

SPIRIT *of the Future*

August 2009
Monthly Update

FEATURED ACTIVITIES: FUNDRAISERS

August was a busy month in fundraising events for the Clubs, hence the theme of this monthly update!

World's Largest Indoor Tailgate Party The Villages, FL

This year's auction raised approximately \$58,000 to help support the Clubs! The event was a bit out of the ordinary - instead of the typical black-tie affair, the Club opted to go with a more casual theme. The World's Largest Indoor Tailgate Party was a fun alternative where attendees could dress casually, but team spirit was definitely encouraged! It also included performances by the Villages High School cheerleaders and the BGC Drumline. In light of the economy, Chief Professional Officer Beth H. Work deemed the event a huge success.

Event sponsors could choose the team they wanted their table decorated in (from high school to college to professional teams), or they could enter the table decorating contest, which was also open to individuals and table hosts. Several tables took up the challenge, with incredible results! The winning table (decorated by Meredith Kirste, Beverly Ohnstad, and Rachel Horn) won brunch for 8 at Vic's Embers.

Thank you to everyone who came out to support the Clubs that evening, and a big thank you to our event sponsors:

Touchdown (\$5000)
Bright House Networks

Field Goal (\$2500)
ATEX Distributing, Inc. • United Southern Bank
The Carlyle Appellate Law Firm

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THANK YOU TO OUR SUPPORTERS THIS MONTH:

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- Florida Alliance of Boys & Girls Clubs
- Ms. Suzanne Kelly
- Kohl's Department Stores
- Lakeridge Winery
- McLin & Burnsed, PA
- Mr. & Mrs. Robert Moroney
- Pat's Sales
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- Sunrise Kiwanis
- Mr. Philip VanDusen
- Estate of Mary Workman

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- 44¢ or Forever postage stamps
- Collapsible easels
- Walkie-talkies with charging bases
- 2-line cordless phone
- Art supplies
- Sofa and/or chairs in good condition
- 3 drawer locking lateral file cabinet
- Pool cues
- Musical instruments

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Sept. 25** - Worldwide Day of Play activities at both Units
- **Oct. 17** - Elite Pizza Challenge
- Wine Gala at Cooper Memorial Library (both events benefit South Lake Unit)
- **Oct. 17** - South Lake Programming starts in Citrus Tower Plaza
- **Oct. 24** - Make A Difference Day
- **Oct. 29** - NE Lake Fish Fry



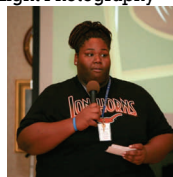
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Lakeridge Winery Grape Stomp/After the Stomp Party/Chair-ity Auction Clermont, FL

The South Lake Steering Committee is working tirelessly to raise enough money to get the South Lake Unit up and running. A partnership with Lakeridge Winery in Clermont resulted in a fantastic two-part fundraiser to benefit the South Lake Unit.

On August 22-23, the Winery held their inaugural August Grape Stomp (the June stomp, as part of the Annual Harvest Festival, has been held for 18 years!), and half of the \$2 admission cost to the family-friendly event came back to the Club. The following weekend at the After the Stomp Party, Kyle Johnson presented a check for \$4,877 to Chief Professional Officer, Beth H. Work.



Attendees at the After the Stomp Party also had a chance to bid on great gift packages in the first (and hopefully annual) Chair-ity Auction. The idea was to put a twist on the typical auction fundraiser by requiring that each item had to have something to sit on - packages included:

- "Working 'n Style" donated by Office Depot and Goin' Postal (office chair with digital photo frame, laptop cooling pad, and various office supplies)
- "I'm A Big Girl Now" donated by Vascular Specialists of Central Florida, Inc. (wooden potty chair with Pull Ups, wipes, training pants, book and stuffed elephant)
- "Wine & Dine" donated by Red Lobster and Darden (bar stool with Darden gift certificates, blanket, 2 bottles of wine, and a variety of Darden and Red Lobster logo merchandise).

Thank you to the following sponsors and donors for helping make this event possible and for supporting the efforts to bring a Club to South Lake: Ace Hardware, BankFIRST, Barbara Elkins, Carol Hanja,

Cracker Barrel, Darden/Red Lobster, Goin' Postal, Hairazors, INTEGRA Realty Resources - Orlando, J.C. Penney, Karin Klarl, Keller Associates, Kings Ridge Golf Club, Leigh Tucker, Office Depot, Preferred Properties Group of CFL, Residents of Kings Ridge, Studio 3 Designs, Vascular Vein and Cosmetic Center of Clermont, Vascular Specialists of Central Florida, Inc., Wal-Mart, Workscapes Inc.

Special thanks to Lakeridge Winery for hosting the event, and to Incredibly Edible Catering for the delicious food, and to Mr. John Harman for providing the music.



NE Lake Unit Director Robb Elmatti enjoys the Grape Stomp with his daughter.

Summer Winds Down and the School Year Begins

We had a successful Summer Program this year - between the Teeter Unit in Leesburg and the NE Lake Unit in Eustis (with a satellite location at Cadwell Park in Umatilla), we served a total of **481** members between June 8 and August 14!

There were so many fun activities over the summer, it would be impossible to list them all here. The NE Lake Unit tested a new "interest camp" structure that allowed members to pick areas of interest to participate in for three weeks at a time. The Teeter Unit also had a ton of fun this summer, culminating in a water day at the Club on the last day of summer program.

Thank you to everyone who helped make the 2009 Summer Program possible!



A group of girls taking a break from Triple Play Day at the Teeter Unit during the last week of summer. The Triple Play program is designed to improve Club members' knowledge of healthy habits, good nutrition, and fitness.