## Inspiring and preparing young people to succeed



The Home of RARE Everyday Heroes



June 2010

This summer, as we gear up for the 2010 school year, three big things are happening...

**Volunteers** are needed to help sell 50/50 raffle tickets at the August 20th and 21st Tigers games. We end ticket sales around the 3rd inning, and then everyone receives a **free Tigers ticket** for that night. If you can assist on one or both nights, please email me back. We need to recruit 30 volunteers for each game. Arrival time is 4pm. *Last year we raised* \$10,000!

**Mentor Orientations** are being held throughout the summer for anyone interested in learning more about becoming a mentor this fall. **Sign-up** today!

After six years of amazing service to Winning Futures, **Melinda Brakenberry is saying farewell**...

Take care, Kris Marshall President & CEO







## Have fun...leave a legacy...MENTOR!

Did you know that volunteering **just one-hour per week** is all it takes to help guide a teen to a successful future? Our mentors prove this to be true!



As a mentor, you are a **friend**, **coach**, **and career advisor**.

Once you sign-up to mentor for one-hour (morning or at lunch) at a high school in Harper Woods, Warren, or Southfield, we train and support you all year.



Mentoring is easy and fun through the structured activities we have for every session. You meet with your small team of mentees on a set day weekly or every other week throughout the school year.

To learn more about becoming a Winning Futures Mentor, attend our **July 20th or August 18th Mentor Orientation** or contact <a href="mailto:laurie@winningfutures.org">laurie@winningfutures.org</a>. Spots are filling fast so sign-up at this <a href="mailto:link">link</a> today!

## **Good Luck Melinda!**

Six years ago, Melinda Brakenberry started with Winning Futures as a program assistant. Over the years, she has developed into a talented grant writer, amazing events coordinator, and passionate supporter of our students. It will be hard to say good-bye to Mel on July 7th, but we are excited for her new adventures.



Mel and her family are moving back to Mt.

Pleasant where she will be working for her Alma Mater, Central Michigan University.

Mel - you will be sadly missed, but we will ALWAYS remember your enthusiastic mantra... Fire-up Chips!

### **Wish List**

#### **Thumb Drives**

We need up to 150 thumb drives for our students to save their resumes to. If you are able to secure any amount of drives for us, please contact <a href="mailto:laurie@winningfutures.org">laurie@winningfutures.org</a> or 586-698-4536.

## **Airline Ticket or Frequent Flyer Miles**

Our CEO, Kris Marshall, has been recruited to be a "Featured Speaker" at the 2011 National At-Risk Youth Conference in Savannah, Georgia. She will be speaking about the success Winning Futures has and how others can replicate our model. The only barrier is the cost of the airline ticket. Please contact Kris Marshall at <a href="mailto:kris@winningfutures.org">kris@winningfutures.org</a> if you are able to donate frequent flyer miles or an airline ticket.



# **Sponsor Highlight**



This year at a time when securing new funding was very difficult, Walmart stepped up as a Gold Sponsor!

Thank you Walmart for caring about our community and supporting our students in achieving their goals! <a href="www.Walmart.com">www.Walmart.com</a>.

### **Mentors Make A Difference!**



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