

FUNDRAISING

The Hug in a Bowl program continued through 2010 with great success. Betsy produced endless batches of chicken noodle and 15 bean soup to be purchased, for a donation, by friends and co-workers.

We would like to extend a special “thank-you” to Bruce Salter and Bobbi Lowry for requesting donations for the foundation in lieu of gifts, for their wedding in 2009. We so appreciate this kind and loving gesture of support.

We would like to thank our friends and family who generously contributed both money and time to Christopher’s legacy. Without their support, we would not be able to continue our mission of improving the lives of disadvantaged youth through sports.

DISTRUBUTIONS

In the spring, we made donations to help fund summer programs for three local organizations in the Burlington, VT area, The Sarah Holbrook Community Center, King Street Youth Center and the Boys and Girls Club. We also began donating to the 52 Kids Foundation - Uganda which is based in Charlotte, VT.

- The Sarah Holbrook Community Center serves a diverse community in the Old North End of Burlington. Their services include a pre-school, after school programs, summer camps, a teen program, food assistance and English classes.
- King Street Youth Center also provides services to the youth of the Burlington area. These include a pre-school, after school and teen program.
- The Boys and Girls Club of Burlington offers a number of programs. Their three core areas of focus are arts and technology, career readiness and life skills, and athletics and health.
- At The 52 Kids Foundation we don't do "aid as usual". We work in and around Kamuli, Uganda, and focus on three 'E's that have been proven to make dramatic enduring changes in peoples' lives: Education, Empowerment, and Employment.

BASEBALL CAMP UPDATE

We completed our 7th year of sponsoring baseball camps in conjunction with the Fundacion A. Jean Brugger in San Juan del Sur, Nicaragua. We have been funding two baseball camps a year for 25-30 children (boys and girls) with the help of the Executive Director of the foundation, Jon Thompson. The Fundacion A. Jean Brugger’s mission is to identify, improve, and expand educational opportunities in partnership with the community of San Juan del Sur. Our two foundations have joined together to support the idea that every child deserves to learn and play baseball. At the end of camp the participants keep a baseball cap, a shirt with “SHATAGIN” on the back, and life long memories.

In Feb. of 2010, Graham Macdonald, Christopher's nephew, spent 2 weeks in San Juan del Sur assisting the coaches with running the camp. He had a great time getting to know the kids and enjoyed being able to participate. Thanks Graham for donating your time and effort.

Friends and family also donated 13 pairs of cleats, 3 pairs of sneakers and 13 baseball mitts for the camp to use and distribute as needed.

Jon Thompson resigned as director of the Fundacion A, Jean Brugger at the end of 2010. We would like to thank him for all his support and hard work in facilitating the organization and implementation of many baseball camps through the years. Good luck Jon.

We would also like to thank Jean Brugger for her continued support, encouragement and enthusiasm of the Baseball Camp Program. Through her foundation she does wonderful work in and around the community of San Juan del Sur, Nicaragua. Thank you Jean.

We are so pleased that the Foundation has served so many young people. It is exactly what Christopher would have wished for. We are grateful that his name is kept alive in such a positive way.