



IT BEARS MENTIONING.....

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BEARS OFFENSIVE LINE PROVIDES HOLIDAY CELEBRATION OF A LIFETIME!



Thanks to the generosity of Chicago Bears offensive line coach Bob Wylie and all members of the Bears offensive line, 100 lucky children from the Chicago Housing Authority had the holiday celebration of a lifetime during the weekend of December 14-15. Coach Wylie and all thirteen offensive linemen (Marc Colombo, Kevin Dogins, Steve Edwards, Mike Gandy,



Aaron Gibson, Olin Kreutz, Patrick Mannelly, Terrence Metcalf, Bernard Robertson, Rex Tucker, Chris Villarrial, Josh Warner and James "Big Cat" Williams) each donated \$1,000 to make this dream weekend come true. This \$14,000 was matched by 50% through the team's charitable foundation, Bears Care (a fund of the Robert R. McCormick Foundation) to bring the grand total to \$21,000. This money was used to purchase \$200 Toys "R" Us gift certificates for each of the children. The festivities began for these 100 fortunate tykes on Saturday at 1:00 p.m. when they were bused from Chicago to a hotel in Decatur. That night, Monicals Pizza donated a variety of pizzas, so the children could enjoy a good old-fashioned pizza party.

Courtesy of the Bears, the children spent the night in Decatur – although it remains in question how many were actually able



to fall asleep! Early Sunday morning, they boarded the buses

for their short trip to the Toys "R" Us store in Champaign. The Toys "R" Us staff greeted the group with a complimentary breakfast and the offer of 10% off everything in the store. So, armed with their \$200 gift certificates, all 100 children embarked on a shopping spree for at least two books and whatever else their hearts desired. After the 2-hour shopping spree concluded, the children were bused to Memorial Stadium where they watched their Bears beat the Jets 20-13. Prior to



the start of the game, several members of the Bears offensive line visited the children in their field-level seats to sign autographs and pose for pictures.



JIM AND TED'S EXCELLENT ADVENTURE

It was a sight you don't typically see.... Ted Washington and Jim Miller strolling through the aisles of Kohl's....shopping for children's coats. This, however, was a special shopping spree

as Ted and Jim were supporting the 14th Annual Chicago Bears Coat Drive. Ted and Jim each spent \$2,000 on coats while Kohl's extended a special discount to the players of 50% off all coat prices for the event. The coats, with a retail value of \$8,000, were then loaded



into a Salvation

Army van to be given to needy families during the holiday season. The Chicago Bears and The Home Depot kicked off the 14th Annual Coat Drive at a press conference on November 1. The Coat Drive runs through January 15, 2003, and new or gently used coats can still be dropped off at all Salvation Army locations and all Lou Malnati's restaurants and carry-out locations.

Please call (773) 205-3545



for help in finding the Salvation Army location nearest you. Donations will benefit the Salvation Army and public schools in the greater Chicagoland area. The Chicago Bears extend a very special Thank You to The Home Depot and its associates for their generous donation of \$20,000 toward the Coat Drive. Other groups instrumental in helping with the Coat Drive include Wm. Meyers Movers, Inc. and the Salvation Army.



CHICAGO BEARS AND KRAFT FOODS "TAKEAWAY HUNGER" PROGRAM



Watching an interception is never easy, but Bears players had a little extra incentive this year. For every interception by a Bears player during the 2002 season, Kraft Foods donated \$250 to Bears Care, a fund of the Robert R. McCormick Tribune Foundation (the charitable arm of the Chicago Bears), as part of the "Takeaway Hunger" Program. Kraft's donation total for the entire 2002 football season equals \$2,250 - thanks to Mike Brown (3 interceptions), Reggie Austin (2 interceptions), Damon Moore (1 interception), R.W. McQuarters (1 interception), Bobby Howard (1 interception) and Brian Urlacher (1 interception). The Chicago Bears thank Kraft Foods for this generous donation.

SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO TOWN.....

Bears defensive end Phillip Daniels dressed as Santa Claus and delivered toys to the boys and girls at the American Brain Tumor Association's annual Holiday party on December 17. More than 20 families from across the greater Chicago metropolitan area attended the party. Children from these families had the chance to meet Daniels and participate in craft making activities.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU
 Mike Gandy.....January 3, 1979
 Travis Coleman.....January 4, 1980
 Alfonso Boone.....January 11, 1976
 Paul Edinger.....January 17, 1978
 Reggie Austin.....January 21, 1977
 Eric Joyce.....January 21, 1978
 Bryan Knight.....January 22, 1979
 Terrence Metcalf.....January 28, 1978



" SUPER BOWL SWEEPS "

Rockford Area Habitat for Humanity has once again partnered with Bears Care, a fund of the Robert R. McCormick Tribune Foundation, for the eighth annual "Super Bowl Sweeps" raffle promotion. The purchaser of the winning ticket in "Super Bowl Sweeps" wins the following prize package:

- Four (4) tickets to Super Bowl XXXVII on January 26, 2003 at Qualcomm Stadium in San Diego, California
- Round-trip airfare for four (4), donated by United Airlines, from Chicago to San Diego
- Hotel accommodations of two rooms for five nights at the Hyatt Regency La Jolla in San Diego

The number of tickets to be sold is limited to only 2,000, and each ticket costs \$30.00. The winning ticket in "Super Bowl Sweeps" will be drawn on January 16, 2003. Tickets for "Super Bowl Sweeps" are available at all eight Alpine Bank facilities located in Winnebago County, IL. Tickets may also be purchased by Master Card or Visa credit card by utilizing the website: www.RockfordHabitat.org. Credit card sales are not available at Alpine bank locations.

WHEELS FOR ROCKY

Linebacker Brian Urlacher, wide receiver David Terrell, defensive end Phillip Daniels and defensive end Bryan Robinson joined an intimate group of 125 people at a fundraising gala at ABC-7 Studios on December 17. The event was originally planned to raise money for a handicapped-accessible van for Rocky Clark, a former football player from Eisenhower High School who was injured while playing football. However, at the event, Montell Chevrolet generously donated the van. Therefore, all proceeds from the event will go towards upgrades to the van. The evening included a cocktail reception, live musical entertainment and a live auction. The concept to hold the event was created by Rob Komosa, a friend who suffered a similar football-related injury.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR.....

1/16/02	Deadline to purchase raffle tickets for the Habitat for Humanity "Super Bowl Sweeps"
2/21-23/02	Chicago Bears Fan Convention at the Hilton Chicago
4/26-27/03	NFL Draft
5/9/03	8 th Annual Bears Care Gala