

# Let's get the conversation started!



*Working with A Kid Again has been a great experience for our club because of the passion the organization has for the individuals they are helping. Because of this, members were constantly excited to get our help in any way, which included volunteering, donating arts and crafts, making cards, making blankets for sick children and raising funds for A Kid Again!*

*– Allie Stewart, President of Xavier University Children's Charity Club*

"Bomber Bash was just getting off the ground back in 2016. This unique event was started as a fundraiser for PTO but added the element of supporting a charity. The goal was for the kids to feel a connection to the event. Therefore, the Student Lead Crew was established and it was their role to make many of the decisions regarding the event, with the guidance of the adult leaders. (Just in case) After determining a name for the event, the Lead Crew needed to determine a charity to support. The Lead Crew knew they wanted to support a charity that helped many. They knew they wanted to support a charity that helped local families. They knew they wanted to help a charity that they could connect with. They wanted to make a difference. A Kid Again was one of the charities recommended. The students discussed all the charities recommended and voted. They felt they could have a true connection with A Kid Again and their families."

*Lynne Hamilton (previous parent who helped start bomber bash)*

"Over the last four years Kenston High School and A Kid Again has developed a strong partnership providing students an opportunity to be involved in a program that provides outstanding services to others. The BomberBash, a 12 hour event, requires students to fundraise and make sacrifices for the good of others. As a charity, A Kid Again teaches students life skills and makes them put real situations in perspective. Students begin to realize the challenges that other families face on a daily basis. The experience of developing relationships with the families and children outside of school allows students to reflect on their own lives. Through this experience, students truly begin to understand the meaning of gratitude, selflessness, and service which are three attributes that will help students succeed in any future endeavor. I thank the representatives from A Kid Again as well as our Kenston Lead Crew advisors for working together and providing a lasting memory that students will have for a lifetime"

*Tom Gabram, Principal – Kenston High School*

"I love A Kid Again because we have the opportunity to give our families something to look forward to every month and a dedicated time to create memories with each other. When the day-to-day of many of our families includes jumping between doctors visits and treatments, these moments are cherished.

I first got involved in A Kid Again because I was really excited to help create something that inspired hope in our families. What I found after being involved in several Adventures, however, was an entirely new meaning to purpose. Instead of collecting volunteer hours, I was driven to do as much as I could to provide an one-of-a-kind memory for families that I knew by name.

Many schools have organizations that raise money for research or specific foundations which is amazing. In some of those organizations, though, I think it can be hard to understand the impact you're creating, which can sometimes be discouraging. In A Kid Again, you get to learn about the stories of these families, but also see and experience the smiles and laughter that result from your efforts. Knowing that our work continues to provide relief and joy for our families pushes me to do more, both here at A Kid Again and in other service ventures."

*Caroline Joliet – she started the A Kid Again club at Carmel High School, now at Indiana University. Her sister, Ella, is now the head of the club.*



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