



IT BEARS MENTIONING.....

July 2003

CHICAGO BEARS "PAWS FOR A CAUSE"



The Chicago Bears Community Relations mission focuses on five primary outreach components: education, underprivileged children and families, health and wellness, youth football, and volunteerism. One aspect of the volunteerism component includes the Bears "Paws for a Cause" initiative, which addresses the need to help those less fortunate through hands-on volunteer efforts. This program encourages everyone to take time out of their busy schedules for one day to actively make a difference in the lives of people who are most in need. To help support the "Paws for a Cause" initiative, Bears staff members, coaches, and players have the opportunity to participate in various organization-wide volunteer events that are scheduled each year. In June 2003, members of the Chicago Bears organization participated in two different volunteer events:

Teamwork At Its Best!

On Monday, June 23, the Chicago Bears 2003 rookie class spent two hours passing, lifting and taping....but it wasn't on the football field. Instead they passed cans of soup, lifted bags of rice and taped boxes of food at the Greater Chicago Food Depository. All of the rookies joined Bears General Manager Jerry Angelo and Director of Player Development Dwayne Joseph for this volunteer event. The young Bears successfully packed over 400 boxes of food for distribution to local food pantries, shelters and soup kitchens.



All In A Day's Work....

Not to be outdone by the group of rookies, veteran players Bobbie Howard and Bryan Knight, plus about a dozen members of the Bears staff, teamed up to help build a playground at the Leaning Tower YMCA in Niles on June 26. They joined over 200 other volunteers in transforming an open area at the YMCA into a new, safe, ADA-accessible and age-appropriate playground for pre-school and elementary school aged children. After just 6 hours of effort and teamwork, the entire project was complete. The brand-new playground, with its brightly colored slides and climbing sections, was ready and waiting for its first happy child!

WE SALUTE YOU....

It was difficult to determine who was more thrilled when 20 sailors and military personnel from Great Lakes Naval Station visited Halas Hall on



June 11...the sailors or the Bears coaches and players. The military group was comprised of the students with the highest grades from each school at the Naval Station and some of their senior staff. Coach Jauron and many of the players spent time after practice that day shaking hands, signing autographs and talking with the group of



RUN, FOREST (GROVE), RUN!

All Bears fans have probably heard the tales of Walter Payton's exhaustive workouts, tough training regimen and especially his famous running hill. In honor of Walter Payton's passion, the Forest Grove Athletic Club is hosting their first annual Fitness 5K. A portion of the proceeds from this race will benefit the Walter and Connie Payton Foundation. The mission of the Payton Foundation is to provide assistance to children and young adults in need, and help them realize that they can raise the quality of their lives and the lives of those around them. The Fitness 5K will take place on Saturday, September 20, 2003 at the Forest Grove Athletic Club in Palatine. For more information, please call (847) 991-4646.

I *MAG*JEN THE FUN!

It was an impromptu Bears reunion at the ninth annual i*mag*jen Charities golf outing on June 19, 2003 at Green Garden Country Club in Frankfort. Several Bears alumni players participated in the event including Dan Hampton, Wendell Davis, Dave Duerson, Glen Kozlowski, Jim Thornton, Otis Wilson, Emery Moorehead (shown below), plus many others. The Chicago Bears and Bears Care, a fund of the Robert R. McCormick Tribune Foundation, partnered with



i*mag*jen Charities on this annual fundraising golf tournament, and a portion of the proceeds will benefit Bears Care and Youth For Life: Remembering Walter Payton, a national organ donor awareness program. i*mag*jen Charities was incorporated in 1997 centering around this annual golf outing and has benefited a wide variety of local and state non-profit groups since its inception.

A WALK IN THE PARK

Bears quarterback Chris Chandler, long snapper Patrick Mannelly and alumnus Glen Kozlowski gave new meaning to the concept of "going out for an evening stroll" when they joined forces on Friday, June 27. These three Bears helped kick-off the first ever American Cancer Society "Relay For Life" for the Lake Forest and Lake Bluff communities. The players signed autographs, posed for pictures and gave a short talk to the walkers. Over 400 people participated in the relay walk from 6:00 p.m. Friday evening through 6:00 a.m. Saturday morning. With everyone's combined efforts, this wonderful event raised over \$80,000 to fund life-saving research, provide services to cancer patients in Lake County, and educate the public on the prevention and early detection of cancer.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU

Adrian Peterson.....July 1, 1979
Maurice Hicks.....July 22, 1978
Billy Wingfield..... July 30, 1981
Marty Booker.....July 31, 1976



LEARNING FROM THE PROS

The kids who participated in the Chicago Bears/Gatorade Youth Football Camps in Bloomingdale and Libertyville at the end of June might have an edge on their competition at their school football tryouts this fall. That is because these kids received instruction from college coaches and former pros on the field. While the camps' daily skills sessions and



drills are run by college football coaches, former Chicago Bears players assist at the camps to provide supporting instruction. So far, Bears Camp Heroes such as Wendell Davis, Thomas Sanders, Jim Morrissey, Al Harris, Anthony Morgan, Bobby Douglass and



Fabian Bownes have enlightened the kids with their expertise and their stories of what it takes to play in the NFL. This combination results in a very high quality teaching environment. And since these

non-contact camps are community based, the opportunity is extremely attractive to kids who are trying football for the first time. The five-day camps are for kids ages 6 to 15 years old. Upcoming Camps, presented by Bank One, will be held in Lake Forest, Lake Zurich, Rockford, Burr Ridge, Arlington Heights, Bourbonnais and Woodridge. To register for a camp near you, call 312-226-7776 or log on to www.ChicagoBears.com and click on the "Football Camps" link.



IS THERE A PRO BOWL "QUARTERBACK" IN YOUR COMMUNITY?

As another football season quickly approaches, the Chicago Bears will be keeping their eye on quarterbacks...both on and off the field. Applications for the Chicago Bears Community Quarterback

Award will be distributed in mid-July. All residents in the Chicago area, age 16 and over, who provide volunteer services for nonprofit (501(c)(3) or 509) organizations are eligible for nomination. Nominees may only serve in a volunteer capacity and may not receive any



compensation - monetary or otherwise - for their efforts. If your charitable organization received an application last year, you will automatically be included on the mailing list again this year. However, if you did not receive a Community Quarterback information package last year and would like your organization to be included this year, please contact the Chicago Bears Community Relations department at (847) 295-6600 or jessicak@bears.nfl.com. You may also check the "Off-The-Field" section of the Chicago Bears web site at www.chicagobears.com for more information.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR.....

July 4, 2003	Fourth of July
July 24, 2003	Chicago Bears "Draft Day" at Olivet Nazarene University
July 25, 2003	Training Camp begins
August 9, 2003	Bears vs. Colts (Champaign, IL)
August 16, 2003	Bears vs. Broncos (Champaign, IL)
August 17, 2003	Training Camp ends
August 21, 2003	Bears vs. Cardinals (@ Arizona)
August 27, 2003	Bears vs. Patriots (@ New England)

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