

# The Rising Sun Horizons for Youth

May 2010 Newsletter



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## **Matching Gift Opportunity Begins Today**

Horizons for Youth has been given an incredible \$25,000 matching gift opportunity that begins today and expires on June 30, 2010. Every dollar donated to our organization in the next six weeks will be matched dollar-for-dollar by a very generous supporter of our organization. The matching gift will be used to strengthen our high school program to include all of the components necessary for our students to achieve their full potential. These services include:

- scholarships
- high school testing and selection process
- summer academic and skill-building seminars
- tutoring
- mentoring
- outings aimed at increasing exposure to their community, college campuses, and service opportunities
- college admission test preparation

## **May Outing by Dashanae**

My name is Dashanae, and I am in the third grade. Last weekend all of us (Horizons for Youth students) and our Big Sibs went on an outing. My group went to the Lincoln Park Zoo for a photo scavenger hunt. It was so much fun, and I want to tell you about it.



When we got to the zoo we were put into groups of three kids and their Big Sibs. Each group got a sheet that told us all of the photos we needed to bring back. As soon as we got our things, we took off running. The first thing my group did was take a photo of us doing cartwheels in front of the duck pond. The Big Sibs all brought cameras, and mine got a photo of me with my feet in the air. She also took photos of my favorite animal, the giraffe, and my group had to do lots of

- college selection and application process
- financial aid guidance and application

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## On the Horizon

### Summer Events

June 12 - End of Year Celebration  
July 6 thru 30 - Invest for Kids Summer Program  
July 15 - Horizons for Youth Open House  
August 7 - Back to School Picnic

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other fun things like play duck-duck-goose in front of the ducks. This was a really fun scavenger hunt.

When we got back to Horizons for Youth, we played board games until it was time to go home. This was great because I got to play Chutes and Ladders. Chutes and Ladders is my very favorite board game. I think the entire day was lots of fun, and I also think it will help me in school. My favorite subject in school is English, and we are learning to write paragraphs now. This week I think I will write about the flamingos I saw at the zoo, the giraffe, or playing Chutes and Ladders with my friends.

### ***Thank You to Our Volunteer Director***

Bobby Capulong began his relationship with Horizons for Youth five years ago as a volunteer Big Sibling Mentor for a third grade student, Brian.



When he heard one year later that Horizons for Youth was searching for a Volunteer Coordinator, he happily left his consulting job behind and joined our team. In the five years that Bobby has been with Horizons for Youth, he has guided Brian (pictured here with Bobby) through elementary and middle school, and has populated the Horizons for Youth

community with over 100 new volunteers. We are incredibly grateful for his service to our organization.

Next month Bobby will begin a new adventure in his life. After much consideration, he has decided to pursue new vocational opportunities, and he will be leaving his position as Volunteer Director with Horizons for Youth. Only a few short weeks after his last day with us, the June 12th Graduation Celebration, he will also be getting married to his girlfriend of many years, Kathleen. We are very excited for Bobby as he takes his next steps in life. While we on the staff will miss our daily interactions with him, he is not leaving us completely. Bobby will continue to serve as a Big Sibling Mentor, unofficial volunteer recruiter, web master and active advocate for the students of Horizons for Youth.

Thank you, Bobby, for making a difference in the lives of so many children!

### ***Mike Mentzer in Benefit Concert at the Elbo Room***

Join with members of the Horizons for Youth community this Saturday night, May 15th, at the Elbo Room to enjoy the music of Mike Mentzer. Fifty percent of all revenue at the door will be donated to Horizons for Youth. Additionally, 50% of Mike's album sales this month will also be generously donated to our organization. Visit [www.mikementzermusic.com](http://www.mikementzermusic.com).

The Elbo Room is located at 2871 N. Lincoln Avenue in Chicago. The concert begins at 9:00 pm, and the cover charge for the evening is \$10.00. Hope to see you there!

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