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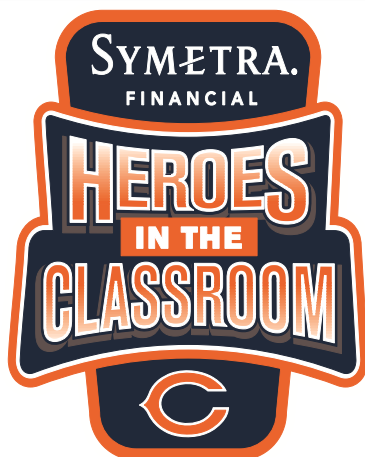
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It Bears Mentioning...

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Nominate Your Favorite Teacher



Do you know an amazing teacher who always goes the extra mile for their students? Have you ever wanted to do something special for them so they know their hard work and dedication is appreciated, but aren't sure what? Well here is your opportunity! The Bears and Symetra are working together to give people the chance to nominate extraordinary teachers for the recognition they richly deserve.

The Chicago Bears and Symetra Financial have partnered during the 2010 season to sponsor the "Symetra Heroes in the Classroom" program. Presented locally by Gallagher Benefit Services, the program recognizes Chicago area teachers for outstanding leadership and instructional skills.

Sixteen K-12 teachers in the Chicago area will be named a "Symetra Hero in the Classroom" during the 2010 NFL season. Teachers will be recognized in their schools at surprise presenta-

tions where they will receive a \$1,000 donation for classroom books and supplies. In addition, they will receive tickets to a 2010 Bears home game and will be honored on the video board at Soldier Field during the game.

The winners will be selected based on their ability to balance the core curriculum with students' individual needs; build trust among students, parents and the community; and invest in their students' long-term success.

For more information on the program and to nominate a teacher for the award, please visit www.ChicagoBears.com/community/HeroesintheClassroom.asp.

First Down for Fitness

Vice Chairman **George McCaskey** and cornerback **D.J. Moore** paid a visit to the Cotter Boys & Girls Club in Chicago on Wednesday, June 30. They were joined by Boys & Girls Clubs of Chicago CEO **Jim Keane** and trainers from AthletiCo Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy. The visit served as the finale event for the "First Down for Fitness" challenge, a program the Bears and AthletiCo implemented during the 2009—2010 school year to encourage kids at the Boys & Girls Clubs of Chicago and Lake County to get at least 60 minutes of physical activity each and every day.

Nearly 100 children who are part of Cotter Club's summer program participated in a fitness clinic led by the AthletiCo trainers. George and D.J. got in on the action by offering assistance and encouragement to the enthusiastic group of kids.

The "First Down for Fitness" challenge is one component of the Chicago Bears commitment to the NFL's "PLAY 60" initiative, which focuses on making the next generation of youth the most active and healthy.



Kids from the Cotter Boys & Girls Club "Played 60" during a visit by George McCaskey and D.J. Moore.

Rookies Visit Boys & Girls Club of Lake County



Dan LeFevour just misses a chance to stop a youth football player on his way to the endzone during “Bears Boot Camp.”

General Manager **Jerry Angelo**, his wife, **Bernie**, and the 2010 Bears rookie class, including **Freddie Barnes, Cornelius Brown, Levi Horn, Dan LeFevour, Greg Mathews, Matt Mayberry, Brandon Minor, Joshua Moore, Antonio Robinson, Quentin Scott, Averell Spicer, Barry Turner, Vince Vance, Tim Walter, J’Marcus Webb, Corey Wootton and Major Wright**, paid a visit to the Boys & Girls Club of Lake County (BGCLC) in Waukegan on Friday, June 11 for some fun, food and football.

The morning started out with the rookies conducting a “Bears Boot Camp” for kids who are part of the Club’s summer program. They learned basic football skills and had a great time catching passes and playing with the newest members of the Bears. Each child received a signed certificate acknowledging their completion of “Bears Boot Camp,” as well as a barbecue lunch.

The players also joined Jerry and Bernie Angelo for a ribbon-cutting ceremony to officially unveil the new BGCLC Teen Center. During the ceremony, a \$15,000 check from Bears Care, the charitable beneficiary of the Chicago Bears, was presented to BGCLC, which will enable the club to purchase laptops for the Teen Center’s computer room.

This visit was the first in a series of volunteer activities the Bears rookies will support as part of the “Rookie Rally” program, which was created by the Bears Community Relations department to involve

the team’s first-year players, as a group, in charitable activities throughout the season. The “Rookie Rally” program helps the rookies learn more about their new community, serve several worthwhile charitable organizations in the area, and bond together as a group through volunteerism.

Chicago Police Memorial Foundation

Bears Vice Chairman **George McCaskey** and senior director of administration **John Bostrom** joined representatives from the Blackhawks, Bulls, Cubs and White Sox, along with officials from the Chicago Police Memorial Foundation (CPMF) and the City of Chicago, on Tuesday, June 22 as the CPMF announced its plans to design, build and install a sculpture to pay tribute to Chicago police officers who have suffered catastrophic injuries in the line of duty. The project will be made possible due to an unprecedented joint effort initiated by Chicago’s five major professional sports teams to provide financial support that will fund a large portion of the new memorial. The Chicago Police Memorial is located just east of Soldier Field in Chicago.

The Chicago Police Memorial Foundation is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to honoring the lives and memories of our fallen heroes. The Foundation provides support and assistance to the families of Chicago Police Officers who were killed or catastrophically injured in the line of duty.

McCaskey Visits Local Youth Agencies

Vice Chairman **George McCaskey** visited two Chicago area youth agencies during the month of July to lend a hand. On Thursday, July 8 George visited the Altgeld site of By the Hand Club for Kids where he helped kids with their daily reading lessons. The 30 kids in attendance belong to the club’s summer program. By the Hand is an after-school program with an emphasis on academics and a commitment to nurturing the whole child—mind, body and soul. Founded in Cabrini-Green and located strategically throughout some of Chicago’s most impoverished inner-city communities, where underfunded and overcrowded schools abound, By the Hand is filling a special need—and with great success. For more information about By the Hand, please visit www.bythehand.org.

The following week, on Tuesday, July 13, George visited Allendale Association in Lake Villa to help out with the organization’s annual Summer Olympics. During the three-day event, the kids compete in a wide variety of events. During his time at the Summer Olympics, George hopped into the lake to start the kayak races, and also helped out with the watermelon relay. Allendale Association is a private, not-for-profit organization dedicated to excellence and innovation in the care, education, treatment and advocacy for troubled children, youth and their families. It is a home to over 150 boys and girls between the ages of 7 and 21, and a school for over 200 children in grades K-12. To learn more about Allendale, please visit www.allendale4kids.org.



George McCaskey visited with residents at Allendale Association during their Summer Olympics.

16th Annual “Golf for Kids”

The 16th annual “Golf for Kids” fundraising event and partnership between the Bears and North Park University was held on Wednesday, June 9. With 144 participants, it was the largest turnout in nearly a decade for the event, which was held at Chevy Chase Country Club in Wheeling for the sixth straight year. “Golf for Kids” supports the university’s programs for urban youth in the neighborhood surrounding the school.

North Park graduate **Brian McCaskey**, the Bears senior director of business development, attended the benefit along with kicker **Robbie Gould** and rookies **J’Marcus Webb**, **Levi Horn**, **Averell Spicer** and **Tim Walter**. Bears alums who participated included Hall of Fame defensive lineman **Dan Hampton**, tight end **James Thornton**, special teams standout **Glen Kozlowski** and end **Jim Keane**, who played for the 1946 championship squad.

The Bears donated three jerseys autographed by Gould, quarterback **Jay Cutler** and defensive end **Julius Peppers**, and also put together a live auction package that included four tickets to a game.



2010 marked the 16th year the Bears and North Park University have partnered to present “Golf for Kids.”



Corey Wootton offered instruction to a camper during a visit to a Chicago Bears Youth Football Camp session.

The **2010 Bears Rookie Class** shared their football expertise with 130 kids at a Chicago Bears Youth Football Camps session in Lincoln Park on Friday, June 18. The players assisted camp coaches by running kids through numerous football drills and teaching them a variety of non-contact football skills and activities. This event was the second in a series of volunteer activities the Bears rookies will support as part of the “Rookie Rally” program.

Chicago Bears Youth Football Camps are the official youth camps of the Chicago Bears. Participants learn to run, throw, catch, defend, form block, form tackle and explode out of a stance with proper technique and improved speed. The week-long camps feature safe, non-contact football instruction and athletic development as well as instruction about good nutrition, proper hydration, and rest and recovery for children ages 6-14. The camps are led by professional educators, with supplemental instruction provided by Bears Heroes such as **Robin Earl**, **Allan Ellis**, **Kris Haines**, **Al Harris**, **Jim Morrissey**, **Mickey Pruitt**, **Revie Sorey** and others. For more information, please visit www.BearsCamps.com. The Chicago Bears Youth Football Camps are sponsored by Gatorade.

National Junior Disability Championships

Vice Chairman **George McCaskey**, cornerback **D.J. Moore** and tackle **Chris Williams** were introduced to a whole new style of football on Monday, July 19 when they participated in a wheelchair football game at Lake Forest High School as part of the 2010 National Junior Disability Championships (NJDC), which were hosted by the Great Lakes Adaptive Sports Association (GLASA).

George, D.J. and Chris each got into a wheelchair and played with the 50 athletes in attendance for over an hour before stormy weather put an end to the competition. The game was led by Keith Wallace, a volunteer from Lincolnwood Special Recreation. It was a hard fought contest, with the athletes showing no mercy to their Bears counterparts. After the rain moved into the area, everyone moved indoors where the athletes and their families had a chance to visit with George, D.J. and Chris. They finished the afternoon exhausted, inspired and with a new appreciation for the game of wheelchair football.

During their time at the NJDC, George and the players met athletes who represented our country at the 2010 Paralympic Winter Games in Vancouver, as well as others who are currently training at the Colorado Springs Olympic Training Center in preparation for the 2010 Summer Games in London.

The National Junior Disability Championships are an eight-day event that brought together over 300 elite athletes from 27 states, Canada and Bermuda to compete in seven different sports. 2010 marked the 26th year of the NJDC, but the first time they were held in Chicago. The athletes ranged between 7 and 21 years of age and met the appropriate Disabled Sports Organization qualifying standards at a sanctioned regional qualifying meet or competition. For more information, please visit www.GLASA.org.



George McCaskey and Chris Williams got into the action during a wheelchair football game.