



IT BEARS MENTIONING.....

June 2003

WE COULD HAVE DANCED ALL NIGHT



The ballroom of the Ritz-Carlton Chicago was abuzz with excitement on Friday, May 9 during the 8th Annual Bears Care Gala. Over 500 guests donned tuxedos or elegant evening gowns to join in the celebration of this magical evening. The music of the Ken Arlen Orchestra filled the air, and the guest list included many Bears coaches, players and top management.

One of the highlights of the Gala was the amazing raffle, and guests showed their tremendous generosity by purchasing countless raffle tickets for the chance to win one of many terrific prizes. Some of the "Super Prizes" in the raffle included: a trip for two to the 2004 Super Bowl in Houston; round-

trip tickets for two anywhere in the world United flies; \$5,000 cash; and the ultimate dream trip for a die-hard Bears fan - a weekend stay for two at the Bears hometown hotel and a unique game day experience at the new Soldier Field.



The evening also included a live auction and featured Ron Magers as the celebrity auctioneer. The live auction prizes included: a spa package to the Lake Austin Spa in Austin, Texas; an amazing off-season tour and private cocktail party at the new Soldier Field; a relaxing one-week stay in the Italian countryside of Tuscany's Chianti Classico wine region; a once-in-a-lifetime Bears road trip for a super fan - seats for two on the Chicago Bears team charter to an away game, a room at the team hotel and transportation to the game on the Bears team buses; a fabulous evening for ten people at Wildfire in Lincolnshire; and the ultimate Cubs fan package consisting of throwing out



the first pitch and a fantastic autographed Sammy Sosa jersey.

While Bears Care, a fund of the Robert R. McCormick Tribune Foundation, provides grants to a variety of programs, the Bears Care Gala is designed to fund researchers who are leaders in their field in the fight against breast and ovarian cancer and help extend breakthroughs to low income women. In the past eight years, the Bears Care Galas have raised over \$4 million to support breast cancer research and treatment. This year alone approximately 205,000 new cases of breast cancer and 24,000 new cases of ovarian cancer will be diagnosed in this country. Bears Care supports focused research aimed at preventing and screening these devastating diseases and improving current methods of treatment. For additional information regarding Bears Care, please contact the Bears Care office at (847) 739-5325.



BEYOND THE TEXTBOOKS....

Chicago Bears general manager Jerry Angelo went back to the classroom for two days recently to talk to middle school students about character development, goal setting, dedication



to achieving those goals, and commitment to excellence.

Angelo and Bears linebacker Bryan Knight visited A.J. Katzenmaier Middle School on

May 28 where they addressed a crowd of 250 4th - 6th graders.

Defensive end Joe Tafoya joined Angelo on May 29 at Wauconda Middle School where they spoke to 600 7th and 8th grade students.

These school visits are an extension of the Bears School Outreach program, where Bears players and staff visit Chicago Public Schools every Tuesday during the off-season to speak to, motivate, and interact with students. Bears School Outreach is sponsored by Boeing, and over 7,000 students benefit from this program on an annual basis.



HOME, SWEET HOME

When the new residents of the most recently constructed Rockford Area Habitat for Humanity house move into their home, they might decide to paint one room orange and blue. That is because five second-year Bears players - defensive end Alex Brown, linebacker Bryan Knight, offensive tackle Mike Gandy, guard Terrence Metcalf and safety Bobby Gray - traded their uniforms and helmets for

hammers and tool belts on Saturday, May 10 to help build the home. The players spent the day at the Rockford Area Habitat for

Humanity construction site carrying framed walls, pounding nails and helping with other aspects of the home build.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU

Alex Brown.....June 4, 1979

Henry Burris.....June 4, 1975

Olin Kreutz.....June 9, 1977

Bernard Robertson.....June 9, 1979

Chris Villarrial....June 9, 1973

Bobbie Howard.....June 14, 1977

Bobby Setzer.....June 16, 1976

Bryan Robinson.....June 22, 1974

Founded in 1988, Rockford Area Habitat for Humanity is a nonprofit ecumenical Christian group that builds decent housing for families in need. The group has built 38 homes in the Rockford area and has plans for 12 more this year, providing affordable housing to 45 adults and 116 children. Habitat offers a hand-up, not a handout. Habitat acquires the home sites and the necessary materials, tools, and labor for construction - much of which is donated. Families are selected on the basis of need, and they must invest their own "sweat equity" by helping volunteers build the home. Once the home is completed, the family purchases it from Habitat under an interest-free mortgage. Mortgage payments are then utilized to help build Habitat homes for other families.

YOU ARE NEVER TOO COOL FOR SCHOOL



The professors teaching the independent-study courses in social work at the University of Georgia might do a double-take as they glance through their class list at the beginning of the semester. That is because one of their students is none other than Chicago Bears starting defensive end, Phillip Daniels. Phillip had been working toward his degree in social work at Georgia when the Seattle Seahawks drafted him in the fourth round in 1996. Although Phillip has maintained a very successful NFL career for the past eight years and has reaped the financial benefits of his success, he understands the extreme importance of education. Therefore, instead of hitting the golf courses during the off-season, Phillip hits the books. He is currently in the process of finishing the requirements for a degree in social work and expects to graduate in 2004. Way to go, Phillip!

NEW SOLDIER FIELD FACTS

Most football fans would think that it doesn't get much better than a Monday Night Football game on a late September evening featuring the Chicago Bears vs. the Green Bay Packers, right? Well, think again. Because this particular game not only pits the two oldest NFL franchises against each other, but the showdown between these two rivals will be played during the grand opening of the new Soldier Field. Construction on the new stadium began in January 2002, and just twenty months later it will accommodate a sell-out crowd on September 29, 2003. While Bears fans will immediately notice the visual improvements of the new stadium such as better sightlines, wider aisles and concourses, more restrooms, greatly improved concession stands, two huge video boards, and more televisions; most people will not realize all of the behind-the-scenes work that went into constructing this first class facility. For example, did you know that the new Soldier Field features:

- ✓ 150,000 cubic yards of excavation
- ✓ 2,800 steel piles
- ✓ 40,000 cubic yards of concrete
- ✓ 2,915 tons of rebar
- ✓ 310,000 square feet of precast
- ✓ 575,000 square feet of metal decking
- ✓ 590,000 square feet of masonry
- ✓ 190,000 square feet of glass curtain wall
- ✓ 2,250 linear feet of custom stone countertops
- ✓ 1,600 doors
- ✓ 30,000 square feet of carpeting
- ✓ 2,500 plumbing fixtures
- ✓ 36 miles of piping
- ✓ 335 tons of sheet metal
- ✓ 14,000 light fixtures
- ✓ 1,250,000 watts of sports lighting
- ✓ 20,000 circuit breakers

MARK YOUR CALENDAR.....

June 2, 2003	Golf for Kids at North Park University
June 11, 2003	Sailors from Great Lakes Naval Station visit Halas Hall
June 13-15, 2003	Special Olympics Illinois Summer Games
June 19, 2003	i*mag*jen Charities golf outing
June 15, 2003	Father's Day
June 26, 2003	Chicago Bears "Paws for a Cause" volunteer project (playground build at Niles YMCA)

