



*Disability Outreach
Foundation Dispatch*

P.O. Box 771, Arlington Heights, IL 60006

2004 Edition

Letter from the President

Greetings everyone, and welcome to the first annual Disability Outreach Foundation Dispatch! This newsletter will be sent out to our thoughtful donors who share the vision of improving the quality of life for several youths with physical disabilities. Instead of being perceived as problems, they will be able to be the best student-athletes they can be! Isn't life about fulfilling your potential? Thus our tag line: "You're as ABLE as you want to be!"

In this edition, you'll read about the NEDSRA Junior Wheelchair Bulls regional tournament, the first wheelchair basketball state tournament in Peoria, our newly designed website, an interview with University of Illinois Wheelchair Basketball Coach Mike Frogley, a picture designed by a student from Plainfield South High School, and an upcoming fundraiser at Stevenson High School benefiting Disability Outreach Foundation.

Disability Outreach Foundation would like to thank the following people who made our nonprofit organization possible: Brian Moran, John Glassgow, Mike Freitag, Alfred Tsao, and anyone else who I may have forgotten to mention.

Sincerely,

Bryan Pratt

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NEDSRA Junior Wheelchair Bulls Tournament

In February, Disability Outreach Foundation sponsored the NEDSRA Junior Wheelchair Bulls Tournament in Addison. Junior Wheelchair Bulls Coach Mike Van Cleve commented, "The home tournament served as a turning point in our season. It was a series of games where the kids started to see their hard work pay off. Their defense and personal bonds began to flourish. We had many younger kids take on greater roles. Home tournaments are a bit easier for the kids because they are on familiar territory, and more friends and family are there to watch. Therefore, you tend to see more growth."



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Warriors Are First Ever State Champs

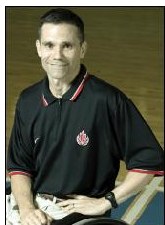


The Windy City Warriors soundly defeated the Rockford Junior Chariots 52-18 in the first ever Illinois High School Association state championship game of wheelchair basketball. The tournament coincided with the IHSA's Class A boys basketball tournament at the Peoria Civic Center. The Windy City Warriors comprised of players primarily from west DuPage County, while the Rockford Junior Chariots were made up of players from the Rockford area.

Disability Outreach Foundation Has A Web Presence

What do the Chicago Tribune, Daily Herald, Peoria Journal Star, Champaign News-Gazette, Decatur Herald & Review, and Chicago Sun-Times all have in common? Each newspaper has covered the IHSA wheelchair basketball project. To read these articles and more, go to www.disabilityoutreach.org!

Q&A with Mike Frogley



Q: Are you satisfied with the progress of the IHSA wheelchair basketball project?

A: I am never satisfied with anything. I always believe that we can make things better. If we couldn't, why would we continue to work at anything? However, I do see progress and I do see us heading forward. The next big step will be to expand the number of people directing the project.

Q: What are some myths about wheelchair basketball?

A: The biggest myth about wheelchair basketball is that the people playing it are not athletes. A large portion of society still does not view these individuals as athletes.

Q: Are you looking forward to the Athens Paralympics?

A: Athens is the birth place of the modern Olympics. What a great place to go and see who is the best in the world.

Q: The U of I Women's Collegiate Wheelchair Basketball team has swept the past three consecutive years at the national tournament. What are the chances of a fourth?

A: Our women are the sleeper next year!!!!!! Keep an eye out for them.



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Picture Perfect

This picture was designed as a class project by Plainfield South High School student Adam Moline. Thank you Adam!

The Spirit of Stevenson

Stevenson High School selected Disability Outreach Foundation for its Spirit Walk fundraiser on Sunday, October 17, 2004. Sign up and bring a friend! Go and make some new friends! Please read the next two pages for more details.

Reply Form

I am pleased to support your continuing efforts to help student-athletes with disabilities.

If I donate a minimum of \$10, I will receive a free one-year subscription to Disability Outreach Foundation's newsletter. In addition if I donate a minimum of \$75, I will receive a free Disability Outreach Foundation baseball cap.

Enclosed is my check payable to Disability Outreach Foundation in the amount of:

\$10 \$25 \$50 \$100 \$250 \$500 Other \$ _____

In the future I would like to be contacted by e-mail. My e-mail address is:

I know that Disability Outreach Foundation greatly appreciates my current contribution, and I hope to provide continuing financial support as well as to encourage others to contribute. I asked the following people below, and they agreed to be on Disability Outreach Foundation's mailing list (optional).

1. First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: ____ Zip: _____

2. First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: ____ Zip: _____

Privacy: Disability Outreach Foundation will keep this information as private, and not sell or make it available to anyone else.

THANK YOU FOR HELPING STUDENTS-ATHLETES WITH DISABILITIES!



Stevenson prides itself on helping others. For Homecoming, it's time once again to walk

Stevenson High School's Homecoming celebration in October will include the seventh annual Homecoming Spirit Walk. The Spirit walk on October 17th, and the Homecoming parade on Saturday, October 23rd continues because it combines the spirit and fun that are part of Homecoming with the SHS community's strong tradition of commitment to help others.

Last year's Spirit Walk featured more than 850 walkers and raised \$22,000 for the Lisa Klitzky Foundation. Lisa Klitzky, a 1995 Stevenson graduate died of cancer on Aug. 26, 2002. The foundation strives to advance education, patient care and research to improve the quality of life in adolescents affected by cancer.

The Spirit Walk is the idea of our student government, made up of student leaders and faculty advisors from each of the four classes and Student Council. They hope to build a tradition for the whole school to get involved. As a celebration of Homecoming, and as an event to help others, the committee encourages the entire Stevenson community to participate as a way of demonstrating school spirit. You can walk with your family, with your friends, with your club or team, or by yourself.

Donations Needed

- 500 Balloons
- 500 packaged food items for walkers (breakfast bars, cookies, water, etc.)
- Prizes for the individuals who raise the most money (gift certificates, etc.)
- Monetary donations towards \$15,000 goal

If you would like to donate items, call Chris Franken at 847-634-4000, ext. 1350 or email

In the past Spirit Walk has been organized by the Student Government but is now organized by Spirit Revolution, Stevenson's cheerleading and pom teams. Team members, coaches, and parents are volunteering their time to organize this popular event, and are looking forward to continuing this tradition. Stevenson has shown its compassion for those in need over the years through Give-A-Thon and other efforts. Please help us as we reach out once again.

The year's Spirit Walk will benefit the Disability Outreach Foundation. The foundation promotes health and wellness among youth with physical disabilities by encouraging and supporting the numerous Illinois Special Recreation Associations.

The Spirit Walk festivities will be at 1:00 p.m. Sunday, October 17 at Stevenson. Registration will be held from 12:15 to 12:45. The Homecoming Court and the Fall Varsity Sport Teams will lead the 4.5 mile walk, which begins at Stevenson, winds west and south into Buffalo Grove, then returns to campus.

Anyone may participate in the Spirit Walk; just register (by mail or on the day of the walk) and donate \$5 or more to the Disability Outreach Foundation. Our goal is to signup 1,200 walkers and raise \$15,000. **A registration form in on the next page.**

DISABILITY OUTREACH FOUNDATION

Disability Outreach Foundation is a 501-C3 nonprofit organization that promotes health and wellness among youth with physical disabilities by encouraging and supporting the numerous Illinois Special Recreation Associations. The foundation is a service-oriented, community-based organization whose members are individuals with and without disabilities working hand in hand toward the vision of wheelchair basketball becoming a high school varsity sport throughout the state of Illinois. Founded at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in 1949, wheelchair basketball is vitally important to the personal growth of today's student-athletes achieve better grades, have increased self-esteem, experience fewer discipline issues, and are more likely to receive their high school diplomas than their non-participatory counterparts.



Seventh Annual Stevenson High School Homecoming Spirit Walk

~~~ sponsored by Spirit Revolution ~~~

Sunday, October 17, 2004, 1:00 p.m.

A Kickoff to Homecoming Week and a  
Fundraiser for the *Disability Outreach Foundation*

**Date / Time:** Sunday, October 17, 2004. Registration begins at 12:15 p.m. The walk festivities will begin promptly at 1:00 p.m.

**Route:** The walk begins at Stevenson High School, follows the sidewalk north to Port Clinton Road, then west on Port Clinton and Buffalo Grove roads, to Brandywyn and back to Stevenson. The route is approximately 4.5 miles.

**Who Can Participate:** Everyone is invited to participate: Stevenson students, faculty, families, and community members.

**Registration Fee:** \$5.00 donation per person, although more may be donated. All proceeds will go to the Disability Outreach Foundation, which promotes health and wellness among youth with physical disabilities by encouraging and supporting the numerous Illinois Special Recreation Associations.

**How to Register:** All pre-registrations will receive a free t-shirt! Pre-registrations may be sent to: Chris Franken, Student Activities Director, Stevenson High School, One Stevenson Drive, Lincolnshire, IL 60069. You may also register the day of the event.

(detach here - keep for your information)  
(return registration form below)

## \*\*\* Homecoming Spirit Walk Registration Form \*\*\*

Last name: \_\_\_\_\_ First name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Student:  
 Stevenson High School:  
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            Sophomore  
            Junior  
            Senior  
     Representing Club(s) / Team(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other school: \_\_\_\_\_

Stevenson High School faculty  
 Adult  
 Child, not of school age

Registration fee (minimum \$5.00 donation): \$ \_\_\_\_\_