

A SPORTING CHANCE GIVES KIDS A FIGHTING CHANCE



Camp Fire boys at a Kids Club program

On your mark, get set, bid!
The 15th Annual
Sporting Chance Auction is right around
the corner and
tickets are on sale NOW.

The auction will be held on **Saturday, November 18,** from 7:00 - 11:00 p.m. at the **Frontiers of Flight Museum** located next to Love Field in Dallas, Texas. This event raises money to support Kids Club, an after-school program for children, ages 5-12, from low-income families in the greater- Dallas area.

WHAT?

The Sporting Chance Auction is a casual dinner event, featuring live entertainment, a silent auction and live auction. Last year the auction raised over \$65,000 to support the Kids Club program, and this year we are looking to do it again - but we need your help!

Tickets and event sponsorships are still available, with all sponsors being invited to attend a special VIP hour, where they can enjoy free drinks and early bidding.

WHY KIDS CLUB?

Kids Club comes to the rescue of children for whom traditional after-school child care is out of financial reach, especially for single parents.

Specifically, Kids Clubs do three vital things: 1) provide a supervised and safe environment for kids after school, 2) give much-needed tutoring and homework assistance, and 3) lead children to be more confident and caring, preparing them to be future leaders. And the whole time, the kids just think they are having fun. This important program helps children develop the skills they need to become productive members of the community. Thanks to the auction, it can be offered at absolutely no cost to low-income families!

Tickets are \$50 pre-sale and \$75 at the door

Great Items to Bid on This Year

- Wine-tasting classes for 25-40 people
- Fishing trip with Pro Bass Fisher Jen Carroll
- Round-trip airline tickets
- Autographed sports memorabilia
- Gift certificates to Dallas' finest restaurants
- VIP passes to local comedy clubs
- Spa-day packages
- Tickets to local sporting events
- A flat panel TV
- Symphony tickets
- Passes to NASCAR and Polo

And much, much more!

Food will be provided by:

On the Border Catering
 Paciugo Gelato
 7-Eleven, Inc.

Drinks provided by:

Barefoot Cellars Winery
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 Cadbury Schweppes Americas Beverages

Entertainment provided by:

Center Stage Band

Auctioneer provided by:

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Auction Committee Chairs: Brandon Rowland & Rhonda Shasteen

Contact Molly Manning by calling 214-824-1122 or by email at

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for more information about the event and for sponsorship or ticket information.

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RECENT DONATIONS

(THROUGH SEPTEMBER 22, 2006 - SPECIAL EVENT DONATIONS NOT INCLUDED.)

\$10,000 and above

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Citigroup Foundation
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\$5,000 - \$9,999

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Thank You!

WISH LIST

Office Supply Needs

- \$42 will purchase 3000 Avery 5160 White Labels
- \$130 will purchase HP LaserJet C4127X Black Print Cartridge
- \$150 will purchase a Flat Screen Computer Monitor
- \$400 will purchase an HP LaserJet 3052 All-in-One Printer
- \$900 will purchase an HP LaserJet 4250 Printer

Program Supply Needs

- Any \$ Amount or Gas Station Gift Card will allow Camp Fire USA to transport youth to and from program sites and activities.
- \$10 will purchase a 500 pack of construction paper to promote creativity in youth.
- \$15 will purchase one children's or teen's book to promote reading skills in youth.
- \$20 will purchase one educational DVD to be used at program sites.

There IS Such a Thing as a FREE Lunch

Over the summer, many kids in low income apartment communities who have working parents usually skip lunch or eat something unhealthy. But not this year! Camp Fire USA partnered with Central Dallas Ministries this past summer to provide free, healthy lunches every weekday for kids at apartment sites throughout Dallas.

During the school year, over 82% of all students enrolled in the Dallas Independent School District qualify for free and/or reduced priced meals, but nationally only 10-12% of these children access a summer food program. Therefore, many of these children go hungry during the summer months.

This past summer Central Dallas Ministries received funding from USDA and the Texas Health and Human Services Commission through the Special Nutrition Programs to provide lunches to low-income children. They provided training to partner agencies such as Camp Fire USA Lone Star Council and these partner agencies were responsible for overseeing the distribution of the lunches to the children. "Our partnerships with local agencies were critical to making sure these meals got to where they were needed most," stated Sonia White, Director of Central Dallas Ministries Nurture Knowledge & Nutrition program.

Camp Fire USA worked with Central Dallas Ministries throughout the course of the summer to provide free lunches for children in low income households. The Summer Food Service Program not only helped struggling families save the time and money it would take to prepare a nutritional meal, but it also helped teach healthy eating habits which last for a lifetime.



Anxiously awaiting a healthy meal!



Receiving free food from Central Dallas Ministries



Kids learn all about eating healthy!

To contact Sonia White with Central Dallas Ministries, please call 214-823-8710 x134 or email swhite@centrallallasministries.org

To contact Camp Fire USA Lone Star Council for more information, please call Pete Chavez at 214-824-1122 x241 or e-mail pchavez@campfireusadallas.org.

LEARN & SERVE AMERICA

Lone Star Council Receives \$23,000 Grant

This past August the Lone Star Council received a **three-year Learn & Serve grant** from the national Camp Fire USA office to develop a disaster preparedness program focused on engaging teens in intensive service learning experiences. The program will be geared toward **encouraging youth to take on a leadership role** in community preparedness efforts by partnering with local, state and national emergency preparedness organizations. **Using the Teens in Action: Disaster Preparedness Module** from the national Camp Fire USA office, 400 teens in the Dallas area will learn what to do in case of an emergency and over the next three years proceed to teach 12,000 local elementary and middle school children what they have learned about disaster preparedness. By participating in Camp Fire's Learn & Serve Initiative, these teens will not only **raise the level of emergency preparedness in their families, schools and communities**, but they will also **develop important leadership skills that will help them later in life**.

CAMP FIRE USA BOARD *Profile*

Camp Fire Board Member Goes Above and Beyond the "Call of Duty"

Camp Fire USA Lone Star Council has always been blessed with caring board members willing to go the extra mile to support this organization and Nicole LeBoeuf is no different.



Board Member, Nicole LeBoeuf

Ms. LeBoeuf joined our board in May 2006 and immediately went to work. She joined the WOHELO Enterprises Board and stepped up to be the liaison between that board and Camp Fire's Board of Directors. Also, when she learned that the Lone Star Council was chosen as the beneficiary of the 2007 Attorneys Serving the Community Luncheon, she gladly accepted the challenge to be co-chair of that event along with Dallas attorney Jennifer Morris.

With her law degree from the University of Texas School of Law, Ms. LeBoeuf is a shareholder at the law firm of Campbell & LeBoeuf, P.C., where she practices in the areas of commercial litigation, securities arbitration and construction litigation. In addition to serving on the Lone Star Council Board of Directors, Ms. LeBoeuf is also an active member and leader of Attorneys Serving the Community, a member of the National Charity League and a volunteer with Dallas CASA. Take a minute to learn more about Nicole at www.campbellleboeuf.com.

We are so proud to have volunteer board members like Nicole LeBoeuf!

CITIGROUP HELPING LOCAL TEENS LEARN ABOUT MONEY

Tokoiya is an 8th grade student at Barbara Bush Middle School who enjoys playing sports and participating in Camp Fire's after-school Teens in Action youth development program. Living in a two-bedroom apartment with her seven siblings and three young cousins, Tokoiya understands the importance of responsible spending and is not only a leader at Teens in Action meetings, but in her home as well.

In August of this year, Camp Fire USA Lone Star Council launched its financial education training program for teens from low-income communities in the greater-Dallas area. Sponsored by a generous grant from Citigroup, Camp Fire's six-week Financial Education program teaches youth about money management, personal finance, taxes, credit and budgeting so that they can better understand how to use financial resources available in the community to meet their goals. Youth who complete the six-week Financial Education program each receive \$50 to establish their very own savings account.

From the very first class, Tokoiya took an interest in learning more about personal finances and displayed how knowledgeable she already was about financial issues. During the second class, Camp Fire had a drawing to give away a previously used computer and Tokoiya was the lucky one to take it home. According to program staff member Derrick Marshall, "The Citigroup Financial Training has benefited Tokoiya in more ways than one. She is able to learn things that she can go back and teach her family, she received a free computer, and let's not forget about the \$50 savings account."

We are grateful to Citigroup for their generous support and appreciate having two fine board members from the Citi team: Leah Wallace and Piyush Bhardwaj.

New Faces Around the Camp Fire

Camp Fire USA Lone Star Council hired several new employees over the past few months and we ask that you join us in welcoming them!



New Staff at Camp Fire USA

From left to right:

Marquita Wafer, Kids Club Program Coordinator
Brandy Ammons, DISD Program Coordinator
Adrienne Armstrong, Kids Club Program Coordinator
Adri lea Bugh, Executive Assistant
Trish Langley, Development Associate
Molly Manning, Marketing Associate

ExxonMobil Intern Program

Thank you ExxonMobil for providing Camp Fire USA Lone Star Council with a great intern like Jennifer Bly!



ExxonMobil Intern, Jennifer Bly

Camp Fire USA Lone Star Council was thrilled to be the recipient of a generous grant from the 2006 ExxonMobil Community Summer Jobs Program. The grant allowed Jennifer Bly, a sophomore from Shippensburg University in Pennsylvania, to have an 8-week internship with us.

During this time, she designed Spanish-language marketing materials to help us better serve our Spanish-speaking clients, updated the Camp Fire USA Lone Star Council Web site to make it more user-friendly and created our first ever donor-satisfaction survey in an effort to help us improve donor retention and fundraising.

Laura J. Brown, Director of Program Support, commented, "Jennifer exceeded all expectations set for her during the internship. When given a task to complete...the task was completed with both excellence and precision." Jennifer's experience here at the Lone Star Council not only helped her realize that she enjoyed marketing in the nonprofit sector and would like to pursue a career in that field, but also gave her an opportunity to improve her computer and marketing skills and provided her with a well-deserved sense of accomplishment.

Jennifer was among 75 college students selected to participate in the 2006 ExxonMobil Community Summer Jobs Program in the greater-Dallas area. Administered by the Volunteer Center of North Texas, the ExxonMobil Community Summer Jobs Program provided 75 college students with paid internships to introduce them to careers in the nonprofit sector and assist Dallas area nonprofits during the busy summer months.

JCPENNEY GRANT MAKES A BIG DIFFERENCE



A lot of children in Metropolitan Dallas are going to benefit from a generous grant from the JCPenney After-School Fund channeled through the United Way of Metropolitan Dallas. This grant will sponsor 65 children in Camp Fire's Kids Club after-school program. And true to the spirit of JCPenney founder, James Cash Penney, the grant further demonstrates the Golden Rule that was the foundation for Penney's community concern as well as customer service - do unto others as you would have others do unto you. Therefore, each of the 65 children will receive a \$100 JCPenney gift certificate to purchase clothing and school supplies!

One of the many children who has benefited from the JCPenney After-School Fund is **Jalil**, a 2nd grade student at White Rock Elementary school who joined the Kids Club program in 2005. When Jalil first started in Kids Club he was unruly and had a very short attention span, making it difficult to focus on the assignments. He has always been a likeable child and has never had trouble making new friends, but his unruliness disrupted the class. Over the last year, Kids Club staff members have worked with Jalil to help him learn to focus on assignments and utilize his natural outgoing personality to be a good leader.

Currently, Jalil is very comfortable in his Kids Club environment. He knows the Camp Fire songs and law and **has become a leader among his peers**, even at his young age. He **abides by the rules** and welcomes new members into the club. Jalil's mother is very pleased with her son's development over the past year and says that she has noticed **a real difference in his behavior** and attributes it to Camp Fire.

For more information about JCPenney and its Golden Rule practice, check out www.jcpenney.net/company/history/brochure/brochure.htm.

Thanks JCPenney!

