Established in the halls and fields of D.C. Everest High School in 1996, the Back Yard Football League (BYFL) was created with a spirit of camaraderie. What ensued was an environment in which young adults of varying interests and backgrounds could come together on a regular basis to work towards a common goal – to win Back Yard Football games. Numerous friendships were strengthened; countless more were created.

Over the years, the football games have decreased in frequency, but the spirit of camaraderie has not. BYFL has progressed from a weekly athletic gathering to a vast social network largely rooted in the D.C. Everest District. BYFL leadership continues to work together toward a common goal – to create a scholarship for D.C. Everest graduating seniors in the spirit of BYFL.

What started out as a group of young men gathering weekly to participate in tackle football games has progressed to a close-knit group of friends and families. Since it began, BYFL has grown to include spouses, children, coworkers and new friends. Members of the group have served their country in the military both overseas and at home. Many others have gone on to earn college degrees and returned to serve their communities in their careers.

Members of BYFL are grateful for the opportunities that have been afforded to them via D.C. Everest High School and the surrounding communities. They hope to continue to provide similar opportunities to graduating seniors that exhibit the qualities that have made BYFL great. They have chosen to work with the Community Foundation of North Central Wisconsin to develop an annual scholarship to help achieve that goal. To fund the scholarship, fundraising events have been held in the greater Rothschild, Schofield, Weston, and Kronenwetter areas.