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KED to honor Dick Gallagher with sports park dedication

West Seneca, New York - On Thursday, August 25 at 10:45 a.m. – Kids Escaping Drugs (KED) will honor one of its founders Dick Gallagher at a memorial dedication of the Kids Escaping Drugs Campus Sports Park and Pavilion.

The Dick Gallagher Sports Park will honor Dick – who died after a lengthy battle with cancer in 2020 – as well as his legacy of wellness and recovery. Housed on the Kids Escaping Drugs campus in West Seneca – this sports park consists of a basketball court, softball diamond, field and pavilion.

Founded in 1987, Kids Escaping Drugs is dedicated to ending the drug epidemic in Western New York by empowering adolescents and families to live a life free from the disease of addiction through community outreach, education, and early intervention.

“Everything Dick did was for the kids,” Director of Residential Treatment **Jodie Altman** said. “When our kids utilize the campus’ sports park – they will be reminded of one of the biggest lessons Dick taught people - to celebrate the little wins and believe in themselves.”

Due to the sensitive nature of the work KED provides on campus, this event will not be open to the public. Light refreshments will be served afterward.

To read Dick’s story, click [here](#).

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