



## First Annual Benefit Run/Walk Highlights

**T**he sun was shining and the temperature was chilly, yet comfortable, for the runners and walkers who participated in the inaugural Maryland Workers' Memorial 5k Run/1m Walk on April 30, 2011. **The event was graciously hosted by McCormick & Company in Hunt Valley.**

About 100 runners/walkers participated in the event and, together with more than 20 sponsors raised \$15,000 for Kids' Chance of Maryland. Tom Phelan, IWIF President and President of Kids' Chance of Maryland, welcomed the runners, sponsors and volunteers.

After the race/walk, there was a moment of silence as S. Woods Bennett, Kids' Chance Board member and visionary for the event, read the names of the 43 Maryland workers who lost their lives in a workplace accident in 2010.

Kids' Chance scholarship recipients Tasha Wilson and Sunny Grimes-Szymanski told their heartfelt stories and acknowledged just how much Kids' Chance had played a part in helping them achieve their educational dreams. Additionally, Laura Grimes-Hartley and Michele Cabot, parents of Kids' Chance scholarship recipients spoke about what Kids' Chance meant to them and their children.

## Kids' Chance MARYLAND WORKERS' MEMORIAL 5K Benefit Run/1M Walk



Men's 5k winner  
Mitch Greenberg  
Time 21:30.6



Women's 5k winner  
Emily Trueschler  
Time 22:01.2



**Save The Date and Join Us: April 28, 2012 - Second Annual Kids' Chance /Maryland Workers' Memorial 5K Benefit Run/1M Walk**

# A Chance to Say Thank You Again

Kids' Chance of Maryland, Inc. wishes to especially recognize these generous sponsors and contributors for their support in making our inaugural 2011 Workers' Memorial Benefit Run/Walk a big success.

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Our youngest walker and her family contributed immensely to the spirit of the day!



Woods Bennett thanked Michele Cabot for her heartfelt remembrance speech about her late husband and what Kids' Chance has meant to her two children.



Kids' Chance Board Member and former scholarship recipient Tasha Wilson, was one of the guest speakers who joined in thanking all the sponsors and runners for supporting the event.



The Kids' Chance "caring spirit," smiles and our colors of light blue and green were in abundance throughout the event!

# Kids' Chance 2011 Gala Raises \$38,000

*"I would say this to each and every one of you in attendance here tonight - you are all agents and givers of hope and support for these young people."*

This was part of the moving speech made during the October gala by our honorary chairman and guest speaker, Joe Ehrmann, former Baltimore Colts football great and now motivational leadership speaker.

More than 175 sponsors, guests, parents and students attended the 8th annual gala fundraising event. Attendees were able to bid on a number of outstanding silent auction items while enjoying a delicious meal.

Kids' Chance of Maryland President Tom Phelan, welcomed the attendees and spoke about the gala as "another opportunity for businesses and the workers' compensation community to come together for a common cause." Highlights of the evening included the presentation of the Charles J. Krysiak scholarship award to Shawn Regulski, student at Stevenson University. Shawn's stepfather was severely injured in a workplace accident and is unable to work. Shawn spoke from the

heart and added, "I cannot thank Kids' Chance enough for the scholarship support they have given me to continue my college education."

The 2011 Kids' Chance of Maryland Corporate HERO award was presented to Marcon Engineering and its President, Trevor Gillespie. Kids' Chance is extremely grateful for the "Doctorate/Gold" level corporate sponsorship from Marcon Engineering during the past five years.

Another highlight of the evening were the brief remarks from five of Maryland's Workers' Compensation Commissioners who attended. Karl Aumann, Chairman said, "On behalf of the Maryland Workers' Compensation Commission, we want to say we support Kids' Chance of Maryland and we extend our thanks to everyone for their support of this important endeavor to help these deserving students."

Joe Ehrmann summed up the evening and his inspiring presentation by reminding everyone, "Tonight is a night to take the opportunity to help impact someone's life. We all want a personal legacy where we build meaningful relationships and a commitment to a cause."

## Thank you Kids' Chance of MD 2011 Gala Sponsors!

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Gala attendees, L-R: Kids' Chance Board Members; Jim Huber and Dianne Jacobs; Shawn Regulski, scholarship recipient; Carole Smolkin, Kids' Chance Board Member; and Shawn's family.



Gala "Masters Sponsors", USIS/Tidewater Insurance Assoc. representatives, Tom Lowe, Michelle Morrison, Tim Reid and Pat and Tom Phelan, IWIF President and CEO and Kids' Chance of Maryland President.



Representatives from Marcon Engineering, 2011 Gala Doctorate Sponsor and corporate recipient of the 2011 Kids' Chance of Maryland HERO Award.



Honorary Chairman and guest motivational speaker Joe Erhmann



Maryland Workers' Compensation Commissioners attended the Gala and each made brief remarks in support of the mission of Kids' Chance of Maryland. L-R: Jeffrey Weinberg, Esq.; Kimberly Smith Ward, Esq.; Cynthia Miraglia, Esq.; Karl Aumann, Esq. and Chairman of the WCC; and Patricia Adams, Esq.



Kids' Chance Board Member Charles Krysiak and his mom, Carolyn Krysiak, present Shawn Regulski with the Charles J. Krysiak Memorial Scholarship.



Michael Cabot, recent Kids' Chance scholarship recipient, and his mom, Michele Cabot.



L-R: KC scholarship recipient Katie Long, her father William and mother Kathleen attended the gala.



L-R: Heather Sanders current Kids' Chance scholarship recipient attended the gala with her parents.



From right, Nancy Kellar, KC Director and Chante McKinney, recent Kids' Chance scholarship recipient with her friend/guest.

# Board Member Focus

## Jim McKay, McCormick & Company, Inc.

**Jim McKay** is the Plant Manager of the McCormick, U.S. Consumer, Hunt Valley Plant manufacturing facility. Jim has been married to his lovely wife Connie for forty years and has two children and two grandchildren that he now takes every opportunity to spoil. Jim is a former Safety Manager and has worked throughout his career to improve safety practices and working conditions in manufacturing environments. He has experienced the tragedies that can occur to workers when safe practices are not followed or when unsafe conditions exist, and has seen the effects that they leave on families.



As a young child growing up, Jim and his five brothers and sisters lost their father in an automobile accident. He knows firsthand what it is like to grow up without the support of a parent and the types of strains that the family is faced with when the income earner of the family is lost. He also knows how difficult it is as a college student to try to finance an education on your own.

When he was approached to become a board member of Kids' Chance, it was a very easy decision to become a part of such a worthy organization. Jim feels very strongly about his support for Kids' Chance and welcomes any opportunity to help raise funding for scholarships or help mentor students through this most difficult period in their lives.

## Kids' Chance MWCEA Golf Tournament Raises \$5,000 for KC of MD Scholarships

More than 50 golfers participated in the annual Kids' Chance Golf Tournament and Fundraiser held October 20th. The tournament was held at the River Run Golf Club in Berlin, MD.

Sponsors and individual golfers together raised more than \$5,000 for Kids' Chance.

Thank you to our key Kids' Chance Golf Tournament Sponsors:

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## Welcome New Board Members

**Jonathan Beiser, Esq.,**  
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Kids' Chance of Maryland, Inc. provides scholarships to help the college age children of catastrophically injured or deceased workers achieve their education goals.

Kids' Chance is actively seeking scholarship applications for the 2012 and 2013 academic years. Information and applications are available online at [www.kidschance-md.org](http://www.kidschance-md.org), or by calling 410-832-4702.



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**Do you know someone who has  
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**Kids' Chance of Maryland can help.**

## *Meet just a few of the "kids"*

for whom you have helped to make a difference in their educational lives. Kids' Chance of Maryland scholarships range between \$1,000 and \$5,000 per semester.



### **Ronald Butler**

is attending Johnson & Wales University at the Charlotte, North Carolina campus. He is a freshman enrolled in the Business Administration program. "Big Ron" and his family reside in Huntingtown, Maryland. Kids' Chance of Maryland awarded Ron \$4,000 for the Fall 2011 semester.



### **Rebecca Henderson**

is a freshman at Anne Arundel Community College. She has chosen the Associate in Applied Sciences degree in Nursing as her intended program of study. Rebecca's father, George Henderson, Jr., was working in a lumber yard in 1987 when he was injured. He was left paralyzed and now must use a wheelchair.

**Jillian Postal** (*photo not available*) was accepted at the University of Maryland College Park as a freshman in September 2011. Her intended major is Business. Jillian's father, Jerome Postal, was working when he was shot, run over and left for dead. Mr. Postal survived this attack, but was left paralyzed and dependent on a wheelchair.

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