



October 10, 2019

Mayor Randy Casale  
Beacon City Council  
One Municipal Plaza  
Beacon, NY 12508

Dear Mayor Casale and Council Members:

Shawn M. Antalek was a generous man with a big heart who loved our community. He was born and raised in Beacon and was an active part of the local sports scene until his untimely passing in 2010 at the young age of 48.

In his youth, Shawn played 10 years of baseball with Beacon Junior Baseball. He went on to become a Coach and Manager in the program. As an adult, he spent time on the Board and served as League Director. He was serving as League Director of his son's baseball division (11/12 year olds) at the time of his unexpected passing. It is without question that our program lost a valuable member on that day.

The impact that Shawn had on his family and friends was so positive and strong that it inspired them to come together and start a softball tournament in his memory and honor. This tournament embodied the character and spirit of Shawn and spanned 10 years. It was fun, it was competitive, and it was all about spending time at the ball field with family and friends while raising money to help others.

The proceeds of those tournaments have allowed the Antalek family and Tournament Committee to donate tens of thousands of dollars in Shawn's memory to youth sports within the City of Beacon including: Beacon Junior Baseball, Beacon Girls Softball, Beacon Pop Warner, Beacon CYO Basketball, Beacon High School Varsity Baseball, Beacon Youth Soccer, and Beacon Recreation Committee. Contributions have also been made to individual families in the community suffering tragedy or hardship. Their mission is to support local organizations that were a part of, or some way connected to Shawn's life.

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In 2013, a scholarship was created in Shawn's honor which is awarded to one female and one male graduating student/athlete at Beacon High School. Since its inception, over \$20,000.00 has been awarded in scholarship funds. The criteria to be considered is simple and straight forward. The student/athlete must have a GPA of 85 or better with intentions of attending college and be a good person. Because that is exactly what Shawn was...a good person. And that is exactly what he inspires us all to be.

The Shawn M. Antalek Memorial Tournament came to a close this year after 10 exciting tournaments. The impact it has had on the youth sports community is incredible. We would like to honor that impact, and Shawn, by naming the minor league baseball field: The Shawn M. Antalek Field. He passed away too soon in life for us to fully recognize what he would have personally contributed to our community but the impact that he had on others is lasting and has inspired so much good. His legacy in Beacon deserves recognition and we cannot think of a better way to do that.

We thank you for your consideration of this request and are available if there is any other information needed to assist you in your determination. If needed, those inquiries may be addressed to Veronica Schetter via email at [vjschetter@yahoo.com](mailto:vjschetter@yahoo.com).

It saddens us that Shawn is not still here with us, he had so much more to offer this world but we will forever be in awe of what he has inspired in others.

Respectfully submitted by:      The Board of Directors  
Beacon Junior Baseball



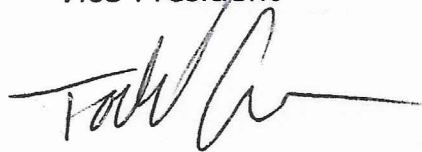
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