

Dear BHS Parents and Friends,

SOUP4SIMPSON

In January 2005 in his senior year at Bellevue High, Hunter Simpson was diagnosed with a malignant brain tumor. He died Dec. 31 at 18 years old after enduring six months of intense radiation and various forms of chemotherapy. Although Hunter lived a simple, giving, and short life, he packed it with more generosity than many twice his age. He is described as an old soul driven by his Christian faith, with a heart for social justice for the poor and oppressed. In honor of his death, Bellevue High School has held **SOUP4SIMPSON** for the last 4 years, an event consisting of soup, donations, cookies, high socks, and community. **SOUP4SIMPSON** lunch days give the students at Bellevue High the opportunity to make a little sacrifice to help those in need. The inspiration for this occasion came from Hunter's first and only semester of college. He decided to spend as little money as possible on his meal-plan that semester—so he had a cup of soup for lunch and a cup of soup for dinner every day costing him only \$1.50/day. At the end of the semester, he had a \$998 credit on his meal plan which is used to purchase nonperishable food from the college cafeteria. He delivered this food to teenagers at the New Horizons Homeless Shelter for Teens in Seattle. **SOUP4SIMPSON** will be held again this year on **Wednesday, February 10th after school in the arcade**. We have a soup line where students donate their lunch money for the day and receive a cup of soup in return. Last year we made \$4,000 and hope to make this year's event even more successful. Hunter was an amazing and empathetic person who led quietly, practiced what he preached, and always thought of others before himself. **SOUP4SIMPSON** is our opportunity to celebrate his life by coming together as a community and giving to others less fortunate than ourselves. We hope to continue honoring Hunter-- living and learning from his example. **SOUP4SIMPSON** gives us the chance to follow in his footsteps and leave the world a little bit better than when we got here.

We invite all of our BHS Parents and Friends to join the soup line with us! If you would like to donate to this wonderful cause—please contact Kathy Adams our advisor for this event at adamsk@bsd405.org. Hope to see you there!

Sincerely,

The Soup4Simpson Committee