



To our Community, Families and Friends -

It is time for our NINTH Annual "Thank Dank" Scholarship 5K event. We are excited to be announcing this run/walk and beginning preparations for another successful event. It is hard when a community feels the loss of such a wonderful, full of life man like James Dankenbring. Just 2 months after his death, his daughter, Charlee James, was born. She is now eight years old and we are delighted to see her father sparkling in her eyes. She undoubtedly keeps his memory alive. Because of your generosity Charlee James has been able to grow up feeling the effect that her Daddy Jimmy had on his family, his friends and his community through this event.

The "Thank Dank" Scholarship 5K was launched in 2010. It is one of the small ways we can savor his charitable nature, as well as create memories surrounding James for his daughter whom he never got to meet. We have been blessed with such generous sponsors and are looking to acquire sponsors again this year.

The "Run to Remember" has attracted hundreds of people. The "Thank Dank" 5K supporters have included entire families, our youth, our elders, our community's organizations, businesses & industry and beyond. Competitive or not, runners and walkers experience a unique trail and a heartfelt atmosphere. Racers learn and /or reminisce of "Jimmy-isms" along the way. There are sounds of laughter and tears are shed, but most importantly, people feel the "pay it forward" aura. This is how Jimmy lived. He never complained, never asked for anything... except that "a good turn be repaid by having it done to others." It's of great magnitude that we keep this message heard and close to our hearts. Your help is important to the success of this memorial scholarship fundraising 5K. Let's join together for an EXCEPTIONAL NINTH ANNUAL THANK DANK 5K.

This celebration of life is scheduled to begin @ 10:00 am on May 6, 2018. The proceeds from the Annual event will go towards a \$2,000 Scholarship to a graduating senior at Mendota High School. We feel privileged to be continuing to help a deserving student with a pay it forward soul. In addition, we have been blessed to also make donations to the City of Mendota to help with their many projects to maintain Mendota's assets. The Thank Dank 5K has helped financially contribute to two bridge projects and the refurbishment of the Lake Kakusha bathroom project. We know James' is smiling down at us....and wishing he could lend a hand on the many projects. We are delighted to help and it is because of you, our sponsors.

We hope you choose to sponsor this race, this attitude and Charlee's dad. We also hope you'll join us as we pound out our admiration for James and the way he lived his life on the trails of Lake Kakusha. Thank you for your time.

**Race Details:**

This 5K walk/run, at the beautiful Lake Kakusha property, will be held in memory of James Dankenbring. The course is a fast, all terrain trail that circles the lake. The property is well maintained, established grass trails through wooded and prairie lots. The course will be well marked and equipped with a water stations at miles 1 and 2. Race will be held rain, mud, or shine.

**Sponsorship Needs:**

To make our race a success, we ask for your help! We are seeking local sponsors that will cover the cost of the race. Expenses include medals, t-shirts, food, beverages, clock, shoot, advertising, and various other race expenses. Sponsors who contribute \$100 or more will have their business name printed on the t-shirts if we receive their form & contribution by April 19<sup>th</sup>. We thank everyone in advance for their support of this event whether it be monetary, supplies, or simply well wishes. Thank you for helping us... "Thank Dank!"

Sincerely,

Thank Dank Scholarship Committee

Contact: If you have any questions, please e-mail [thethankdank5k@yahoo.com](mailto:thethankdank5k@yahoo.com) call Monica Dankenbring-Zimmerlein : 815.343.5073, or Martha Dankenbring : 815.910.5938

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Sponsor \_\_\_\_\_

Address/Contact Information \_\_\_\_\_

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Contribution Amount or Donation of Supplies

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Name to appear on T-Shirt \_\_\_\_\_

(Must be received by April 19th for shirt printing)

*Please make checks payable to the James Dankenbring Memorial Scholarship Fund – MHS and please mail to:  
726 N 38th Rd., Mendota, IL 61342*