

The Rising Sun Horizons for Youth

March 2010 Newsletter



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Young Professionals Board of Horizons for Youth

The Young Professionals Board of Horizons for Youth was formed in 2005 by Elaine Gordon, a Mentor and current member of our Board of Directors. Beginning as a small group of hard working individuals, they have grown to approximately 90 members and have organized their efforts to include committees that recruit volunteers, plan social events, raise funds for our programs, design service projects, and engage with corporations and employers. They plan and participate in all of these activities with the aim of supporting the mission of Horizons for Youth.

The Young Professionals Board meets monthly, planning regular social events to raise funds and engage new volunteers and current members. They manage the Horizons for Youth Half Marathon Running Team and raise funds every Thanksgiving to insure each Horizons for Youth family enjoys a tasty holiday meal. This Board assists with the implementation of many

Student Update: Richard

My name is Richard, I am in eighth grade, and I am very excited about high school. I have been accepted to the Chicago Academy for the Arts! It all began



as a dream; one that seemed too good to ever come true. "It's going to be a long shot," is what constantly rang in my ears.

I like my elementary school very much, but I could never really find my place. I have always been a pretty good student, but I couldn't find anything else that I really enjoyed doing. I tried track, drums, and lots of other things my school offered, but none of them made me really happy. This left me feeling out of place and a little depressed. I wondered if I would ever find my "thing." Five months ago my art teacher suggested I try drawing, and we

Horizons for Youth events, and they specifically help with the On Cloud Nine auction item and sponsorship request process.

The presence of the Horizons for Youth Young Professionals Board certainly enhances the overall experience each student has with our organization. With our website for more Young Professionals Board information including a complete list of their upcoming events. Thank you to each Young Professionals Board member for your hard work, enthusiasm, and dedication to improving the lives of our children!

On the Horizon

March Events

22 - 3rd-5th Grade 826CHI Mini-Outing
25 - YPB Happy Hour Event at Mad River

April Events

10 - Volunteer Appreciation Brunch
14 - YPB Event at Mia Francesca
17 - Chicago 20/30 Club Casino Swing

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discovered I am really very good at it. She helped me develop an art portfolio, and, with the help of Horizons for Youth, I began to work really hard on my high school application and essay.

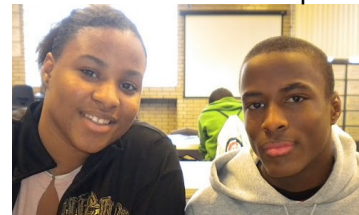
On February 20th, I found myself opening an envelope that held a letter that read, "Congratulations. You have been accepted to the Chicago Academy for the Arts." To top it off, I was given a full scholarship to attend! I am now going to attend my dream high school. This was a dream I thought was impossible, but it became a reality through hard work, determination and lots of support.

Eighth Grade Students Make High School Choices



This month was very exciting for eighth grade students throughout Chicago as they received their letters of acceptance to charter, private and parochial high schools. Fourteen Horizons for Youth students were part

of this eager group of teenagers, and they are thrilled with the high school choices they have now made. In August of 2010, Horizons for



Youth eighth grade students will be attending the following Chicago High Schools:

- Chicago Academy for the Arts
- De La Salle Institute
- Mother McCauley
- Noble Street Charter School - Main Campus
- Noble Street Charter School - Englewood Campus
- Notre Dame College Prep
- Queen of Peace High School
- Trinity High School
- University of Chicago Lab School



We would like to offer our congratulations to these students, as each of them worked very hard to insure their spot at the high school of their choice. Further congratulations are due their families, their highly-motivating mentors, tutors, teachers, and primary schools. Finally, a very special "thumbs up" to Meghan Colgan and Kristin Hatcher, Horizons for Youth Program Directors, who helped all fourteen students and their parents manage the high school application and scholarship process.

Congratulations on a job well done to everyone who helped our high school students take the next step toward success!



Thank you Turner Construction Company!

The 4th annual Turner Construction Company Texas Hold'em Tournament was a huge success with over 400 players supporting the Turner Construction Company Foundation and Horizons for Youth. As a direct result of this event, The Turner Construction Company Foundation donated \$15,000 to Horizons for Youth, the

equivalent of five full-year tuition scholarships.

Thank you to the Turner Construction Company staff, the many volunteers who dealt cards and assisted with set up, and the players who invested their funds to support our students. We are incredibly grateful for the opportunities you have provided through your contribution to this event!

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