

2005 Gala Fundraiser a Big Success

May 18th Gala
Raised \$45,000

Kids' Chance of Maryland, Inc. Makes a Difference in the Educational Future for Students



L-R; Carole Smolkin, Kids' Chance of MD Board Member; Mrs. Wendy Bellmyer; Meg Bellmyer, Kids' Chance Scholarship recipient; and Donald Schildt, Kids' Chance of MD Board Member.



L-R; Jeffrey Ward, recipient of the Kids' Chance of Maryland Charles J. Krysiak Memorial Scholarship; Woods Bennett, Kids' Chance of MD Board Secretary; and Honorary Chairperson, Baltimore City Mayor Martin O'Malley.

Thank you to the more than 250 attendees, donors, and scholarship recipients and their family members for making the 2nd Annual Kids' Chance of Maryland Gala a wonderful success. Kids' Chance of Maryland's commitment to the children of catastrophically injured workers continues to grow, and with the support of our donors, Kids' Chance of Maryland has been able to increase the number and the amount of scholarship grants.

New for 2005 was the presentation of the first Charles J. Krysiak Memorial Scholarship Award, presented in memory of the former Chairman of the Maryland Workers' Compensation Commission Charles Krysiak. This inaugural scholarship presented in recognition to an outstanding Kids' Chance scholarship recipient was given to Jeffrey Ward. Jeffrey has been a Kids' Chance scholarship recipient for



L-R; Mrs. Laura Grimes; Nancy Kellar, Kids' Chance of MD Executive Director, and Sunny Grimes, Kids' Chance Scholarship recipient.

the past 4 years and recently graduated Summa Cum Laude with a 3.97 GPA from Rutgers University.

Highlights of the gala included speeches made by Kids' Chance Scholarship recipients Monica Free and Meg Bellmyer. The evening's Honorary Chairperson was Baltimore City Mayor Martin O'Malley, who also spoke and thanked the supporters of Kids' Chance and the important work they do for the Kids' Chance kids.



Monica Free, Kids' Chance Scholarship recipient, gave a moving tribute to her father during her thank you speech to the gala attendees.

“With the financial help I received from Kids' Chance of Maryland, I'll be graduating from McDaniel College with a BA degree in history, a passion I shared with my father.”

Monica Free

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A Chance to Say Thank You

Again to Our Gala Sponsors

Kids' Chance of Maryland Inc. wishes to especially recognize these generous sponsors and contributors for their support in making our 2005 Fundraising Gala a big success.

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Jeff Ward, recipient of the Charles J. Krysiak Memorial Scholarship, with Carolyn J. Krysiak, Maryland State Delegate and the widow of Charles Krysiak.



L-R front: KC of MD scholarship recipients Monica and Sarah Free are welcomed by Kids' Chance of MD President Paul Rose.



L-R: Woods Bennett, Kids' Chance of MD Secretary; Charles Krysiak, Jr.; Jeff Ward; and Jeff Horowitz, Kids' Chance of MD Treasurer.



Kids' Chance of MD President Paul Rose presented an award of appreciation to Fran Allen, accepting on behalf of U.S. Congressman Elijah Cummings.



Paul Rose presented an award of appreciation to Marcia Lathroum, accepting on behalf of Dr. Nancy Grasmick, Superintendent, MD Dept. of Education.

In His Honor

Kids Chance of Maryland Receives \$8,000

donation in honor of retiring Maryland Workers' Compensation Commissioner *Sheldon Press*. On June 22nd more than 200 of his friends, family and professional associates honored Commissioner Press on the occasion of his retirement. The Kids' Chance Board of Directors wishes to thank all of Sheldon's well wishers for this wonderful donation in his honor.

Plan to attend the 4th Annual Kids' Chance of Maryland, Inc. Golf Tournament and Scholarship Fundraiser, September 20, 2005

Kids' Chance of MD, Inc., in partnership with the MWCEA, is hosting its 4th annual golf tournament and scholarship fundraiser. The tournament is held in conjunction with the MWCEA conference in Ocean City. Kids' Chance is actively seeking sponsors and golfers for the September 20th tournament. For more information visit our website at www.kidschance-md.org or call 410-832-4702.



Kids' Chance of Maryland is Highlighted on WBAL-TV

Woods Bennett, Kids' Chance Secretary, was interviewed live on WBAL-TV. The interview provided a great opportunity to tell the story of Kids' Chance to the general public. To view a web version of the interview, please visit www.kidschance-md.org.



WBAL-TV news reporter Kate Amara, interviews Woods Bennett about Kids' Chance.

Thank You

Kids' Chance of Maryland, Inc. is currently actively supporting 10 students with scholarship assistance. These important scholarships could not be made available without the continued support of our Kids' Chance donors and supporters. Thank you!

IWIF's Agents Golf Outing Helps Kids' Chance

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On June 21, IWIF's agent partners and golfers generously supported Kids' Chance of Maryland with \$4,710 raised for the scholarship charity. IWIF's golf outing is held yearly at Bulle Rock Golf Course in Havre de Grace, MD. The monies raised came from a silent auction, mulligan sales and donations. A big thank you to IWIF's agent partners and to those businesses who donated items to the silent auction.

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Kids' Chance of Maryland, Inc. is a 501(C3) non-profit charitable organization.

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 2006 academic year. Information and applications are available online at www.kidschance-md.org, or by calling 410-832-4702.

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I Had a Father Who Talked With Me

Author Unknown

I had a father who talked to me
Allowed me the right to disagree
To question, and always answered me
As well as he could - and truthfully

He talked of adventures: horrors of war
Of life, its meaning: what love was for
How each would always need to strive
To improve the world to keep it alive

Stressed the duty we owe each other
To be aware each man is a brother
Words for laughter he also spoke
A silly song or happy joke

Time runs along, some say I'm wise
That I look at life with seeing eyes
My heart is happy, my mind is free
I had a father who talked with me



Dear Kids' Chance friends,
Thank you so much for all your
help and support through the years.
My dreams are coming true largely
due to your fine organization. I already
have a great IT job and will be going
to corporate headquarters in Florida in a
couple of weeks for executive training.
You helped it happen! Thank you
Kevin

Congratulations

to **Kevin Gibson**, Kids' Chance of Maryland
scholarship recipient, on his recent graduation
with honors from Virginia Tech University.
Kevin received his Bachelor of Science
degree in Business Information Technology.



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of Maryland, Inc.**

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September 20, 2005. River
Run Golf Club, Ocean City.**

A Chance to Help, a Chance to Learn, a Chance to Care