



Mr. Brian Mancini, Director
Harrisonburg Parks and Recreation Department
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Dear Mr. Mancini,

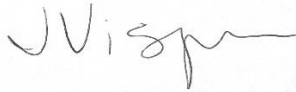
Thank you for engaging us in a conversation about ways to honor the memory of our daughter Sadie Deeble, who passed away suddenly in October of 2022 at the age of 13. Sadie was an avid swimmer. She loved to spend time with friends at Westover Pool for the VAST year-round swim team, the Valley Swim League in the summer, and just swimming for fun with family and friends as you can see from the attached picture when she attempted to teach her dad to swim better (taken Aug 9, 2022 at Westover Pool).



Sadie was small in stature but she had a big and kind personality. Although she swam competitively, the primary reason she loved going to Westover Pool was to be with her friends on the pool deck. For that reason, we would like to make a donation in the amount of \$50,000 from the Swim for Sadie Memorial Fund to the City of Harrisonburg specifically designating these funds for the Harrisonburg Parks and Recreation Department. This fund was built from more than 235 separate donations by her family and friends. We would like the majority of this donation to support a "Swim By Second Program" that purchases free swim lessons for any Harrisonburg City resident in

Kindergarten through 2nd grade. This idea came from my time as President of the board of the non-profit Valley Area Swim Team (VAST) when we partnered with a group of JMU students in the School of Business to conduct a survey that found approximately 75% of city kids utilizing the Dream Come True Park during the survey period could not swim. Therefore, we would be very grateful if the City of Harrisonburg would support this learn-to-swim initiative that will bring kids together in Sadie's name and possibly help save lives. We also would like to designate a portion of this donation to support the Harrisonburg Youth TryAthlon that allows kids ages 5-17 to participate in three of Sadie's favorite sports. The spirit of that event epitomizes why Sadie competed in athletics as a mechanism to encourage kids of all ages and abilities to support each other for a day of fun swimming, bicycling, and running together. Sadie easily developed connections with others so we can imagine her as a mentor in sharing that passion for being active outdoors with other families as part of our ongoing commitment to these innovative Harrisonburg Parks and Rec programs.

Sincerely,



Paul Deeble and Jenny Visger (and Sadie's sister Zoe Deeble)