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**EVENT ROUND-UP: INSPIRING HOPE BREAKFASTS AND GOLF FOR KIDS CLASSIC**

There's still time to reserve your spot at Winning Futures' **Inspiring Hope Resource Building Breakfasts** and **14th Annual Golf For Kids Classic**.

These FREE breakfasts are being held to introduce community members to Winning Futures and recruit new mentors and volunteers. They'll take place **June 8** at Sterling Heights' [Best Western Sterling Inn](#) and **June 27** at the [Detroit Golf Club](#).

Macomb County Sheriff **Anthony Wickersham** will host the Sterling Heights event and WXYZ Channel 7 Editorial / Public Affairs Director and Michigan Broadcasting Hall of Fame member **Chuck Stokes** will host the June 27 event. Details can be found [here](#) or you can RSVP today [online](#).



Winning Futures' June 13 **Golf for Kids Classic** will be held at Oakland Township's [Twin Lakes Golf and Swim Club](#). Basketball

great and Detroit Pistons broadcaster **Gregory Kelsner** is this event's champion and will help ensure a terrific day on the links for all golfers.

RSVP [here](#) for \$175 per golfer or \$50 per dinner guest. You may also call 586-294-8449 for more information on any of these events.

**TAKE OUR ALUMNI SURVEY AND YOU COULD DRIVE OFF IN THIS CORVETTE**



Alumni: Click [here](#) to take a short survey about your experiences in Winning Futures and you could win a Corvette for a weekend!

**BOARD MEMBER HIGHLIGHT**



**Jennette Smith** is managing editor of [Crain's Detroit Business](#). She has worked more than 13 years with Crain's,

having joined as a reporter in 1998 from [The Macomb Daily](#) after stints with [The Times Herald of Port Huron](#) and the [Muskegon Chronicle](#).

Smith has covered several industries for Crain's, most notably real estate and hospitality, and joined the editing ranks in 2007. She was recently promoted from deputy managing editor to managing editor.

With her strong news sense and organizational skills, Smith is at the center of the newsroom's daily operations, working with reporters and overseeing some special sections and awards programs. She is a [Michigan State University](#) journalism graduate.

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"As a result of Winning Futures' guidance, I have learned what my values are and whether they are the same values needed for the career I want. I learned what to expect for college and how to present myself at job interviews. Most importantly, I learned that attitude is everything!" - Catherine, Winning Futures student and 2012 graduate.

**INTERN CONNECTION WINNER**



[SRG Global Inc.](#) and Winning Futures announced last week the winner of its second annual **The Intern Connection** program. This year's winner is **Aaron J. Proudfoot**, a senior at [Paul K. Cousino High School](#) in Warren, Michigan. The announcement was made today by **Kevin Baird**, SRG president and CEO, and **Laurie Tarter**, vice president of Winning Futures, during an awards ceremony.

The Intern Connection is a business / education partnership created jointly by SRG Global, one of the world's leading providers of coatings on plastics for the automotive, commercial trucking and appliance industries, and Winning Futures mentoring program. As the winner of the competition, Proudfoot receives a paid summer internship which will consist of a variety of assignments within the IT Department at SRG Global.

"I'm very excited about winning this award," said Proudfoot. "I am so glad that SRG Global and Winning Futures provide this opportunity; not just the internship, but the entire program. I have learned so much through the program, and now with the internship, I'll really be able to learn about business. This will really give me direction."

**PROGRAM FACILITATOR POSITION**

We are expanding and need to add on another full-time career-development facilitator to run our school-based mentoring programs in Detroit, Harper Woods, and / or Pontiac! Click [here](#) for details (please do not directly contact staff).

**General Summary:** Coordinating, implementing, and facilitating life skills and goal setting programs for urban high school students, along with managing relationships with urban schools and community groups. Individual must have the ability to motivate students and mentors through innovative classroom facilitations and fun activities. See [www.winningfutures.org](#) and [www.winningfuturesbooks.org](#) to review topics taught to students.

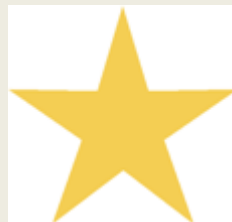
**AUTHOR DONATES BOOK PROCEEDS**

Southeast Michigan-based author **Dr. Cherie Whiting** (pictured with *Chicken Soup for the Soul* author **Jack Canfield**) has highlighted Winning Futures in her book *Hello Success!* and is donating a portion of her proceeds from sales to the program. Filled with empowering stories, *Hello Success!* speaks about how everyone has the power to turn their world into what they want it to be.



Dr. Whiting has a long association with Winning Futures and serves as a personal mentor for program president and CEO **Kristina Marshall**. We thank Dr. Whiting for her generous support of Winning Futures and encourage you to visit Dr. Whiting's website [here](#) to explore her philosophies, writings and products.

**MENTORS OF THE YEAR TO BE HONORED**



Five special individuals will be honored with the **Winning Futures Mentor of the Year Award** in recognition of their contributions as mentors for tri-county area students at the **May 21** Winning Futures Awards celebration. This award is presented to volunteers from the programs' multiple mentoring sites to honor their commitment to mentoring, for helping students set goals, reach their potential, and discover their strengths.

The 2012 Winning Futures Mentors of the Year are:

- **Alyson Darin**, Owner, [Aly Darin Photography](#) – Mentor at Harper Woods High School
- **Linda Hockney**, Human Resource Manager, [Extra Credit Union](#) – Community High School
- **James King**, Retired Human Resource Manager, [Ford Motor Company](#) – Pontiac High School
- **Yonika Porritt**, Junior Account Manager, [Powerlink](#) Facilities Management Services – Cass Technical High School
- **Kevin Sutton**, Senior Attorney, [Lusk and Albertson](#) – Warren Mott High School

"These five individuals have made a powerful, positive impact on young people through their role as mentors," said **Kristina Marshall**, Winning Futures' president and CEO. "We are proud to honor them for their on-going dedication to volunteerism and making a stronger community."

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