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(More Opportunities for NEighborhood Youth)

MONEY Athletic Foundation

2009 Annual Newsletter

2009 Financial Report

The economic storm cloud that has hovered over all of us during the last year has impacted the **MONEY** Athletic Foundation. We received less in individual contributions and raised less in our fundraising effort, but there is a silver lining. Due to past donations, we were able to give more scholarships to deserving teams and individuals. The ability to do more with less is rewarding, especially because we know the need was greater for those who sought assistance. The drawback is that unless our contributions and the results of our fundraising efforts improve, we may not be able to maintain our past level of giving.

Yet we are optimistic. The generosity and support of family and friends has sustained us and with an increased determination to highlight the importance of ticket sales for the annual Home Run Derby our mission will continue to thrive.

There is no doubt that we have countless committed donors and sponsors who honor the work we do by supporting us annually. Therefore, we'd like to publicly thank these individuals – again using sport metaphors.

“Champions” \$500 - \$1,000

Walter & Ann Crockett
Maureen Flanagan
Erin Flanagan
Nat Chamberlin

“MVPs” \$200 - \$499

Ceci Smith
Chip & Cindy Kava
Lindsey & Pam Dean
Ann Dennen
MaineCoast Construction
John & Julie Russo

OPLA*

Labor Committee Members*



“All-Stars” \$100 - \$199

Dennis & Claudia Giustra
RFB Advertising, LLC
Patsy & Diana Napolitano*
Tim & Sam Crockett*
Tim & Melissa Marchetti
Lyn & Frank O’Hara
Ron & Sonja Howard
David & Mel Paul
Brooke McNally
Ashley & Maryann Hunt

“First Team” \$50 - \$99

Robert & Joan Regan
Jim & Maureen Lannamann
Everett Willey*
Mary Jane & Leonard Cummings*
William & Kimberly Shelley*
Paula Mullen Crockett*
Falmouth High School*
Lincolnvilve Central School*

Hudson- RPM Distributors*
Steven & Lisa Burgess
Rick & Ann McKittrick
Dyan Dyer
Anita Reynolds

“Teammates” \$1- \$49

Grace & Frank Stearns
Marissa Anderson
Kari Sher & Scott Jordan*
Barbara Mullen*
Joan & Philip Atkinson*
Denise Soule Cassidy*
Iris Micucci*

Joanne & Donald Desjardins*
Patricia Rand*
Marie & Bill Pierce**
Paul & Carolyn Russo**
Kevin Wilson
Freda Williams
David Wiggin

(* In memory of Mikail’s grandmother, Virginia Crockett; ** In memory of Ruth Brown.)

In addition, there are numerous individuals who support the Foundation by buying raffle tickets and/or attending the Annual Home Run Derby. We also received an unsolicited donation from the Branta Foundation and an award from United Mid-Coast Charities - two organizations that support many worthy causes.

Thus, through individual contributions, donations from organizations, and proceeds from the 2009 Home Run Derby, MONEY Athletic Foundation raised a little over \$13,000. Our gratitude is heartfelt and complete.

May the New Year be filled with warmth, love, and laughter!

We are pleased to say that no qualified applicant went away empty handed. Teams and individuals from Knox and Waldo Counties remain the biggest benefactors of your kindness. Nine teams/leagues and 15 individuals from Knox County, one team and 29 individuals from Waldo County, and one team and three individuals from other areas of the State were recipients of this year's scholarships. The group recipients included Pen Bay U-14 Girls Soccer, 4th Grade Girls Travel Team (Rockport), Rockland Junior Golf Program, Penobscot Bay Lacrosse, Rockland Babe Ruth, Bucksport Fastpitch, Searsport Girls Basketball, Rockland American Legion Baseball, Rockland Jr. Little League, Station Maine (Open Water Rowing) and C-R Boys Travel Team. The funds given to these organizations were used for equipment, tournament fees, travel (Bucksport Fastpitch participated in the NE softball tournament), and uniforms. The individual athletes awarded scholarships were Carrie Milner, Meagan Parker, Elizabeth Sherfey, Nicole Ravert, Nathan Soule, Jesse Hutchins, Brent Waterman, Jaci Harriman, Alicen Brooks, Jake Davee, Ian Cushing, Robin Botley, Damien Ball, Marissa Libby, Gage Corson, Will Mossing, Josiah Bartlett, Kallie Merrifield, Samantha Moores, Briana Grant, Morgan Baxter, Herb Benner,

Zachary Starr, Hunter Wincapaw, Kali Doolan, Taila Ryder, Amanda Corey, Mark Barley, Kelsey Grass, Hunter Grindle (2), Bronson Philbrick, Isaiah Patterson (2), Ethan Petty, Marcus Riley, Tyler Tran, Matt Crockett, Kristine Mehuren, Stephen Paul, Larry Dyer, Maranda Wellman, Houston Mathis, Avery Grindle, Alexander Young, Grady Doolan, and Marshall Crockett. The scholarships ranged from \$70 to \$500 (team average \$407; individual average \$256).

The total expended in the form of scholarships was \$16,275.

From the Kids!!

Here's a random sample thank you from one of our scholarship recipients:

"Dear Mr. and Mrs. Russo,

I just wanted to write to you guys and say thank you for the scholarship because I probably had the best time of my summer. I learned a lot of new basketball skills like dribbling through my legs and lay-ups. I made a lot of friends and had a lot of pizza parties :,) but I had to buy the pizza twice :(

I actually had one of my friends from basketball camp over to my house for a day. I want to say thank you again and I am very happy that you gave it to me out of all people!

From, Nathan Soule"

Home Run Derby

The MONEY Athletic Foundation Home Run Derby is always a day full of family and community fun!

Early in the morning Board members, along with their friends and family gather at the Rockport Recreation Field to set up two home run fences, tables, chairs, posters, grills, coolers, sound systems, and multiple other displays and arrangements. There are usually several trips to the hardware store and frantic cell phone calls to spouses for dry socks in order to be prepared for the onslaught of participants. It is a hectic time, but one filled with laughter, bagels, and good cheer. No matter the weather, the volunteers never let a light drizzle or swirling winds dampen their spirits.

Each year, regardless of unexpected events, the set-up is complete before the participants arrive. The 2009 winners, based on point totals included Drew Townsend (middle school division), David McGuire (high school division) and Jon Moro (adult/open division). Matt Eaton was the top ticket seller for the event for the second straight year!

Please keep your calendars open this year for the Sunday of Memorial Day weekend (rain date Monday). The event is always a blast ~ literally and figuratively!

PLEASE CONTINUE TO HELP LOCAL YOUTH SUCCEED

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

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