

The Helping Hand



3rd Annual Charity Dinner

Contractors For Kids held their 3rd Annual Charity Dinner at the Marine World Aquarium on January 18th. The evening was a wonderful example of how a community of people can

merchants. The room was filled with beautiful baskets, gift certificates to restaurants, a bicycle, DVD players, iPods and so many more great items. The frenzied crowd circled around filling the bags with their tickets in hopes of their favored prize!

Silent Auction with plenty of autographed sports memorabilia.

Contractors For Kids un-

The evening was a wonderful example of how a community of people can come together and give selflessly to the need of a sick child.

We had a gaming room for those feeling lucky with the numbers that evening. A 56" Plasma TV was the grand prize. For the ladies there was a perfect Diamond Necklace or you could take home your very own Authentic Slot Machine.

For the Sports Buffs we of course had the successful

veiled their 2008 Orange County Chopper for the Annual raffle at the Charity Dinner to the awe of the crowd. The Chopper will be raffled at the Contractors For Kid's family Picnic in September at South Haven Park. Tickets are available to be purchased online at www.contractorsforkids.org.

Abbott & Costello
Atlantis Marine Aquarium



come together and give selflessly to the need of a sick child.

There was a Chinese Auction with many wonderful prizes donated by local

Brothers and Sisters in Blues...

On Sunday, February 17, 10 bands came together for a special event that helped to benefit Contractors For Kids at Bobbique Restaurant in Patchogue. All bands appeared courtesy of "The Brothers & Sisters In Blues", an Act 1 Entertainment touring group that performs at local venues to assist ones less fortunate than ourselves.

The day was a complete success! The place was

packed and while the tunes filled the house many people got their first look at Contractors For Kid's 2008 Orange County Chopper! Volunteers, Brittney and Louis were busy all day selling tickets for the Chopper raffle while Maria and Joe circled the floor with raffles for a 50/50 and some wonderful prizes donated by Contractors For Kids supporters.

Although an event like this one is not of the same

magnitude of some of Contractors For Kid's Annual galas, it is a part of our grassroots. It is here where we will bring more awareness to our communities and that will make a profound difference in the future success of Contractors For Kids.

Thank you to all that participated and we look forward to seeing you at our next event



Contractors
For Kids

What's Happening?

Stay tuned for updates!

> CFK Partners up with WBAB

> CFK represented on Mount Everest

> CFK Looking for Volunteers under the Polar Ice Cap

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From the President

Dear Contractors for Kids Family,

Welcome to our first newsletter that will keep our family apprised of the Contractors For Kids organization. I would like to share my goals for the next year for this fine organization. The number one goal is to help more children and their families overcome the many obstacles that can be placed in their way. That is the easy part. How we accomplish the goal is the challenge. To date Contractor For Kids has relied on individual donations and events proceeds to raise money to help families. We traditionally have three major events a January dinner dance, June golf outing & September family picnic with a major raffle prize. In addition to these wonderful events, Contractors For Kids will be raising the bar and adding some new events for 2008.

“As an anonymous wise man once stated, What if?” What if you volunteered your time for Contractors For Kids?

First, Contractors Fork Kids will benefit from the proceeds of an afternoon of music by a blues band, scheduled for February 17, 2008 at Bobbique Restaurant located in Patchogue.

Secondly, Contractors For Kids first Bowl a thon scheduled for March 9, 2008 at Commack Bowl. This event will encourage local school districts and school age children to assist CFK in raising money to benefit Contractors For Kids. The highest grossing team will enjoy some wonderful prizes for their efforts and have the satisfaction in helping a child and family in need.

In addition, the next ongoing event will be “Kids Helping Kids” to benefit Contractors for Kids. In a grass root effort, CFK will team up with several school districts to make Contractors For Kids the charity that will educate children about philanthropy by gathering their loose change in water jugs, to make a difference for a needy child and their family.

In addition, CFK/ CFMA will have a dinner dance scheduled for April 16, 2008 at the Crest Hollow Country Club. Together with The Construction Financial Management Association (CFMA) the proceeds from the evening will benefit Contractors For Kids.

The last major point, CFK will be entering the corporate world. CFK will look to become the approved charities with several corporations, in their charitable gifting & charitable matching programs.

We value your previous, present and future support. Support can come in many ways monetarily, volunteering, networking or giving us new ideas to improve our family to provide for those less fortunate.

As an anonymous wise man once stated, What if?

What if you **volunteered** your time with Contractor For Kids?

What if you had the opportunity to **help** a child or a family in need?

What if you **committed** yourself to do one act of kindness per week & your one random act of kindness **encouraged** your friends to do one additional act of kindness per week?

What if you **decided** to commit to giving \$10 per month to Contractors For Kids?

If you choose to challenge yourself with one of these "What if", you would make a difference in the life of a child in need.

Peace, Love & Support.

Frank Strich

President

“We Will Be There”



“Never doubt that a group of caring individuals can change the lives of children and their families in need.”

Lou Spina

Family picnic fun...

What do we associate with the month of September? Labor Day, the start of the school year, the beginning of fall and of course the annual Contractors For Kids Picnic. Voted as one of the best corporate picnics by Long Island Business News, this annual event has in three short years become a Long Island staple. In an attempt to keep things fresh, the venue has changed to the beautiful South Haven County Park. The venue may have changed, but the fun will not. On September 13, you can expect food, fun and more fun for kids age 1 to 99. Foods, check, games, check, entertain-

ment, check, it will all be there. This event is one of our major fundraisers with proceeds supporting those families in need. Our goal this year is to increase attendance over the previous two years. We would love to see 2,000 smiling faces enjoying the day. Whether it is a small child climbing on an inflatable float, a teen hitting a target with a paint ball gun, a young adult enjoying the entertainment or an adult calling their number is held during one of the raffles, everyone is guaranteed to have fun.

Speaking of raffles, we have been fortunate again this year to commission Orange County Chopper to design and build one of their famous choppers specifically for us. This has been wildly successful in the past and we expect the same level of enthusiasm to continue. So sell, sell, sell those raffle tickets.

We want this to be the best year ever. Your support and ideas are both welcome and needed. Please start saying your prayers so the weather cooperates and we look forward to seeing you at this wonderful event.



Third Annual Family Picnic Sept. 13, 2008

Union Dock Builder's Son in Coma

His name is Thomas Archer; Single Father of four sons. Their ages are 18, 15 and 7 year old twins. In his words, living the Camelot Life until the fateful day in Oct. of 2007 when 15 year old Ben was hit by an automobile while riding his bike. The Archer's life as they knew it now had to change. Everyone was determined to see Ben through whatever it took.

asked for any help at all, a little money to help put oil in his tank, help with the rent, or phone bill, because everything he had was now going to help pay for Ben's recovery. But Tom also stated that he understood if there was nothing we could do because there were probably people that need our help more than he does. He said that it would only be temporary because he was getting ready to go back to work.

not have been more thankful. He and his family were there for his son and promised to be there for Contractors For Kids when they could. If you know anyone that needs the help of CFK please have them contact us through the website: www.contractorsforkids.org or by telephone: 1-888-208-kids.

Remember we are "A Charity Helping Children & Their Families".
"We Will Be There"

In Tom's letter to CFK he

We did help and he could



Ben and his cousin on a recent visit to his bedside in Smithtown

CATCHING OUR VISION ...

Here we go again," Continuing The Ride Toward Our Vision" with another beautiful Orange County Chopper. For those of you that have already seen it, you know what we are talking about. For those of you that have not seen it please make it your business to do so. We need the help of every one of you to sell as many tickets for this chopper as possible. Tickets are available for

sale on the website www.contractorsforkids.org as well as in person. The price is \$20.00 each. If you know of a retail establishment that would like to sponsor the bike for a week and have the Bike in their store, Sponsorship packages are available. Please call 1-888-208-kids for more details or see a Board member for more information. We would like to see teams of volunteers

selling tickets on as many weekends and evenings as possible. If you would like a sales package please let us know and we will get you all the marketing materials that you need. Remember September 13th is the drawing and it is not far away. Lets all do what we can to make this successful. Every ticket sold helps another child and his or her family.

Presenting the 2008 Exclusive Orange County Chopper



OUR MISSION

“Contractors for Kids” is a not for profit organization founded for the purpose of providing assistance to families in our communities. Our goal for “Contractors for Kids” is to assist children and their families overcome obstacles that have unfortunately changed or have impacted their lives through sickness, injury or death. We are committed to this foundation and want to give hope and reassurance for their futures.



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EVENTS CALENDAR

March 9th, 2008

Bowl-a-thon

Commack Lanes

2183 Jericho Turnpike; Commack, NY 11725

11:00 am thru 1:00 pm

Call for more information

April 16th, 2008

CFMA /CFK

Inaugural Dinner and Gaming Night

Honoring the Construction Financial Person of the Year.

Crest Hollow Country Club

June 9th, 2008

3rd Annual Golf Outing

Stonebridge Golf Links and Country Club and second location TBD

September 13th, 2008

3rd Annual Picnic and Chopper Raffle

South Haven County Park

BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Together,
“We will be there”

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