Inspiring and preparing young people to succeed



The Home of RARE Everyday Heroes



July 2010

The last two months have been a whirlwind of activity!

In June, we hosted our annual Inspiring Hope Mentoring Breakfast. The outcome from the event recently allowed us to recently vote in eight outstanding board members and recruit over 50 mentors! (Harper Woods mentors are still needed - see below)

At our golf outing, presented by <u>Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan</u>, we raised \$17,000!

This week, we held our RARE Night of Heroes event, sponsored by <u>Oakland University Macomb</u>. Over the next year, we will introduce you to one hero in each newsletter. Their stories are heartwarming and inspiring!

Volunteers are needed to help sell 50/50 raffle tickets at the August 20th and 21st Tigers games. Everyone receives a free Tigers ticket for that night. If you can assist on one or both nights, please email me back.

Take care, Kris Marshall President & CEO







Mentors Needed in Harper Woods





Male and female mentors are needed for our mentoring program for Harper Woods High School. We train and support you all year.

- Wednesday sessions at 9:00am or 11:30am at the school
- One-hour meetings (two-four times per month) October-May
- Just off the I-94 and 8 Mile exit
- Guide students through fun, structured activities
- Work on career exploration, strategic five-year goal setting and planning, and job skills

To learn more, come to our Harper Woods Open House at the high school on Tuesday, August 10th 8:30-10:00am. Contact laurie@winningfutures.org or 586-698-4536 for more information and to RSVP.

RARE Everyday Heroes

On Wednesday, we honored eight Michigan "Everyday Heroes" for the selfless work they do to make Michigan communities wonderful places to live and work. The **RARE Night of Heroes** event has been honoring amazing people for 12 years and we now have **63 Michigan citizens** are part of our Hero Alumni!

In each e-newsletter, you will meet a RARE Everyday Hero and see their story. Each winner had a short video made about their life, which was shown on the BIG screen at the Palladium Theatre in Birmingham - talk about an inspiring night!

Pictured below are the eight heroes, founder Gil Cox (lower left), Winning Futures' CEO Kristina Marshall (upper left), and WDIV News Anchor Rhonda Walker (lower right) our Mistress of Ceremonies and 2006 award winner.





Save the Date - Corks & Forks

- Saturday, November 20th 7pm
- The Reserve at Big Rock Chop House in Birmingham
- Great wine and great food!
- Ticket information coming soon
- Contact Kris Marshall at (248) 709-4488 for Sponsorship Information



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