



Dear Friend of Katrina Tagget,

We hope you will consider supporting the Katrina Tagget Foundation this year. The 3rd annual **Kara Tagget Open** will be held on **July 18, 2011 at the Waverly Woods Golf Course**, Marriottsville, Maryland.

All proceeds from the Kara Tagget Open will benefit the Katrina Tagget Memorial Foundation, a non-profit organization established in memory of Katrina Tagget. Katrina was a senior at Michigan State University (MSU) majoring in Public Administration and Public Policy who died by suicide on September 20, 2008. Katrina, nicknamed Kara, was born and raised in Howard County and graduated from Centennial High School in 2005. *The **Katrina Tagget Memorial Foundation** mission is to support mental health awareness and suicide prevention programs.* In just over two years we have raised over \$100,000 in Katrina's memory. Information about the foundation and Katrina is available at our web site KatrinaTagget.org

One in four Americans have a diagnosable and treatable condition. More than 90% of those who die by suicide could have lived had their mental illness been properly identified and treated. On the outside, Katrina appeared as a beautiful and intelligent young woman with a promising future. But, inside, she lived with a deep depression that none of us really understood. Unfortunately in our society there is silence, shame, and stigma associated with mental illness and prevents those who need help from getting the help they need to live. As we approach the third anniversary of Katrina's suicide, we continue to find ways to share what we have learned from her life and her death with others in the hoped that other families will not have to endure the tragedy of suicide. We continue to remember Katrina through KTMF awareness, advocacy, education, and support for family members and friends of those who have mental illness and those who have suffered loss due to suicide. Your contributions will go towards funding KTMF programs to support mental illness education and suicide prevention programs in the community. *"Start Talking and Stop Suicide"*

The Kara Tagget Open is sponsored by the **HABA Golf Organization**, a men's golf league at Waverly Woods Golf Course. The event will include 18 holes of golf, a dinner, and a silent auction. Donors can participate in the golf portion of the event by playing golf or sponsoring a hole, the lunch, or a beverage cart. The attached flyer details the donor costs for these items. Donors can donate an item to the silent auction which will be bid on during the evening activities. Donors will be listed on signage at the event entrance, the hole (hole sponsors), and listed in the program. Should you like to provide a business-sized camera-ready card for the program, email jpeg or gif file to info@katrinatagget.org by June 30.

These continue to be tough economic times for all of us. But, we hope you will consider our mission and once again support the event, either as a sponsor, silent auction and prize donor, or as a player, in memory of Katrina. You can also make a direct contribution through a secure link from KatrinaTagget.org.

Thank you for your support. Your generosity will assist the KTMF mission, *"We Give to Remember"*, and helping us to *"stop the shame, stigma, and silence of suicide and mental illness"*.

Sincerely,

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Your contribution to The Katrina Tagget Memorial Foundation is tax deductible.

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