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WELCOME TO THE
Wood Family Foundation's Monthly Newsletter

- 3rd Annual Woody's Winter Warm-Up Success -



Woody's Winter Warm-Up Harry Caray's Navy Pier Tavern January 17, 2014

Third time's the charm for our annual Woody's Winter Warm-Up fundraiser at Harry Caray's Navy Pier Tavern. This year was incredibly successful and allowed us to raise over \$108,000 for Chicago's kids!

We are so grateful to our partners and supporters that contributed to this year's success including Carmel Entertainment, AGB Investigative Services, Auctions By Cellular and of course our friends at Harry Caray's! Our sponsors this year included JEM Luxury, Draper Kramer, Sloan Valve, The Chicago Cubs and the Ricketts Family.

This year's red carpet was hosted by Candace Jordan and our very own scholar, Gaby Santoyo followed by MC's Pete McMurray and Catie Keogh! Each special guest contributed to the evening promoting our talent, auction, celebrity bartenders and more!



Throughout the night guests enjoyed several performances by Robert Randolph on the steel guitar, The Lovehammers acoustic set, DJ Bret Bassi and J Curr and Art Beat Live painter, Elliot From, who produced a Blackhawks painting for the live auction!



Thanks to celebrity bartenders like Mark Prior, Anthony Rizzo, Darwin Barney and more, guests enjoyed Woody's Smokin' Pitch cocktails and gave a large number of tips in support of WFF!





WFF would like to thank our amazing group of auction donors that contributed to the funds raised by providing quality donations for our live and silent auctions, thank you all so much! Auction highlights include a BlackHawks package with game tickets, a signed jersey, dinner and a hotel stay! Live items included a spot on the Wiffle For A Diffele Celebrity team and a Spring Training trip to the new Cubs Park in Mesa, AZ.

Auction set-up, registration, and more would not be possible without the heart and soul of our superb volunteers. Thank you for joining us to serve our city's youth!

This year's incredible in-kind supporters include Aloha Document Services, Media House LLC, Three V Grafax and O'Hare-Midway Limousine Service.



Without the support of the many groups that believe in us, we would not be able to host fun events like Woody's Winter Warm-Up! Thank you for stepping up to the plate for Chicago's kids with us!



Save The Date!

The 2nd Annual Woody's Wiffle Ball Classic will be held

at Wrigley Field on Friday, August 15, 2014

WOODY'S
**WIFFLE BALL
CLASSIC**

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More details to follow, if you are interested in being a sponsor please contact

-Volunteer Spotlight-



Volunteers represent the true core of the Wood Family Foundation. Throughout each of our events and programs our volunteers represent us in a positive manner, work extended hours and participate in making a difference in the lives of Chicago's kids.

Cally Raddatz is an exceptional volunteer that has set the bar high for future volunteers. Cally has contributed to each of our events and programs but her legacy will always be coaching the WFF Baseball Clinic! Thank you for devoting your time and energy to WFF, we are so lucky to have you!

What first inspired you to get involved with the Wood Family Foundation?

I heard Kerry and Sarah needed help with the first Baseball Clinic at Ogden Park and after seeing how enthusiastic they were about the event, I decided to help coach. After my first day with the kids I was hooked. Every staff member and volunteer was so excited because of what they were doing for the kids, it was incredible. WFF is offering so much more than just a jacket or a few days of fun, they are offering these kids the opportunity to succeed.

If you were to pitch the Wood Family Foundation volunteer experience to future volunteers, what would you say?

Every event is incredibly different yet equally rewarding. The staff is very good at finding the right task for each volunteer, empowering them to make a difference. The Foundation has helped me to grow personally and learn new skills of my own.

You served an essential role in the summer baseball clinic in Englewood, do you have a favorite story?

The first year I noticed that there were about twelve girls ranging in ages from nine to about fifteen that weren't really participating. The next day I brought softball equipment and took them onto another field and witnessed a huge change. Even some of the young women who were there as chaperons jumped in to play. The youngest girl was very shy and seemed intimidated by older girls but when she got up to bat, that all faded away. By the end of the day she was talking with everyone and was truly enjoying herself. The instant transformation really stuck with me!

- WFF Partner Spotlight -

WFF is proud and honored to have Kenny Kim Photography as our exclusive photography partner. Thanks to Kenny's exceptional eye and ability to capture the moment, we are able to share the story of our events and programs with our supporters, partners and donors. Kenny provides quality photos and is a true pleasure to work with!



Visit <http://www.kennykim.com> to see Kenny's work and schedule your photo session!



- Local Spotlight-

Looking for a new scent? Ellie Perfume, founded by Jessica Dunne, is a quality fragrance featured at several of WFF's events. Ellie Perfume is available at Space 519 on Michigan Avenue, as well as online <http://www.space519.com>.

Visit <http://www.elliedperfume.com> to learn more about the fragrances and founder.

Thank you for your continued support Jessica!

- Be Social -

WFF is excited about our increased use of social media! If you haven't already, follow us on twitter, like us on Facebook, and view our photos on Instagram! By connecting with us via social media you are helping us spread the word, raise awareness and increase the number of folks that can reach Chicago's kids in need.

Thank you for your support!



- About WFF -

The Wood Family Foundation is a non-profit 501c3 organization founded in June 2011 by Chicago Cubs pitcher Kerry Wood and his wife Sarah. WFF works to improve the lives of Chicago's kids by raising funds and awareness for their children's programs. Despite the curve balls that may come their way, every child should be given a chance in life, regardless of resources, opportunity, or geography. That's why the Wood Family Foundation prides itself as an advocate for Chicago area children, providing support not just on a one-time

basis but through long-term relationships with kids and their communities, ensuring the consistency and emotional structure they need to succeed.

*We believe all kids have potential.
We're here to help them swing for the fences.*



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