

October 22, 2011

Dear Friend:

Every child has hopes and aspirations for their future. However, all children are not provided the same opportunities to realize these dreams. Horizons for Youth provides a network of support to help low-income students successfully graduate from high school, continue onto college and reach their full potential. Horizons for Youth students benefit from comprehensive resources and services including: one-on-one mentoring, tutoring, monthly enrichment activities, summer academic program and, when necessary, tuition scholarships to attend a quality school.

Providing this support system for every student makes a remarkable difference.

- 99% of Horizons for Youth students graduate from high school
- 80% of Horizons for Youth's graduates continue onto college
- 86% of our students are performing at or above grade level

Twelve years ago we joined with Horizons for Youth to launch an annual gala, *On Cloud Nine with Paige's Angels*, to honor the memory of our lovely daughter, Paige, who passed away from a rare virus in 2000. Beyond our grief, we wanted her spirit to live on. Since the first *On Cloud Nine*, we have raised almost \$2 million, and the student population of Horizons for Youth has more than doubled. Through this success, we feel Paige's spirit thriving.

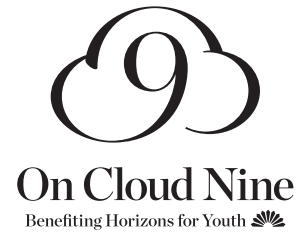
The 12th Annual *On Cloud Nine* will be held on Saturday, February 4, 2012 at the River East Art Center. We are writing to invite you to join us as a corporate sponsor. Your sponsorship gives us the opportunity to share and celebrate the success of Horizons for Youth with over 600 guests. Please refer to the enclosed material, which includes the stories of several students benefiting from the program.

The generosity of our supporters enables us to help talented students unlock their future and achieve their dreams. We invite you to join the Horizons for Youth community. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of sponsoring *On Cloud Nine*.

Sincerely,

Kent Barnett and Lauren Heath
Event Chairpersons

Steve and Jaynai Fort
Event Co-Chairpersons



The 11th Annual
On Cloud Nine Gala
In Memory of Paige Barnett

Event Fact Sheet

Date: Saturday, February 4, 2012

Venue: River East Art Center
435 East Illinois Street
Chicago, IL 60611

Details: Over 600 guests expected to attend
Silent auction Raffles
Live music & dancing Paige Barnett Memorial Giving Tree

History: *On Cloud Nine* was founded in memory of Paige Lauren Barnett, who passed away unexpectedly from a bacterial infection on February 4, 2000. Tragically, she was only 18 months old. Paige's parents, Kent Barnett and Lauren Heath, had been involved with Horizons for Youth for many years, and the Paige Barnett Memorial Fund was created in Paige's memory. *On Cloud Nine* was established in 2001 to benefit Paige's fund and to support the children of Horizons for Youth.

Results: Over the last ten years, this event has raised over \$1.7 million in total to support student scholarships, mentoring, and enrichment opportunities.

Community Support: More than 800 individual and corporate donors contribute to the event annually including last year's corporate sponsors:

Advanced Resources	The John Buck Company	Rex Carton Company
Arbor Investments	KnowledgeAdvisors	Speiser Family Foundation
Clune Construction	KPMG	Stern Cassello & Associates
CNA Foundation	Levin, Schreder & Carey, Ltd.	Thomas D. Grusecki Family Foundation
DCI Marketing	Marsh USA Inc.	Turner Construction
Enterprise Holdings Foundation	McDonald's	Vogue Tyre & Rubber Company
FTI Consulting	Northern Trust	William Blair & Company
Gary Jet Center	Northwest Mailing Service	Winston & Strawn
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Horizons for Youth is a 21-year-old non-profit organization committed to helping children recognize and achieve their full potential. In partnership with dedicated families, we provide need-based scholarships, one-on-one mentoring, and enrichment programs. Horizons for Youth currently serves over 100 students between kindergarten and twelfth grade. We have 104 alumni with a 99% high school graduation rate and an 80% college enrollment rate.



Horizons for Youth Organization Overview

Mission Statement: Horizons for Youth is a community committed to helping children reach their full potential. In partnership with dedicated families, we provide need-based scholarships, one-on-one mentoring, and enrichment programs.

Who

- Children living in Chicago
- Family income is less than two times the poverty level
- One child in the family is between kindergarten and third grade (elementary program)
- Dedicated parents who commit through contracts and co-payments
- 150 students in our programs during the 2011 – 2012 school year
- 109 Horizons for Youth Alumni

What

- Long-term, comprehensive support from kindergarten through high school
- Life changing opportunities for committed parents and hard-working students

When

- Started in 1991 by a group of friends who wanted to give back to the community. They believed that they benefited strongly from their own quality education, strong adult support system and exposure to the larger community, and they wanted to recreate those opportunities for children in low-resource neighborhoods. The 2011-2012 school year marks our 21st year of serving children.

Why

- Few children in underserved communities have access to the opportunities and resources necessary to conceive of and achieve their dreams
- For 21 years, the success of our students has demonstrated the life-changing effects of our proven programs:
 - 99% high school graduation rate as compared to Chicago Public Schools rate of 56%
 - 80% college attendance rate as compared to Chicago Public Schools rate of 30%

How

Students begin participating in our programs as early as kindergarten and continue receiving the following services through the twelfth grade:

*Tuition Scholarships *Tutoring * Counseling * One-on-one mentoring * Field Trips *
High School Selection * College Preparation * Family Support *Summer Academic Programs



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Sponsorship Opportunities

Title Sponsorship – Turner Construction Company

Available with a donation of \$25,000

- 30 admission tickets to the event
- 16 admission tickets to a VIP reception immediately preceding the event
- Official Event Title Tag Line – On Cloud Nine Presented by “Company Name”

Angel Sponsorship

Available with a donation of \$15,000

- 20 admission tickets to the event
- 10 admission tickets to a VIP reception immediately preceding the event
- Opportunity to display company banner at event
- Prominent Recognition on save-the-date card emailed to 4000 constituents
- Prominent Recognition on event invitation mailed to 4000 constituents
- Prominent Recognition on weekly e-invitations sent during January 2012
- Prominent Recognition in the event slideshow shown throughout the evening at *On Cloud Nine*
- Prominent Recognition in *On Cloud Nine* post event e-newsletter
- Prominent Recognition on Horizons for Youth’s website

Benefactor Sponsorship

Available with a donation of \$10,000

- 10 admission tickets to the event
- 6 admission tickets to a VIP reception immediately preceding the event
- Recognition on save the date emailed to 4000 constituents
- Recognition on event invitation mailed to 4000 constituents
- Recognition on weekly e-invitations sent during January 2012
- Recognition in the event slideshow shown throughout the evening at *On Cloud Nine*
- Recognition in *On Cloud Nine* post event e-newsletter
- Recognition on Horizons for Youth’s website

Patron Sponsorship

Available with a donation of \$5,000

- 6 admission tickets to the event
- 4 admission tickets to a VIP reception immediately preceding the event
- Company logo included in event slideshow
- Recognition in *On Cloud Nine* post event e-newsletter
- Recognition on Horizons for Youth’s website



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Sponsorship Agreement

I elect to sponsor the 12th anniversary of On Cloud Nine in the amount of \$_____

*If sponsorship is \$15,000 or more, will you provide a company banner for display at the event?
 (Horizons for Youth cannot manufacture the company banner to be displayed.)

Please circle Yes or No

Company name _____

Contact Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Contact Phone _____ Contact e-mail _____

Please email an electronic copy of your company logo to crystal@horizons-for-youth.org.

<i>Commitment Deadline</i>	<i>Opportunity</i>
December 1, 2011	<i>Recognition in event invitation mailed to 4000 constituents on December 31, 2011</i>
December 18, 2011	<i>Recognition in weekly e-invitations sent during January 2012</i>
January 15, 2012	<i>Recognition in event banners and media display running throughout the event</i>
Upon receipt of commitment	<i>Name will be listed as sponsor on our website as soon as commitment is received. Name will remain on site until February 28, 2012</i>

Please mail your completed to the address below or fax to 312-627-9033.
 Questions? Call Crystal or Taal at 312-627-9031.

Meet Four Horizons for Youth Students



Jocelyn is an intelligent and hardworking freshman at Queen of Peace High School. Last year, she was on the “A” Honor Roll. She is an avid reader and a distinguished writer. Teachers regularly asks Jocelyn to help other students with their writing assignments. Jocelyn has been paired with her Big Sibling Mentor, Trisha, for the past year and half. The two have developed a strong and close relationship. They have gone to museums, book stores and plays together. Jocelyn’s mother, Juanita, feels “grateful to have such a positive role model and friend for my daughter.” Jocelyn is very excited to be in our High School Program and over the next four years will be focused on her academics and finding the “best fit” college.



Enrique is a sixth grade student at St. Procopius School, a bi-lingual school. Enrique is a bright and very social child. He excels in many extracurricular activities including water polo and swimming. Through our weekly one-on-one Tutoring Program, we are working to help Enrique harness his skills and motivate him to apply himself at school. He is a natural in math and science, so his tutoring sessions focus on reading comprehension and writing. We have seen a significant improvement of his grades over the course of the school year. Enrique and his Big Sibling Mentor, Florencio, have been paired together for the last three years. We look forward to continue working with Enrique and helping him reach his full potential.



Jalen is a charming fourth grade student at Polaris Charter Academy He was on the “A” Honor Roll last school year. Jalen is outgoing and active, with a great sense of humor. He loves to skateboard, play basketball, and was cast as Mercutio in his school’s production of Romeo and Juliet. Jalen’s favorite part of being a Horizons for Youth student is his connection with Ankur, his mentor. In addition to attending all of the Horizons for Youth outings this year, Jalen and Ankur have spent time watching basketball, ice skating, visiting museums, and going to baseball games. Jalen joins Horizons for Youth with his little sister, Taylor, a second grade student.



Ania is a second grader at LEARN Charter School. Ania has three older brothers; all four children are part of Horizons for Youth. Ania has a thirst for knowledge and is a voracious reader. Her love of learning has translated into great grades at school. She has been paired with her Big Sibling Mentor, Julie, for the past two years. Julie has been helping Ania gain confidence and teaching her how to push through difficult problems (both in school and in life) by not giving up and trying different solutions. Ania’s father says he is “blessed to have the support of Horizons.”

We are delighted that Jocelyn, Enrique, Jalen and Ania are a part of Horizons for Youth. We look forward to their continued participation in all of our programs.