

We Welcome new board member Rich Ceffalio, Kevin McFarland, Development Counsel, our new Associate Board, and the newest members of our Dream Team into our

Be the First to Know!



We have some extraordinary news that we can barely wait to reveal about Dreams for Kids and the Chicago Blackhawks!!!

Be the first to get the news by signing up for our newsletter at <http://www.DreamsforKids.org/dreamskids-newsletter>

Associate Board:

z Vince Calabrese
Chairman

z Steve Bass

z Tom Besore

z Ryan Buchler

z Marybeth Davis

z Ron Dugas

z Pat Fardy

z Terrell Gholston

z Ed Mahoney

z Brian Wilkin

Dream Team Members:

z Susan Ray
Development Coordinator

z Kyree Gerson
Director of Events

z Kim Baker
Event Coordinator

z Brian Harris
Social Online
Networking Coordinator

Summer Interns:

z Susan Bryukhanov

z Carrie Dorsey

z Layan Fuleihan

z Laura Hlavaty

z Nan Howard

z Lauren Locke

z Mecca Pickens

Ways to Help

- z Attend a Dream Leaders Conference
- z Tell us about kids with disabilities who would like to participate in Extreme Recess
- z Send us auction items for fundraisers
- z Connect us to corporate sponsorships
- z Find food and beverage donations for events
- z Bring friends to fundraisers and events
- z Run a Toy Drive for Holiday for Hope
- z Volunteer at an event
- z Become a Dream Leader Facilitator
- z Secure professional photographers and videographers to capture events
- z Let us know your new ideas!



Play Family Fantasy Football

Have fun with your whole family while supporting Dreams for Kids!!

Family Fantasy Sports is an online game where players of all ages can join together and compete in an eight person league with your friends, family, or other DFK supporters over a 17 week season.

Go to DreamsForKids.org and sign up today. (50% of the sign-up fee will go directly to DFK)



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Dreams for Kids launched in D.C.

Earlier this summer, DFK made an exciting move by expanding its operations to Washington DC. With the help of DFK-Chicago and Affinity Lab (providing work space for over 20 nonprofits and start up companies in the area), we have the privilege of working in the heart of the nations capital. DFKDC is making a name for themselves in DC under the direction of Andrew Horn, The National Chapter Director of Programming.

Working with Andrew are Deborah Greenberg and Sara Miller. Both are coordinating an incredible intern team from across the U.S. which includes Andrew Plofchan, Amanda Beylan, Whitney McGuire, Emily Schauer, MukuMugwagwa and Kate Murphy. This summer, this amazing team has accomplished great things with much more to come!

DFK-DC hosted an Extreme Recess Adaptive Water Skiing Clinic for children with disabilities, or all abilities as we like to say, on July 18th at Pohick Bay! The life-changing event included adaptive skiing, hand cycling, jet ski rides, and arts & crafts!



In addition to this event, DFK-DC will expand our other programs this fall and winter. Soon, the Dream Leaders Program will begin breaking down social, racial, religious and economic barriers between children in the DC metropolitan area.

Recently, Dreams for Kids DC was contacted by Danny Pettry, a recreational therapist who recently wrote, *"Discover Hidden Secret Wisdom: A Recreational Therapists System on How You Can Become Great at Anything."* The book is to be released on August 17, 2009 and will be available on Amazon. Mr. Pettry featured Dreams for Kids in the book and will be donating money from its proceeds. Thank you Mr. Pettry!

In a short time DFK-DC has built a reputation which will endure for generations in the National Capital Region.

Stay tuned for a summer Block Party Fundraiser, a Holiday for Hope event, the launch of the DFK DC Dream Leaders Program, and more Extreme Recess events!



Our Gratitude...

To the following people for hosting unforgettable DFK Events and Fundraisers:

- Liz Richards and the Wauconda team
- Docks Bar and Grill
- Pierre Thomas of the New Orleans Saints, teammates Lance Moore and Rob Ninkovich and Minnesota Vikings wide receiver Nick Moore
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- Marcus Jordan and AJ Rompza
- Tweet Networking for a Cause
- Chicago Charity Group
- Patrick Fardy
- Dream Leaders At Harlan Community Academy, Whitney Young, CITIES Project School-Milwaukee and the Illinois Center for Rehabilitation and Education

Thank you!

