



# Make A Difference Youth Foundation

"Parents and Friends of the Foundation"

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## LaSalle Bank Chicago Marathon

*"Students from the foundation's college bound program (and friends of the foundation) spent two days as volunteers assisting with the Chicago Marathon"*



Board member Ms. Elaine Jones organized two days of volunteer service for over 50 students, parents, board members and friends of the foundation.

The weekend began on Saturday, October 6, 2007 with students meeting with board member Ms. Elaine Jones at 9:30am. They boarded a school bus and did not return until after 3:00pm. They were all treated to pizza and chicken after a long day of volunteer service.

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## Unique College Tour

*"Parents and friends of the foundation join our college bound program for a unique college trip to New Orleans"*



A trip to New Orleans will serve two purposes: college trip and parent fundraiser. Student's from the foundation college bound program will visit the campus of Southern University, watch a battle of the bands between Grambling State University & Southern University, attend a Greek show and attend the Annual Bayou Classic football game in the New Orleans Super dome. Parents and friends of the foundation will ride the same coach bus to New Orleans but stay in a separate hotel while they enjoy a vacation to New Orleans.

The fundraiser will allow parents (and friends of the foundation) to spend time visiting New Orleans and attend the Bayou Classic Football game. The parents get to take advantage of group pricing and spend less than \$300.00 on a trip to New Orleans - while staying in an outstanding hotel on the French Quarters.

What is the fundraiser component? The fees paid by the parents will cover the cost of the college trip for the students. A win-win situation for everyone!

### Trip Agenda

#### November 23, 2007

Classic College Fair – 12:00 Noon

Battle of the Bands and Greek Show – 7:00pm – 10:00pm

#### November 24, 2007

Campus visit of Southern University

Campus visit Xavier University of Louisiana

Campus visit of Dillard University

Bayou Classic Football Game – 1:00pm



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Ms. Dorsey came as a parent chaperon as well as volunteer worker.



Volunteers helped distribute packets to runners.



Students met Sunday morning at 5:30am to head to the marathon. The students were joined by three Morgan Stanley employees (Namrata Rastogi, Aylin Ongurer and

Surendra Kashyap), board members Alesia Vassar, Lori Ray and Charles Gill.



Volunteers began the by day setting up refreshment tables at the finish line.



Temperatures began to reach the high eighties, but the students continued to keep their spirits up (they did come out of their marathon jackets).



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Volunteers were provided with an opportunity to rest and stay hydrated in a volunteer tent.



We thank all of the volunteers that braved the heat and spent their weekend as volunteers.



We thank Ms. Elaine Jones for organizing this project and making this volunteer effort a major success! We also thank the officers of our college bound program “Teens For A New Tomorrow (TFANT)” for coordinating student volunteers with Ms. Jones. Every TFANT officer was present at the marathon

– including Jasmine Gross who serves as vice president of community service projects. One hundred percent participation of the TFANT officers displayed a commitment to lead by example.



## **Make A Difference Youth Foundation Bowl-a-thon**

*“Major bowling fundraiser requires 160 volunteer bowlers”*



A bowling fundraiser is planned for Tuesday Evening November 13, 2007 at the Brunswick Zone. One hundred and sixty bowlers will solicit pledges as they bowl to raise money for the foundation.

Each bowler must commit to raising at least \$50.00 in pledges (bowlers can sponsor themselves). Parents, board members and friends of the foundation are being recruited as bowlers.

Stand-in bowlers are available. If you want to help raise money for this event but are not able to bowl, then we can provide you with a stand-in bowler (one of our college bound students).

All interested bowlers or individuals seeking to sponsor a bowler can contact the foundation office at (773) 445-5829.



## **Vegas Trip**

*“26 Parents and Friends of the foundation will be headed to Vegas as part of a creative fundraiser”*



We would like to thank the twenty-six board members, parents and friends of the foundation for participating in the Vegas fundraiser. Board member, Ms. Alesia Vassar, came up with the idea of a fundraising trip to Vegas as a fundraiser and followed up by recruiting the majority of the twenty-six travelers.

Thank You Ms. Vassar!



## ACT Prep Classes

*“ACT prep classes will end with a full pre-test the week before the actual ACT test”*

The current ACT prep class - offered to the college bound students of the foundation - has provided students with study materials, a Texas Instruments (ACT approved) calculator and will hold a full test at Harold Washington College the week before the actual ACT test.

The practice test will be held at the normal start time for ACT testing – 8:00am. Students will not be allowed to take the test if they are late or do not bring their student id. The exam will provide students with a final opportunity to become accustomed to the timing of each section.

Some of the class participants are scheduled to take the exam in October while the majority are trying to gain a better understanding of the material covered on the exam and the areas that they need to spend more time studying.

Our online tutoring website, [www.katiekares.com](http://www.katiekares.com), provides students with an opportunity to work with tutors in math and science throughout the week. This session of the ACT prep classes and the following session are already full.



### Upcoming Events:



We will be visiting Drake University on November 1 & 2, 2007.

## Live admissions videoconference and trip to Spelman College

*“Plans are being made to take six young ladies from our college bound program to visit Spelman College”*

A November trip to Spelman College is being planned for six young ladies from our college bound program. An admissions videoconference is also being planned. Spelman representatives have participated in live videoconferences in the past with students from our college bound program.

The November trip will be targeted at our high school seniors with a follow-up trip in the spring for our undergraduates.



## Alumni News

*“Christina Hunt finishes first year of medical school at the University of Illinois and Kristopher “Chase” Rodgers has graduated from Florida A&M with an engineering degree”*

### CONGRATULATIONS

#### TINA

Christina Hunt was a graduate of Maria High School (National Merit Scholar) and received an engineering degree from Washington University in St. Louis before attending medical school at the University of Illinois. In October 2007 she will be welcomed to the medical field when she receives her white jacket.



Chase is Back!

This year Kristopher “Chase” Rodgers received an engineering degree from Florida A&M. Chase has returned to work with the college bound program. He was a former president of the college bound program and is pictured during the candlelight ceremony passing the responsibility of president to Jaclyn Bivens (who is currently a McNair Scholar at the University of Illinois).

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