



IT BEARS MENTIONING.....

November 2006

ONE OF OUR OWN

Head coach **Lovie Smith**, wide receiver **Muhsin Muhammad**, and chairman **Michael McCaskey** presented a \$110,000 check on behalf of the entire Chicago Bears organization to Rasul "Rocky" Clark during a press conference at the Walter Payton Center on Monday, October 30. Rocky is a former high school football player who sustained a broken neck during a routine play of a high school football game - rendering him a quadriplegic. The entire Bears organization rallied together to support this giving initiative for Rocky, including ownership, players, staff, and Bears Care, the team's charitable beneficiary. The press



(L-R) Muhsin Muhammad, Michael McCaskey, Lovie Smith, Annette Clark, Rob Komosa and Rocky Clark pose for a photo during a press conference announcing a donation to the Rocky Clark Fund.

conference also served as a means to announce the book, "Great Moments in Football Halftime," which is a new fundraising program for Rocky Clark and Rob Komosa, another former high school football player who was paralyzed while playing high school football. "Great Moments in Football Halftime" is a compilation of personal stories, anecdotes, interviews, and reflections from nearly 50 professional and collegiate football coaches about memorable halftime moments. Proceeds from book sales will directly benefit Rocky and Rob. In addition, a portion of the proceeds will be retained in a fund to assist future high school football players who suffer a catastrophic spinal cord injury. "Great Moments in Football Halftime" is available at the Bears Pro Shops during all home games or it can be purchased online at www.rockyclark.org or www.robkomosa.org.

HAPPY HALLOWEEN!

Bears linebackers **Leon Joe** and **Rod Wilson** attended a Halloween party for over 400 children from the Chicago Housing Authority at the Chicago Park District's new facility, Fosco Park, on the city's south side on Tuesday, October 31. The kids had the opportunity to participate in various Halloween activities, including face painting and a haunted house. Leon and Rod took part in many of the festivities and signed autographs for the kids as they received their trick-or-treat bags on their way home.



Rod Wilson and Leon Joe posed with kids from the Chicago Housing Authority during their Halloween Party.

HOMETOWN HUDDLE

Guard **Roberto Garza** joined the 2006 Bears Rookie Class in supporting the Bears/United Way "Hometown Huddle" on Tuesday, October 10 by participating in a hands-on volunteer project at ChildServ, a residential group home for teenage boys in Lisle, IL. The helpful Bears worked with the kids on converting a basement room into a workout facility by assembling new fitness equipment and installing rubber flooring. Established in 1999, the "Hometown Huddle" is a NFL league-wide day of service that provides NFL players and coaches from all 32 teams the opportunity to take part in a variety of community service activities, such as

building homes for low-income families, visiting local military bases, or painting classrooms. The event was also the third of four volunteer activities the entire Bears rookie class will participate in 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.

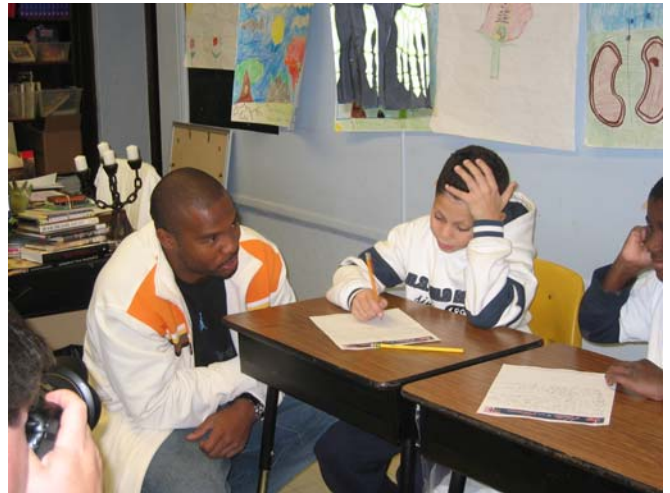


Members of the Bears 2006 Rookie Class worked to assemble fitness equipment during the Bears/United Way Hometown Huddle.

THINKING OF YOU

Bears linebacker **Lance Briggs** visited Belding Elementary School in Chicago, and defensive end **Israel Idonije** visited Attea Middle School in Glenview on Tuesday, October 24 in support of the Bears "Hello to Our Heroes" program. Lance and Israel helped students write letters to men and women of the military who are currently stationed overseas. The kids wrote about current events back home while thanking the soldiers for their bravery and wishing them a safe return home. As part of this program, which is sponsored by Staples, a Bears player visits a different school once a month during the football season to help

students write letters that the USO will distribute to American troops serving overseas. Staples provides letter writing kits to the students, as well as to the service men and women who receive the students' letters.



Lance Briggs helped a student with his letter to be sent overseas to a soldier serving in the armed forces.

STAPLES

that was easy



Tank Johnson and Adrian Peterson posed for a photo with one of the Navy's newest sailors during a visit to the Great Lakes Naval Station.



Log on to www.whatmovesu.com or www.chicagobears.com/community to learn more about the new What Moves U fitness initiative.



Mark Levoir, Danieal Manning and Tyler Reed visited Chicago Vocational Career Academy in support of the YFL program.

YOUTH FOR LIFE

Tight ends **Desmond Clark** and **John Gilmore**, safeties **Chris Harris** and **Danieal Manning**, tackle **Mark Levoir**, running back **P.J. Pope**, fullback **J.D. Runnels**, and guard **Tyler Reed** supported the "Youth For Life: Remembering Walter Payton" program during the months of September and October. The program is presented to thousands of area high school students annually and teaches teens about the importance of organ and tissue donation, and the choice they or their



family may some day have to make. The YFL assemblies include guest speakers who share their personal experiences about choosing organ donation after the loss of a loved one. YFL was founded in 2001 by four Chicago area teens in honor of Walter Payton, the legendary Bears running back who died in 1999 of a liver ailment, while awaiting a transplant. The Chicago Bears are proud to recognize Walgreens for their support in the "Youth for Life: Remembering Walter Payton" campaign. Please visit www.chicagobears.com to learn more about this important initiative.

TAKE A BEAR TO SCHOOL

Bears guard **Roberto Garza** gave 6th grader Braxton Perry a day he won't soon forget on Tuesday, October 31 when he joined Braxton for the morning at Thompson Elementary in Lake Villa as part of the NFL's "Take a Player to School Day." Braxton's day began with Roberto picking him up from his house in a limo and taking him to school, where all of his classmates were eagerly awaiting their arrival.

Braxton was the star of the school as he introduced Roberto at an assembly for all of the students. Roberto talked to kids about the importance of in-school and after school education, answered some well-prepared questions, and offered football and fitness instruction. "Take a Player to School," which is presented by JCPenney Afterschool Program, encourages children, ages 6-13, to stay in school and become involved in after-school programs. In 2006, one winner in each of the 32 NFL markets and two non-NFL markets was awarded the opportunity to take a player to school!



Roberto Garza visited Thompson Elementary School after 6th grader Braxton Perry won the NFL "Take a Player to School" sweepstakes.

THE GIVING SEASON

The Bears will be hosting two collection drives at Soldier Field during the upcoming holiday season that will benefit thousands of children and families throughout Chicagoland.

A **Toy Drive** to benefit the Walter and Connie Payton Foundation will be held on **Sunday, November 5** prior to the Bears vs. Dolphins game. Volunteers will be stationed at entrance gates to collect new, unwrapped toys from fans prior to the game.

The 18th Annual Chicago Bears/Dominick's **"Coat Drive"** will be held on **Sunday, December 3** when our Bears host the Vikings. Volunteers will be positioned at entrance gates and various locations around the stadium to collect winter coats, hats, and gloves from fans before they enter the stadium.



Hunter Hillenmeyer signed an autograph for a young fan at the 36th Annual Lou Malnati's/Bears Wives Cancer Benefit.
Photo by: Tom Prost, Movco

SPECIAL THANKS

Mark Bradley, Rashied Davis, John Gilmore, Robbie Gould, Tommie Harris, Hunter Hillenmeyer, Patrick Mannelly, Brad Maynard, Fred Miller and John Tait supported the 36th Annual Lou Malnati's/Bears Wives Cancer Benefit on Monday, October 23 at Lou Malnati's Restaurant and Pizzeria in Buffalo Grove. The players signed autographs for the hundreds of Bears fans in attendance in an effort to help raise money for cancer research and treatment. All proceeds from the evening benefited Bears Care, the team's charitable beneficiary. We send a very special thank you to all of

the players and coaches who attended, and to all of the Bears wives who created the wonderful baskets that were auctioned off throughout the evening. We appreciate all of your support!

BEARS SCHOOL OUTREACH

Each Tuesday during the football season, Chicago Bears players visit Chicago Public Schools to speak to, motivate, and interact with students as part of the Bears School Outreach program. The theme for player visits is character development, goal setting and commitment to excellence. Now in its 11th season, the Bears School Outreach program reaches more than 7,000 students annually. To date, Bears players **Bernard Berrian, Desmond Clark, Justin Gage, Robbie Gould, Tommie Harris, Todd Johnson, Terrence Metcalf, Fred Miller, Muhsin Muhammad, J.D. Runnels** and **Cameron Worrell** have visited 10 different Chicago Public Schools in support of the Bears School Outreach program.



Robbie Gould spoke to students at Mollison Elementary School.

NOVEMBER COMMUNITY CALENDAR

November 2, 2006	"Bear Hugs" hospital visit
November 4, 2006	Punt, Pass & Kick Championship at Walter Payton Center
November 5, 2006	Toy Drive to benefit the Walter and Connie Payton Foundation
November 6, 2006	Briggs 4 Kidz "Jock N Bowl" at Lucky Strike Bowling Lanes
November 7, 2006	Bears School Outreach Veterans' Hospital Visit American Heart Association 2006 Metro Chicago Heart Walk Wrap-Up Party
November 14, 2006	Staley's "First-n-Goal" program "Hello to Our Heroes" school visit
November 21, 2006	Bears School Outreach Power Hour tutoring program at Boys & Girls Clubs of Chicago 19 th Annual Maryville Academy/Harry Caray's Thanksgiving Dinner
November 27, 2006	Meier Shopping Spree benefiting children from Lydia Home
November 28, 2006	Bears School Outreach
November 30, 2006	2006 Bears Coach of the Week practice visit

BRIGGS 4 KIDZ

Bears linebacker Lance Briggs will host his first "Briggs 4 Kidz" charity bowling tournament on Monday, November 6 from 6pm to 10pm at Lucky Strike Bowling Lanes in Chicago. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to Bears Care, the charitable beneficiary of the Chicago Bears. Lance and his teammates, Bears Care, and the Chicago Bears Community Relations department will team up to provide a holiday shopping spree for children from the Chicago Housing Authority. To learn more about the Briggs 4 Kidz "Jock-N-Bowl," please contact Drama Sports at (866) 397-7678 or visit www.LanceBriggs.com.

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

Congratulations to St. Rita High School for earning the title of 2006 Bears Flag Football Champions! The Bears annually host a 32-team flag football league for high schools in the Chicago area that offer flag football as an intramural sport. The semi-final and championship games were played in the Walter Payton Center at the Bears training facility in Lake Forest on Saturday, October 28. In the championship game, St. Rita edged out Neuqua Valley High School with a score of 8-0. The St. Rita High School players and coaches will be guests of the Bears at the Bears vs. Dolphins game on November 5. They will also be honored during a halftime

ceremony at mid-field. The Chicago Bears are proud to have Chipotle as a corporate sponsor of Bears Flag Football.



POWER HOUR

Cornerback **Devin Hester** and wide receiver **Mike Hass** appeared at the Valentine Boys & Girls Club in Chicago on Tuesday, October 24 for the Power Hour tutoring program. The Bears partnered with the Boys & Girls Clubs of Chicago in supporting this initiative, which is designed to encourage students to focus on academics after school and reward them for their achievements. This program takes place once a month during the football season at various Boys & Girls Clubs throughout Chicago.



Devin Hester played a game of fooseball with members of the Valentine Boys & Girls Club.

COACH OF THE WEEK



The Chicago Bears "Coach of the Week" program wrapped up its 11th season on Monday, October 18 when Marty Balle of Sandburg High School was announced as the Week 9 winner. The program honored outstanding Illinois high school football coaches who develop players' football skills and

knowledge, character, leadership, discipline, and teamwork abilities. The 2006 Bears "Coach of the Week" winners include the following high school football coaches: Guy Goodlove (Westville), Glen Kozlowski (Wauconda), John Beccue (Monticello), Mike Emanuelson (Eisenhower), Rich Stewart (Hillsboro), Jesse Chick (Simeon), Tim Racki (Nazareth Academy), Mike Donatucci (Fremd), and Marty Balle (Sandburg). The Bears made a donation of \$1,500 to the football program at each winning coach's school. In addition, each coach has been invited to the Bears-Vikings game on December 3, 2006 and will be recognized in an on-field ceremony that day. All "Coach of the Week" honorees will also receive a framed certificate and will attend a Bears practice and "chalk-talk" with Bears Head Coach Lovie Smith.

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