be mailed to:  
**Battling 4 The Bragiels c/o J. Thomsen**  
6525 West 60<sup>th</sup> Street Chicago, IL 60638

*(Byline bank will also accept Raffle Auction donations. Baskets and gift cards - please note Battling 4 The Bragiels on your donation for raffle item)*

**\*\*Battling 4 The Bragiels thanks you for your generous gift - per IRS regulations, donations are not tax deductible\*\***

# BATTLING 4 THE BRAGIELS

## JOIN THE BATTLE BENEFIT AND SUPPORT SARA & MATT

**SARA & MATT'S STORY:** The Bragiels are a hardworking family from the Clearing area of Chicago. Dwayne Bragiel is a 21 year veteran of the Chicago Police Department. Kathy Bragiel is a loving mother who is active in the St. Rene Church and community. In March of 2015, they were shocked to learn that their 16 year old son Matthew, a St. Laurence student, was diagnosed with Stage 4 Non-Hodgkins Lymphoma. After many chemotherapy sessions and several setbacks, Matt was on his way to recovery. As the Bragiels were beginning to get back to normal life, they received more devastating news. In September of 2015, the Bragiel's 14 year old daughter Sara, discovered a lump on her neck. Sara, who had just begun her freshman year at Queen of Peace High School, was diagnosed with Hodgkins Lymphoma. Let's rally around the Bragiel family and help ease the financial burden of caring for not one but two children with cancer.

**DATE:** April 30th, 2016

**TIME:** 3-8pm

**PLACE:** St. Laurence High School

5556 W. 77<sup>th</sup> Street

Burbank IL, 60459

(ENTER ON THE NORTH SIDE)

**PRESALE  
ADMISSION:** **\$30** AGES 21&OVER  
**\$20** AGES 12-21  
**\$10** AGES 6-11  
**FREE** 5&UNDER

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