

Remembrance of Atchison teen draws community support

(KAIR)--The story of an Atchison teenager, who died last year, may help be told by an interested actor.

That word comes in a release from the family of Rocky Delfs, a 15-year-old boy who collapsed last year from a heart attack brought on by a genetic heart disease, Brugada Syndrome, that his obituary called “a rare birth defect.”

Delfs, on August 26, 2021, collapsed while running laps around the Atchison High School track. Transported for hospital care, he died days later, on September 1, at Children’s Mercy Hospital, in Kansas City.

According to a release signed by Delfs’ father, Bill, the family has been approached by actor Alexander Folk who is interested in telling Rocky’s story, including the importance of organ donation.

Rocky was an organ donor, and was able to save the life of his twin brother, and five other lives, through his death and donation.

Rocky’s family is hosting a community meeting later this month in order to discuss the project, with the release saying Rocky’s family wants “to reach out to the community of Atchison and invite anyone who would like to attend and help [Rocky’s family]” help tell Rocky’s story and the strong support shown by the Atchison community following his death.

The community meeting is planned for the afternoon of Tuesday, September 20 at 1:00, at the Atchison Chamber of Commerce.

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