

Bloomington student-faculty basketball game to benefit charity

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VALRICO - Bloomington High faculty members will once again have a chance to school a group of their students outside the classroom.

On May 6, the school, 1700 Bloomington Ave., Valrico, will host its second annual Beef O' Brady's Student-Faculty basketball game to benefit Lyrics for Life.

Lyrics for Life is a nonprofit organization established by Sister Hazel front man Ken Block. Its mission is to make a difference in its fight against pediatric cancer. Block founded the organization in honor of his younger brother Jeffrey, who was 14 when he was diagnosed with T-cell lymphoma and died four years later.

Joseph Willis, Bloomington's boys varsity basketball coach, said the school raised \$1,300 thanks to last year's game, which ended in a double overtime victory for the students after the faculty blew a 22-point lead.

The student team will be comprised of 15 seniors who each donated \$10 to be a part of the team. Willis said this year's spots were sold out in less than eight hours.

In addition to the game, there will be shooting contests during halftime and prizes will be raffled off. Last year's prizes included a football autographed by Tony Dungy.

Tickets for the game are \$5.

For information, call basketball coach Joseph Willis at (813) 744-8018.