



Chase Life

On most Witt Wednesdays, students gather in Founders Pub for drinks, wings, and friends. Wednesday February 17th was no different, but as students came together in Founders, they met with the additional purpose of celebrating and honoring the life of Charles Quincey Gage IV. The Chase Life Organization hosted a karaoke event in hopes of raising \$10,000 to build a memorial garden in Chase's honor outside of the FIJI house.

Last May, 19-year-old Chase passed away in a terrible car accident.

During his time at Wittenberg, Chase was extremely involved in campus life. He was a runner on both the Cross Country and Track teams as well as being a member of the Phi Gamma Delta Fraternity (FIJI). But Chase was more than just another member of these organizations; he was someone who cared about everyone he met. According to Junior Kip Olson, Chase's FIJI brother and the founder of Chase Life, Chase was someone who spread positivity whenever he had the chance.

Olson met Chase on his first day of college when

they happened to be dorm room neighbors in New Hall, and the two quickly became friends. "The impact he made on myself and so many others is the very reason that I want to ensure that his memory will live on, not just for my brothers of Phi Gamma Delta, but for all the people that Chase provided that same impact he had on me to them," Olson stated.



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Olson also explained that he sees the purpose of Chase Life as so much more than an organization; he sees it as a life philosophy.

"Encompassing this notion of chasing life, by living your life to the absolute fullest, by surrounding

yourself with loved ones who care about you and support you no matter what, is essential," Olson said. "You don't have to do larger than life activities in order to represent or carry out this lifestyle; it is the little things in life that truly help express the notion of Chasing Life."

In addition to the recent karaoke night Chase Life held, the organization, in partnership with Student Senate, is hoping to hold a 5k later this semester. The 5k would serve as another opportunity to celebrate Chase, but it would also allow people to gather and pay tribute to Chase by doing something that he loved: running.

Most of all, Olson hopes that Chase Life will spread Chase's life mottos and sentiments to help people realize just how precise every moment of life is.

Keeping with Wittenberg's motto of passing light to others, Olson encouraged people "to try and maybe go out of their way every now and again to do a little thing for others, pass that light along to someone else, and in doing so, that spark will carry out a chain reaction of people doing good for one another. My goal is solely to spread the joy, love, and passion that Chase passed on to me


and share that with the world because he would be doing that if he were still here, but it is up to us to continue his legacy and spread this on to others. I will never stop chasing the legacy he left behind"

Currently, Chase Life has raised over \$6,000 dollars for Chase's Memorial Garden. To make a donation or to learn more about Chase's impact go to: <https://www.gofundme.com/zcp583tw>. All funds attained after reaching Chase Life's goal will be donated to his memorial scholarship here at Wittenberg University.

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