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5<sup>th</sup> Annual Public Safety Open Rec/Play for Brian Nov. 18  
Fun and games, plus Sports Memorabilia Raffle

Lock Haven University's 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Public Safety Open Rec/Play for Brian will be held on Friday, November 18 at 8:00 p.m. in the Student Rec Center.

Open Rec/Play for Brian is an alcohol free alternative and a fundraiser combined that includes wallyball, dodgeball, wheelchair relay races, and a hot dog eating contest. Play for Brian started to assist Lock Haven University student, Brian Keefer, with his medical expenses after he was injured in a gymnastics accident. The Keefer Family was recently featured on Extreme MakeOver and many of us have been inspired by Brian, Steve, and the entire Keefer family.

The long term mission of the Play for Brian has been to promote awareness for people with disabilities and to raise funds for Brian Keefer and individuals in the community with similar needs. This year, fifty percent of the proceeds will go to Brian and the other half will go to Howard resident Denny Coleman, the step-brother of Lock Haven University employee Jan Bottorf, who was paralyzed in a construction accident in June 2008. After his accident, Denny spent several weeks in Danville Medical Center before going to the Magee Rehabilitation Center in Philadelphia where he shared a room with Brian. While Play for Brian initially started to help Brian Keefer with his medical expenses, it seems only fitting that this year's Play for Brian should help Denny Coleman gain independence in his own home.

You are all invited to participate in the event or to stop by and visit. Last year 28 teams and 180 students and community members participated. This year we are having also having a Sports Memorabilia Raffle.

You can purchase one ticket for \$1.00 or 10 tickets for \$5.00. If you are interested in purchasing raffle tickets, making a donation, or forming a team to participate in the event, please contact me or Charles Campisi at [ccampisi@lhup.edu](mailto:ccampisi@lhup.edu). You don't have to be present at Play for Brian to win.

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