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MATT ENGLISH'S "WE BEFORE ME" LEGACY FOREVER HONORED THROUGH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF TWO NEW ENDOWMENT FUNDS

GREENFIELD, Ind. (March 20, 2019) – A Greenfield-native, Matt English, widely known for his exemplary basketball career, has been memorialized by his family and friends through the establishment of two new endowment funds. Per the founders Jill Muegge, his sister, and her husband Zach, both funds will honor Matt's selfless character and core value of sacrifice. Matt fought cancer until his passing on December 10, 2018, leaving behind a legacy of living and coaching that exemplified his "We Before Me" spirit.



Friends and family describe Matt's We Before Me spirit as the way he lived and coached. Their intent is that both funds exemplify the following:

- The act of being selfless, not worried about myself but more worried about others
- To make sure what I do is in the best interest of the group/team/community rather than the individual
- It is sacrificing personal accolades to make sure the team can be successful
- Dedicating yourself to your teammates and holding each other accountable to the team goal rather than complaining about things that do not go your way as an individual

The Matt English Foundation, a component donor-advised fund of the Hancock County Community Foundation (HCCF), will carry-on Matt's giving spirit by awarding grants to charitable organizations that provide support to those needing assistance through adverse circumstances.

The We Before Me Scholarship, also a component fund of HCCF, will encourage young people to serve others and spread the We Before Me spirit. Given that Matt's influence has reached all corners of the state, founders hope to award scholarships to applicants from across Indiana.

It all started at Greenfield-Central High School where Matt scored over a thousand points and averaged nine rebounds per game. Matt recorded a double-double 17 times, while lettering three years. His

Bethel University basketball career was equally impressive, and he was named to the College Sports Magazine's All-American First Team and inducted into his school's Hall of Fame in 2006.

Matt served as varsity assistant coach at Center Grove High School from 2004 to 2008 before being hired as Boys Head Basketball Coach at Beech Grove High School. He complemented his coaching duties as Athletic Director starting in 2012. By 2018, Matt had become known as "the winningest coach" in Beech Grove boys' basketball history. Teams playing under his coachmanship have accumulated 50 wins over the past 3 seasons. The number of former players currently on college rosters continues to grow.

Matt is remembered as creating a strong foundation within his basketball program and building success throughout the entire athletic department. He was known as a tireless promoter of all Beech Grove Hornet programs and athletics.

"Matt English first instilled We Before Me in his life and it became a part of his everyday life in the most natural way. He was always looking to see what he could do for others, not just himself. Matt was never an 'I' guy. If it didn't include helping someone else in the process then he was not involved in it," shares Mark Jaynes. "Matt would teach his players that We Before Me needs to be something that becomes natural for them. Always do for others; always be there for someone, never walk away from being a part of something great."

HCCF provides philanthropic leadership by encouraging giving, learning, community pride and civic engagement. Working with caring individuals, families, and organizations to create or grow existing permanent endowment funds is critical to the organization's mission. These funds generate income that is distributed in the form of grants and scholarships to enrich and enhance life in Hancock County, as well as support the donor's favorite charitable causes, both at home and afar forever. HCCF has granted more than \$14 million since its inception in 1992.

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