

# *"Distinguished Friend of the Alumni"*

## *Kati Fisher Powder Puff Football*

Bob Fisher came to Northwest High School in 1986 as a teacher and coach. While not from the Northwest Area, from the moment he started at Northwest, he knew this is the place that would become second home.

In 2003, Bob became the Head football coach at Northwest High School. He wanted to bring back Powder Puff football as a way to let the girls have a little bit of the experience that the boys had, to play football in front of a crowd. At the time the admission to the game was a canned food item to be donated to local food pantries.

In 2006, after Kati Fisher (daughter of Bob and Nancy Fisher) passed away, the Fisher family found an opportunity to honor their daughter's spirit of courage with the sport she loved. They started the Kati Fisher Powder Puff Football Scholarship for Seniors from Northwest High School. In the first few years they were able to give out four \$500 scholarships. The support from the community is overwhelming from the amount of fans in the stands, the energy and excitement surrounding the event, private donations, to the sales of the shirts. Last year we were able to provide 33 scholarships for Northwest seniors. To date the Kati Fisher Powder Puff game has raised over \$200,000 in scholarships. The students, faculty and entire community always comes out to support this event. The number of girls that participate every year has grown to over 120 girls. In addition there are usually 10 coaches for each of the grade levels. There are also about 20 boy cheerleaders that volunteer their time to entertain the crowd during the game and at halftime. Nancy Fisher has worked tirelessly to set up and organize and improve the scholarship which is available to any college bound senior. Nancy organizes and coordinates all of the many people that it takes to host the event. She sets up the times and schedule of all of the many aspects leading up to and the event itself. A major part of the funds for the scholarship comes from the sale of the Powder Puff Shirts. "The Shirt" has taken on a life of its own. Every year the order for shirts is in the hundreds. You cannot walk down the halls of Northwest High School without seeing students, Teachers, and administrators wearing a Kati Fisher Powder Puff shirt. People will take the shirt on vacation all over the world, take pictures, and send the pictures to Nancy. The pictures will someday be placed in a book.

The Fisher Family would like to express their gratitude to the Northwest community. The community has given them a safe space to celebrate their beloved daughter.

It is with great pleasure that the Northwest Alumni Association welcomes Kati Fisher Powder Puff Football as a distinguished Friend of the Alumni.