Pete's Boys want to raise money to name locker room after Coach Moore

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Fremont Ross' football team will wear traditional socks with three purple stripes this season in honor of coach Pete Moore's Little Giants in 1983.

Current Little Giants coach Chad Long obviously wants his group to look like winners. Moore's team is the only one to win a postseason game in program history and finished ranked third in the state.

Pete's Boys, a fundraising group steered by Brian Lenz, Jeff Nossaman and Jerry Manahan, is trying to raise \$100,000, in conjunction with the Fremont Area Foundation, in order to name the Coaches Room and Locker Room at Harmon Field in posthumous honor of Moore.

"It's not about the '83 team, but Coach Moore, who left us too soon," said Brian Lenz, who was a senior in 1983. "He talked to his players like men. You didn't want to let him down. I'd run into a 250-pound guy for him. This is all about Pete."

There will be a 35-year reunion tailgate Sept. 14, prior to Ross playing host to Findlay. All former players, coaches, managers and cheerleaders from Moore's tenure are encouraged to join.

The 1983 team will be recognized on the field before the game.

Moore coached at Ross for 10 years and won 72 percent of his games.

"We felt it was time to give back and honor Coach Moore," said Manahan, a two-way starter in 1983. "The mission was get the team together. Get some recognition and recognize the community that helped us.

"Most important, recognize Coach Moore for his years of service and how his leadership turned kids from Fremont into a special group. It's more important to us that Coach is recognized."

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Letter from children of former Fremont Ross football coach Pete Moore

Pete's Boys

Teamwork, Tradition, Pride, Hard work,

A person is not born knowing these traits. They are something that is, in part, cultured by the great teachers and coaches we had while growing up.

Our dad, coach Pete Moore, taught us how to treat people with kindness and respect. We were able to learn from his example and see the positive influence he had on other people's lives. We are not sure he ever knew, but we can now see, his true passion for football and for his players included the lessons he taught on the field and how they would impact everyone throughout life in so many ways.

In honor of a great father, teacher, mentor and coach, we are asking for your support and generosity in donating to Pete's Boys, in conjunction with the Fremont Area Foundation, toward the naming of the Wayne "Pete" Moore Memorial Coaches and Locker Room.

We are extremely proud to say, "We are Fremont Ross Little Giants."

Kim Moore, Steve Spieldenner, Jim Moore, Greta Moore

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