

Gala Fundraiser a Big Success

May 18th Gala Raised \$35,000

May 18th was a proud moment for the honored guests, scholarship recipients and sponsors who made the 3rd annual Kids' Chance of Maryland Gala scholarship fundraiser a big success. More than 200 patrons and sponsors helped to raise \$35,000 for the scholarship fund. Kids' Chance of Maryland provides scholarships to qualifying children whose parent has been catastrophically injured or killed in the workplace.

The keynote speaker for this year's gala was Robert Clyatt, attorney from Valdosta, Georgia. In 1988, Robert conceived of the concept and founded Kids' Chance of Georgia, which was the first organization in the nation devoted to providing scholarship assistance to these deserving students.

A moving moment always of the evening is when a number of the scholarship recipients tell their personal stories of losing a parent and also of their goals for their education and their future. During this year's gala, Sunny Grimes, a sophomore at Hood College and Tasha Wilson, undergraduate honor student at the University of Maryland Eastern Shore, each told their stories of loss and remembrance of their fathers.



Above L-R standing; Kids' Chance Board Member Carole Smolkin, and guest speaker Edwin Mulitalo from the Baltimore Ravens, greet scholarship recipient Tasha Wilson and her mother.

Kids' Chance Treasurer, Jeff Horowitz, welcomed scholarship recipient Sunny Grimes.



Tasha Wilson is this year's recipient of the Charles J. Krysiak memorial scholarship that is given in his honor to a deserving KC scholarship recipient who fosters the principles of dedication, civility and kindness to others for the next generation.

Above L-R ; Kids' Chance Board Member Matt Paavola; scholarship recipients/speakers Sunny Grimes and Tasha Wilson; Nancy Kellar, Executive Director, and Donald Schildt, Kids' Chance Board Member.

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 2006 Fundraising Gala a big success.

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Kids' Chance President, Paul Rose, Nancy Kellar and guest speaker Edwin Mulitalo.



Kids' Chance of Georgia's founder and guest speaker, Bob Clyatt.



Kids' Chance Board Member Charles Krysiak, Jr. and Tasha Wilson, the 2006 Charles J. Krysiak scholarship award winner.



L-R; Mrs. Laura Grimes, Kids' Chance Secretary Woods Bennett, and Sunny Grimes, Kids' Chance Scholarship recipient.



In appreciation for his help on behalf of the Kids' Chance of Maryland 2006 Gala, the family of Charles J. Krysiak made a donation of new guitars to Baltimore Ravens, Edwin Mulitalo's *Big Ed's Band Foundation*.

Honoring

some of our 2006
Kids' Chance
Scholarship
recipients



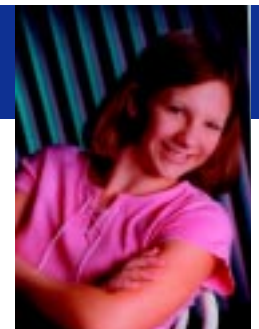
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A Chance to Care!

Bob & Joan Manns own Key Systems, Inc., an electrical business based in White Marsh. They heard about the good work that Kids' Chance of Maryland does from Paul Rose, KC of MD President. On behalf of their company, the Mann's wanted to make a meaningful charitable contribution after raising money through various fundraisers among their employees.

Joan Manns contacted Nancy Kellar to identify a deserving Kids' Chance student who was planning to attend a trade school. Nancy recommended Chad Free who had just graduated from High School and was accepted into the James Rumsey Technical Institute in West Virginia. Chad was enrolling in the automotive technology program. **After reading about the Free family in the Frederick News, Mrs. Manns offered to pay Chad's tuition in full for the Fall 2006 semester.** In addition, if Chad obtains good grades, the Manns plan to pay his Spring 2007 tuition as well. The Kids' Board of Directors would like to thank the Manns and Key Systems, Inc. for their generous support.



NCCI Donates \$1,000

The National Council on Compensation Insurance, Inc. (NCCI) graciously donated \$1,000 to the Kids' Chance of MD scholarship fund at the November KC Board meeting. L-R: Woods Bennett, KC Secretary; Lori Lovgren, State Relations Executive for NCCI; and Jeff Horowitz, KC Treasurer.

On July 17, 2006, Kids' Chance of Maryland sponsored a golf tournament in connection with the Southern Association of Workers' Compensation Administrators (SAWCA) Conference being held in Baltimore.



The tournament was held at the Turf Valley Resort. Special thanks to the following sponsors of this event: Cornblatt, Penhallegon & Roberson, McCormick & Company, Marcon Engineering, John Parkerson, M.D., Petroleum Management and the Angle Inn. A donation was made to Kids' Chance of America from the proceeds.

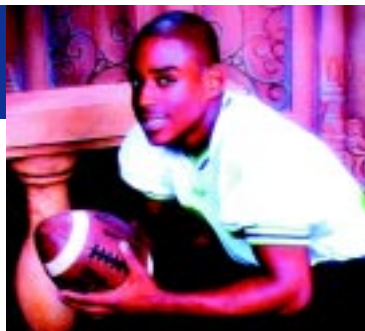
IWIF's Agents Golf Outing Helps Kids' Chance



On June 29, IWIF's agent partners and golfers generously supported Kids' Chance of Maryland with \$5,195 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 children of catastrophically injured or deceased workers achieve their education goals.

Kids' Chance is actively seeking scholarship applications for the 2007 academic year. Information and applications are available on-line at www.kidschance-md.org, or by calling 410-832-4702.

Board of Directors

For our Mothers You Were There

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You were there when we took our first steps,
And went unsteadily across the floor.
You pushed and prodded: encouraged and guided,
Until our steps took us out the door...

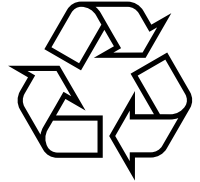
You worry now "Are they ok?"
Is there more you could have done?
As we walk the paths of our unknown
You wonder "Where have my children gone?"

Where we are is where you have led us,
With your special love you showed us a way,
To believe in ourselves and the decisions we make.
Taking on the challenge of life day-to-day.

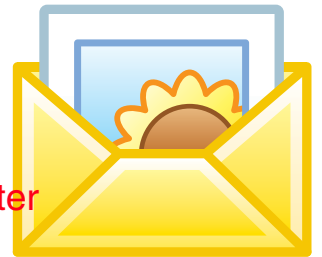
And where we go you can be sure,
In spirit you shall never be alone.
For where you are is what matters most to us,
Because to us that will always be home.

Recycling inkjet cartridges to benefit Kids' Chance of Maryland

Kids' Chance of Maryland is partnering with a recycling company to recycle empty inkjets and cell phones. Through this program we are raising funds for the Kids' Chance scholarship fund. The recycling company incurs all expenses, including shipping. If you would like to start this program at your business to benefit Kids' Chance, please contact Nancy Kellar at 410-832-4702.



Enclosed is an envelope
for your end-of-year gift to
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Thank you for helping to
make 2006 a little bit brighter
for 15 Maryland "kids."



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