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Dear Community Leader,

I would like to take this opportunity to inform you about the Tony G. 3-on-3 Memorial Basketball Tournament to be held this year on the weekend of April 22-23 in the Marcovich Wellness Center on the campus of UW-Superior. This memorial tournament, established in 2005, honors Tony Gigliotti, a former UW-Superior student who lost his life in an auto accident.

This year marks the thirteenth year that Tony's family and friends have volunteered their time to put together a 3-on-3 memorial basketball tournament. Each year the tournament grows, and last year approximately 500 basketball participants – aged 8 and up – and over 1,500 spectators attended this event.

The proceeds have done a wonderful amount of good for both UW-Superior and the community at large. The initial intent was to fund a memorial Tony Gigliotti Scholarship. This scholarship has now grown to over \$100,000. In addition, proceeds have funded the university's GEARS program (Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness in Superior; a pre-college program in partnerships with the Superior School District), Yellowjacket Athletics, and many local charitable organizations such as the Second Harvest Food Bank, the Honor Flight Northland, and more.

If you have been a tournament supporter in the past, thank you! We hope you will continue your support in a meaningful way. If you haven't, I urge you to give the **Tony G. 3-on-3 Memorial Basketball Tournament** your fullest consideration. All prize donations make a tremendous difference to the success of this event, which ultimately increases the level of financial support to Tony's scholarship and our community.

Please contact tournament coordinators Mark Johnson at 218-428-7438 or Mike Raunio at 218-269-0708 to make a prize donation. If you have specific scholarship questions, or if you are interested in contributing a cash gift to the scholarship fund, please contact me directly at the UW – Superior Foundation. My number is 715-394-8598.

Thank you for your consideration of this important request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jeanne Thompson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jeanne" being larger and more prominent than the last name "Thompson".

Jeanne Thompson
Vice Chancellor for University Advancement, UW-Superior and
Executive Director, UW-Superior Foundation