

## History of Pagnozzi Charities

Former University of Arkansas Razorback alumni and coach, Tom Pagnozzi, founded Pagnozzi Charities in 1999. Conceived by Tom and then head baseball coach Norm DeBriyn as a way for "Pags" to give back to the Arkansas Razorback Baseball Program that launched his professional career with the St. Louis Cardinals by separating from the Razorback Foundation and developing its own 501(c)(3) organization. Pagnozzi Charities took on new goals and new events.

The Pagnozzi Youth Sports Scholarship Program was created with a desire to extend the charitable arm of the organization to include disadvantaged youth throughout Arkansas by providing them with an open door to the same athletic experiences of their peers and following the Pagnozzi motto to "level the playing field".

Pagnozzi Charities has provided 1800 scholarships to area youth through the Pagnozzi Youth Sports Scholarship Program. With the aid of a very valuable support team the charity hopes to continue to increase its efforts significantly in the coming years.

Pagnozzi Charities hosts several events throughout the year to support its mission and help bring attention to our charitable goals. In the spring, the Annual Alumni Reunion reunites the old and new for a weekend of fun and games. Former players are invited to return to Baum Stadium to relive the glory days and again step onto the field for a game of ball. During the 2006 baseball season, Pagnozzi Charities will host two 'promo nights' at Baum Stadium. One of the favorite give away items has been the bobble head doll. Pagnozzi Charities has immortalized Norm DeBriyn, Frank Broyles, Tom Pagnozzi, (and this year) Dave Van Horn as a give away to the first 1000 fans at Baum Stadium over the last four years.

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# Pagnozzi

Youth Sports  
Scholarship  
Program



### Who is eligible for Pagnozzi Youth Sports Scholarships?

Boys and girls entering grades K-8 who have a financial need to participate in sports.

### What types of scholarships are provided under the Pagnozzi Youth Sport Scholarship Program?

- Participation fees for sports specific training camps.
- Class fees for monthly instructional programs like gymnastics, dance, judo, etc.
- Tickets to sporting events for groups and families.
- Equipment or uniform that would be necessary to play your chosen sport.
- Registration fees for Recreational Sports Programs.

### Did you know:

- 44.8% of elementary students in Northwest Arkansas receive free/reduced lunch.
- Pagnozzi Charities uses the nationally recognized DHS income guidelines to establish initial eligibility. Example: a family of three makes \$16,090 per year or less.
- The Childhood obesity rate for Arkansas is a staggering 38%.



### Mission Statement

The mission of Pagnozzi Charities Youth Sports Scholarship Program is *to open the door of athletic experience to underprivileged youth*. Our goal is to advance the well-being of youth by giving them the same opportunity as their peers and introducing them to positive life experiences.

### How do I apply for assistance?

To apply for a Pagnozzi Charities Youth Sports Scholarship, contact our office or download a scholarship application form from our website: [www.pagnozzicharities.org](http://www.pagnozzicharities.org)

### How to Help:

It is through the generous contribution of our donors and sponsors that we are able to provide these scholarships. If you would like to help us fulfill our mission and open the door of athletic experience to underprivileged youth, please contact our office for complete sponsorship information. Pagnozzi Charities is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and your contributions are tax deductible. EIN # 31-1657036

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