

Mikail R. Russo

(More Opportunities for NEighborhood Youth)

MONEY Athletic Foundation

2008 Annual Newsletter

A Season to be Thankful

The focus of this newsletter is gratitude. Over the past twelve months, in tumultuous economic times, countless people and entities have shown their commitment to give back to the community by supporting its youth. Individuals, and businesses contributed funds, time, and skills in the desire to help emerging athletes reach their greatest potential. In that spirit, the Mikail R. Russo MONEY Athletic Foundation would publicly like to thank its many generous patrons.

Donors: Using sport metaphors, we have created contributor categories for 2007-2008:

“Champions” \$500-\$1,000

Maureen Flanagan
Walter & Ann Crockett
Nat Chamberlain

“MVPs” \$250-\$499

Moody Mt. Environmental
Anne Dennen
Chip & Cindy Kava
Frank Rankin

“All-Stars” \$100-\$249

Viking Lumber
Christine Maloblocki
RFB Advertising
Lindsey & Pam Dean
Bill & Jill Glover
Jim & Maureen Lannaman
Renee Rhem
David Wiggin
Peter Masin-Peters
Hiller & Hiller Enterprise
Ceci Smith
Dennis & Claudia Giustra
Julie Russo

“All-Stars” (continued)

Sally Littlefield
Lyn & Frank O’Hara
Toby Kenniston
Mike Eugley
Ron & Sonja Howard
P.G. Willey
Marie Connell
Tim and Mary Hall
Dave & Lisa Rainey
Brooke Huntley
JD Rainey
Young’s Construction
Brooke McNally
Ed Collins
Ed & Martha Crockett



“Starters” \$50-\$99

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Richard Roy
Dean Taylor
Marissa Anderson
Rich & Marcia Roberts
Rick & Vicki Mitchell
Virginia Crockett
Tom & Jo Ellen Stammen
Keagan Russo
Steve Lary
Michael C. Sloan
Paula Crockett
Judy Emery
Kate Hall
Ashlely & Maryann Hunt
John & Peggy Sommo
Anita Reynolds
Karl & Sally Brooks

“Teammates” \$1-\$49

Grace & Frank Stearns
Reed & Anne Matthews
Christopher Guido
James & Sandra Hall
Steve Sulzer
Larry & Pam Jensen
Eliza Massey
Barbara Lannamann
Freda Williams
Maureen Davis
Tracy & Angelo Forzetting
Robert & Bessie Hersom
Andrew Stuart
MaryAnn Mercier
Mike & Wendy Brown
Stuart Young
Frank Callanan

This list is not all inclusive. It does not contain those anonymous donors who purchase raffle tickets for the annual home run derby. For that event some donate the price of one ticket (\$5), while others give exponentially, with only a slight hope for a return. These individuals anonymously gave over \$6,000.

In addition, through the great generosity of Dot Young and her sons, who asked friends and relatives to honor Aubrey Young’s life by giving to an organization that reflected his love of sports, MONEY received \$2,180 in Aubrey’s name.

Finally, we would be remiss if we did not recognize those who support United Mid-Coast Charities, who through their competitive application process, awarded MONEY \$1,500 in support of the

May the holiday season be filled with love, laughter, peace, and warmth!

foundation and the work it does.

Thus, all in all, the community donated a little over \$14,000. It is impossible to express our appreciation. Yet, we hope the fact **MONEY** Athletic Foundation granted \$14,211.75 to deserving athletes and teams in 2008 begins to illustrate the depth of our thanks.

As in the past, the majority of recipients hail from Knox (seven league/teams and 13 individuals) and Waldo Counties (one league/team and 22 individuals). Two other athletes, one from Cumberland County and one from Kennebec, also received awards. Those in the league/team group were the C-R Girls Grade 8 Travel Team, Mid-Coast Wrestling Club, Pen Bay Pilots U-13 Girls Soccer Team, Rockport Babe Ruth, U-15 Boys Basketball Travel Team, Penobscot Bay Lacrosse Club, Thomaston Babe Ruth, and Mustang Youth Football League. Individual athletes included Jesse Hutchins, Dylan Batchelder, Jake Davee, Sam Rogers, Morgan Baxter, Casey Wilson, Elizabeth Sherfey, Taylor Porter, Graham Safford, Marshall Crockett, Will Orne, Cece Beck, Ian Cushing, Zoli Kertesz, Ethan Fitzjurls, Kote Aldus, Larry Dyer, Stephen Paul, Makayla Cummings, Madison Cummings, Kaleb Benjamin, Joey Bartlett, Robin Botley,

Damien Ball, Alex Peirel, Julie Smith, Tiani Smith, Houston Mathis, Brent Waterman, Kelsey Grass, Marcus Riley, William Mossing, Grant Richards, Catherine McGinn, and Kristine Mehuren. The scholarships ranged from \$80 to \$1,000 (team average \$558; individual average \$263).

2008 Home Run Derby

Rather than recap all of the 2008 Home Run Derby festivities, we have chosen to focus on those who made the event possible. Yet, we would be negligent if we did not highlight the winners and ask you to check out www.moneyathleticfoundation.org for complete coverage. The top seller of raffle tickets was Matt Eaton of the Lincolnville Central School (LCS), who sold 127 tickets at \$5 a piece, netting \$635 for the cause. The next highest seller was Alex Bryant, also of LCS, who sold 46 tickets, totaling \$230. The big hitters were Jake Arthers (Belfast Area High School), Zac Dufour (Camden Hills High School), Dylan Maloney (Thomaston/St. George Middle School Team), Chris Brown (LCS), and Zac Durkee and Jon Moro in the adult section.

Once again, the raffle prize list was awesome! The following individuals and businesses selflessly provided merchandise and gift certificates: Youngtown Inn; Black Bull Tavern; Camden Irving; Brad Scott; Gordon

Best; Jay Carlsen; Rockport Lobster; Wild Rufus; Sherman's Books; Green Thumb; Atlantica Restaurant; Country View Golf Club; Northern Kingdom; Park St. Grille; Northport Golf; Peter Otts Restaurant; Beauty Mark Spa; Waterfront Restaurant; Samoset Resort; Whales Tooth Pub; Rockland Golf Club; Golfers Crossing; Camden Bagel Café; Camden Riverhouse Hotel; Portland Sea Dogs; Goose River Golf; Ellis Cohn; Bay View Lobster Restaurant; Owl & Turtle Book Store; Chris Van Dusen; Rick and Ann Bresnahan; Ludolf & Ruthann Bierwas, Rustica Restaurant; Maine Gold; Chez Michel Restaurant; Fox Sports; Lily, Lupine, & Fern, McMahan's Restaurant; and the Penobscot YMCA.

In addition, the event would never take place without the physical help of the numerous volunteers and the local businesses that provide the goods necessary to make the Derby a success. These include our T-shirt sponsors and other organizations that donate merchandise at either at cost or for free. The list includes Micucci Wholesale Foods, Party Fundamentals, Camden Custom Embroidery, Elm St. Printing, Rock Coast Sports, Megunticook Market, Village Variety, French & Brawn, and Hannaford Supermarkets.

If we missed you in our attempt to show thanks, please forgive us and know your help is truly appreciated.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO HELP LOCAL YOUTH SUCCEED

The address to send your tax-deductible dollars to is:

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