



We Serve

Elburn Lions Club

May 25, 2018

Dear Business Owner,

The Elburn Lions Club is hosting a benefit on behalf of the Keith Callaghan family. On the morning of Friday, May 11th, 2018, Keith was working at a construction site in Genoa, IL. They had completed the ceiling joists and were beginning to temporarily tack down plywood to have a place to work to build the gable ends and the roof. The details of what exactly happened are not clear since Keith and his co-workers were all working in different areas. It all happened very quickly. Speculation is that a gust of wind lifted a piece of plywood from the stack and it hit Keith knocking him off the first floor. Keith fell approximately 10-11 feet to the ground and landed on his head, shoulder and back. His co-workers immediately called 911 and emergency services were there within minutes. Due to the extent of Keith's injuries, he was stabilized in an ambulance and a life flight helicopter was dispatched. The helicopter arrived on scene and airlifted him to OSF Saint Anthony's Medical Center in Rockford for treatment.

After assessment of his injuries, it was determined that Keith has significant cervical and thoracic spine damage. Currently, he does not have feeling from his chest down nor use of his lower extremities. He has a fractured sternum, fractured ribs, punctured lung, cervical spine fractures and thoracic spine T6 is shattered. Keith had surgery to stabilize his spine. Rods were placed from T3-T9 and the neurosurgeon stated that his spinal cord was intact with no leakage. His spinal cord was crushed but not severed which can give cause for tempered optimism. However, it is way too early to know the long term prognosis. After a two week recovery period, Keith was transferred from OSF Saint Anthony's Medical Center to a rehabilitation facility, Shirley Ryan Ability Lab (formerly RIC), in Chicago, IL for intense physical therapy.

Keith has a long road of recovery ahead of him. Keith is a self-employed construction worker with a limited income during his recovery. He has three daughters, Nichole, Kendall and Samantha. The medical bills are mounting and he has a family to support. Our goal is to help offset some of these expenses so Keith can focus on his complete recovery.

On September 9th, 2018, we will be welcoming the surrounding area to a benefit in honor of Keith Callaghan and his family. We anticipate approximately 500 guests, and plan to raise enough money to support the Callaghan family through the financial hurdles surrounding the circumstances of Keith's accident.

Please partner with the Elburn Lions Club for this event by considering one of the following sponsorship opportunities:

- A monetary contribution (Please make checks out to *Lions of Elburn Charities* with a notation of K. Callaghan Benefit)
- A gift certificate, service or merchandise that will be raffled/auctioned off at the event
- A service, performance, or item to help enhance the grandeur of Keith's benefit

In return for your generosity, the name of your company will appear within the event's "Thank You slideshow presentation" and within benefit signage and advertising.

Feel free to use this letter as a receipt for your donation.

The Lions of Elburn Charities Incorporated tax identification number is 36-4102233

We will gladly pick up your donation, or it can be mailed to us at the Elburn Lions Club, 500 Filmore St., Elburn, IL 60119. If possible, please mail/drop off your donation or contact us for pick up by August 31st, 2018. Lastly, we have provided our contact information, should you have any questions.

Thank you in advance for your consideration and your generosity.

Sincerely,

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