



IT BEARS MENTIONING....

March 2004

HAPPY CAMPERS



In order to make it in the pros, football players must learn the proper fundamentals at an early age. That is why the Bears are once again offering the Chicago Bears Youth Football Camps. These camps provide the best foundation for youngsters to learn the game of football and improve their skills. Even if your child does not have aspirations to be the next Brian Urlacher or Marty Booker, the camps are a great place for boys and girls to make friends, practice teamwork, develop life skills, and just have fun. The camps are led by professional educators with high school, college, or professional football experience. In addition, Bears Heroes - former Bears players - provide supplemental instruction and motivation throughout the week. The camps provide a terrific balance of on-field and off-the-



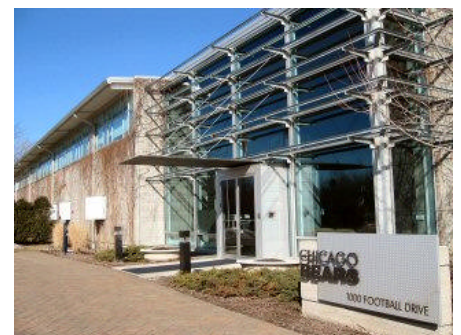
field activities. They will be offered through local park districts and YMCAs in fifteen different neighborhoods throughout Chicagoland including Lake Forest, Northbrook, Bloomingdale, Arlington Heights, Glen Ellyn, Rockford, plus others. The camps are full-day, week-long sessions, and they begin in early June 2004. For more information or to sign-up, please call (312) 226-7776 or log on to www.ChicagoBears.com or www.ProSportsExperience.com.



ANGELS WILL TOUR HALAS HALL!


How frustrating would it be for a person to know that dramatic lifesaving breakthroughs currently exist that would likely cure his or her leukemia, yet not be able to take advantage of them due to inadequate resources or a lack of medical insurance? The Brooke's Angels program was created to benefit Bears Care, a fund

of the McCormick Tribune Foundation, supporting such charities as the Robert H. Lurie Cancer Center of Northwestern Memorial Hospital. Through this program, Bears Care will support lifesaving cures for those who cannot afford them. "Angels Among Us: Creating Lifesaving Miracles," is a very special Brooke's Angels event that will be held on Sunday, March 14, 2004 from 3:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. at Halas Hall, the Chicago Bears headquarters in Lake Forest. This delightful event will feature Tea, Tour, and enTertainment. All guests will enjoy an assortment of delicious teas and treats, a rare behind-the-scenes tour of the Bears' fabulous home, and a wonderful dramatization of "Halas by Halas" (Papa Bear's autobiography) by Barbara Rinella. There will also be a silent auction for several exciting prizes. We invite you to "be an angel" and join us for this memorable day to support this very worthy cause. Tickets for the event are \$200, \$500, or \$1,000 each. Please contact the Bears Care office at (847) 739-5325 to reserve your space.



SUPPORTING A GREAT CAUSE

The Chicago Bears and Bears Care, a fund of the Robert R. McCormick Tribune Foundation, recently concluded the 8th annual Hunt for Food and Shelter fundraiser. We are pleased to announce that this year's fundraiser raised nearly \$100,000 to benefit food pantries and shelters throughout Chicagoland. These proceeds were matched by 50% through the partnership with the McCormick Tribune Foundation bringing the total to almost \$150,000, which allows disadvantaged families the resources and opportunities needed to improve their quality of life. This successful fundraiser would not have been possible without the generosity of our co-sponsors Abbott Laboratories, Aon, I-mag-jen Charities, Turner Barton Malow Kenny Construction, and VISA. One component of the annual fundraiser is the "Kids Helping Kids Make the Winning Team" program. This program educates young adults about smart philanthropy and teaches them the importance of giving back to their community. Participating schools were given collection cans, stickers and posters to promote the competition. The Super Star schools, the two schools that raised the most money, were Tinley Park High School in Tinley Park and



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU
David Terrell..... March 13, 1979
Bryan Anderson..... March 30, 1980

Hunting Ridge Elementary School in Palatine. Both of these schools won a super prize package, which includes a school visit and a talk from a Chicago Bears player or coach. Local businesses also helped support the Hunt for Food and Shelter fundraiser through the "Business Blitz to Tackle Hunger." Businesses placed a collection can in their storefronts, and the two businesses that raised the most money were invited to bring four guests to watch practice and have lunch at Halas Hall, Lake Forest, Illinois. The top two businesses from the 2003 "Business Blitz to Tackle Hunger" were Jewel and The Left Bank Pizza, both located in Lake Forest. Congratulations to all!

FEELING LUCKY?

Who would you take if you won a trip to Super Bowl XXXI X in Jacksonville? How would you spend \$5,000 cash? How many new friends would you have if you won a premium golf package which includes eight foursomes at some of Chicago's finest golf courses? You can be among the lucky winners who will have to answer these difficult questions because these terrific prizes, plus many others, will be awarded through the 2004 Bears Care Gala raffle drawing on May 14, 2004. Raffle tickets are \$50 each or five for \$200, and the winner does not need to be present at the Gala to win. This elegant black tie event, "Brian's Song...So That Others May Live To Sing," is in memory of former Chicago Bear, Brian Piccolo, who died of cancer at the age of 26. Proceeds from the Gala will support breast and ovarian cancer research and treatment programs at Rush University Medical Center, Northwestern Memorial Hospital, and John H. Stroger, Jr. Hospital of Cook County. Take a chance on winning a fabulous prize while helping to score a victory in the battle against breast and ovarian cancer! Please make checks payable to: Bears Care, 1000 Football Drive, Lake Forest, IL, 60045. Credit card orders may be mailed to the address above or sent via facsimile to (847) 739-5625. Please contact the Bears Care office at (847) 739-5325 if you have any questions.



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