

The Gooding Scholarship in Celebration of Crosby Wilmot --- A Significant Initiative by the Amherst College Soccer Alumni Community



Friends and former players of Peter Gooding, in conjunction with the National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA) Foundation, the charitable arm of the NSCAA, are establishing a new, permanently endowed scholarship fund named in honor of Peter and Myra Gooding and their late grandson, Crosby Wilmot.

The Gooding Scholarship in Celebration of Crosby Wilmot will provide financial assistance to aspiring coaches from underserved areas and populations so they can take NSCAA coaching education courses as well as to recreational, therapeutic programs involving soccer that help children fighting cancer or who have survived cancer. The primary areas of focus will be western Massachusetts, where Peter and Myra were active while at Amherst, and the greater Rochester (NY) area, where Crosby lived. Applications will also be accepted nationwide.

Crosby Wilmot was the youngest child of Zoe (Gooding) and Kevin Wilmot. He fully embraced life and thoroughly enjoyed his blankets, taggies, blue dog, matchbox cars, stacking cups, and games of peek-a-boo. Crosby touched many lives in his short time, and taught everyone who knew him how to be strong. The imprints he left behind are both deep and meaningful. Crosby was the light of his family's life. Unfortunately, Crosby lost a lengthy battle with cancer and passed away shortly before his second birthday (9/15/09 – 8/4/11).

Peter Gooding is the former Amherst College Men's Soccer Coach and Athletic Director, NSCAA Coaching Academy Director of Coaching, and President of the NSCAA. As one Amherst professor said: "Peter was the ideal person to be in charge" of intercollegiate athletics. He was more interested in the welfare of the students than in whether the team won or lost." In his 31 years at Amherst, Gooding's record was 232-134-43. In recognition of his dedication to soccer coaching and education, Gooding received the NSCAA Bill Jeffrey Award, and then in 2001 Gooding received the NSCAA Honor Award, the Association's highest distinction.

The Gooding Scholarship in Celebration of Crosby Wilmot, bringing joy to young cancer patients through soccer and helping aspiring coaches bring the world's most popular game to new players, will serve as a living legacy to Crosby Wilmot as well as honor Peter and Myra Gooding.

We hope you will consider a gift to make The Gooding Scholarship in Celebration of Crosby Wilmot possible. To make a contribution:

- Please write a check to: NSCAA Foundation (in the memo box add: The Gooding Scholarship in Celebration of Crosby Wilmot) . This allows the donation to be tax deductible.
- Mail the check to: Jerome de Bontin, 318 Sterling Road, Kenilworth, IL 60043 (tel: 847 251 3945). Jerome will record all donations received and send them to the NSCAA Foundation.
- While checks are preferred, you can also contribute online at: <http://nscaa.com/donation.php>. If you contribute online, please also let Jerome know.

Thank you for considering this request.