

2016-2017 IOWA Club Award Nomination – Individual Program Award

I would like to nominate the Dallas / Ft Worth Iowa Club for the Individual Club Program award. The specific program being our charity dinner and auction: *Grappling Childhood Cancer with Gable*. The dinner was held on April 20th, 2017, at Hackberry Creek Country Club in Irving, TX. We had 130 Hawkeyes buy tickets to attend the dinner and auction. Coach Dan Gable gave a speech at the event and personally made it a mission to talk to everyone in attendance. Our emcee for the evening was Mike Doocy, an Iowa grad and DFW TV sports anchor. We also had the founding mother of TeamConnor Childhood Cancer foundation give a speech about their fight to cure childhood cancer, which they started almost 10 years ago when they lost their 8-year-old son, Connor, to cancer. We held an auction throughout the night and also sold raffle tickets. With the proceeds of the auction and raffle we made a donation of \$8,000 to TeamConnor Childhood Cancer Foundation. We also made a \$500 donation to the Hawkeye Wrestling Club as a thank you to Coach Gable. This event was a smash hit and everyone keeps talking about it and hoping it turns into an annual tradition. It was an incredible evening of bringing Hawkeyes together for a great cause.

Thank you,

Kyle Wick

DFW Iowa Club President