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## UMC Athletics Raises \$680 to Help Lazzari Family with Medical and Funeral Costs



**CROOKSTON, Minn.** – The University of Minnesota Crookston athletic department raised \$680 in free will donations Fri., May 6 and Sat., May 7 at their home baseball games to benefit Ben Lazzari and his family. Lazzari, a former Golden Eagle baseball player from 2008-12, and his wife Amber, recently lost their 16-day old daughter Everly Mae on April 24 after she was born with an irregular heartbeat.

The money raised by the Golden Eagles will go toward helping Ben and Amber pay for medical and funeral costs. The \$680 is on top of \$4,450 dollars that have been raised on a [gofundme.com](http://gofundme.com) site set up to help the family.

The Golden Eagle community will continue to have Ben, Amber and their daughter Ella in their hearts as they recover from this tragedy and hope they know that the UMC baseball team will continue to ride on Everly's wings as they begin their NSIC tournament play Wednesday. The Lazzari family currently makes their home in Lonsdale, Minn.

Thank you to everyone who donated at games and everyone made aware of the previously set up [gofundme.com](http://gofundme.com) page that has given via that means.

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