

Northern Black Hills Association of REALTORS®

# REALTORS® for Kids

## “Share the Experience” kicks off 2006

### Special points of interest:

- REALTORS® for Kids Annual Benefit Auction ... April 28, 2006
- RFK T-Shirts available
- REALTORS® for Kids to have a web site in 2006
- “Tee it up for the Kids” event coming this summer
- RFK assists 12 children already this year with \$4500 in donations

2006, the third year full year for the REALTORS® for Kids organization, began on an emotional note. The Annual Meeting held on Friday, February 3rd at Tretheway Pavilion in Spearfish Park was attended by over 50 REALTOR® and Affiliate members from the Northern Black Hills Association of REALTORS®, as well as, children and their families that the organization has supported. Gail Tysdal, President of the Northern Black Hills Association of REALTORS® started the evening’s events by thanking all those who have been volunteers for the organization, noting that we will all be remembered not for what we’ve accomplished but rather for what we did for others.

After a brief presentation and overview of the organization’s activities from the past year was completed, a letter written by Rick Furnish, one of the many of the RFK volunteers was read. Excerpts are included on page 2.

As the evening progressed, parents, referring agents, volunteers and friends gave emotional testimonials about what the REALTORS® for Kids organization meant to them. With each heartfelt story, those in attendance experienced the purpose of the organization ... reach out to the children and families of our Northern Hills communities and give them support when they need it.

Denny McKay, REALTORS® for



Volunteers, families and friends gathered to share their experiences at the 2006 Annual Meeting of REALTORS® for Kids

Kids President, concluded the evening by acknowledging that RFK wouldn’t be so effective if it wasn’t for the contributions of people like Rich Krogstad, Kari Engen, Alexa Elwood, Brandy Sweet, Barb Dennard, Shelby Cihak, Dixie Olson and so many others that give their time, energy and love to the kids.

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## RFK 2006 Benefit Auction

The REALTORS® for Kids, Inc. is feverishly working on the final details as they prepare for the 2006 Benefit Auction. The auction will be held on Friday, April 28th. The site for this year’s auction will be the Deadwood Gulch Convention Center located across the street from Gulches of Fun.

Many great auction items have

already been donated, including jewelry, artwork, vacation packages, kids furniture and lots more. If you are interested in donating an item for the auction or making a monetary contribution to be used to purchase an auction item, please contact Pat Gallagher at RE/MAX in the Hills @ 642-2500.

Auction Committee Chairperson,

Shelby Cihak, and her group of volunteers has paved the way for a great evening of fun, food and excitement ... all for a wonderful cause, the children of the Northern Hills communities.

Doors open at 6:00 pm for the social hour and the live auction begins at 7:00 pm. Admission \$10 per person.

## What RFK Means to Me

**Rick Furnish is a member of the Northern Black Hills Association of REALTORS® and volunteer for the REALTORS® for Kids organization. Excerpts from Rick's letter read at the Annual Meeting.**

"In a profession like ours that is so competitive many times we get caught up in the daily battle and lose sight of what really matters in life. REALTORS® for Kids gives Realtors an opportunity to work together on something that is so much bigger than our profession; to work together on something that seeks to serve rather than be served; to give without asking what's in it for me. To me RFK helps us put what we do, as good as it may be, in proper focus. I would like to give you an example from my own experience.

A little over two years ago, my wife Vicki and I received a call from two of our dearest friends. Their voices were not bright and joyful, as they usually were, but voices filled with great concern and shock. They had just received the results from blood tests that confirmed their baby daughter had leukemia. They asked us to pray for them and we tried to comfort them the best we could before they took the flight-for-life to the Mayo Clinic. What a helpless feeling when those that you love are going through trying situations like these, situations that you know are long

term and costly. That is where RFK came in. RFK provided funds to assist these parents with their many, many trips back to Mayo for treatment.

What a wonderful feeling it was to hand a check to them knowing that in a small way they were involved in helping this beautiful little girl get well. I am so grateful to be part of an organization that is actually putting hands and feet to 'service above self' and helping those in need!"

Excerpts from a letter dated 2/3/06 from Rick Furnish read at the Annual Meeting.



## Tee it up for the Kids 2006 Style

Fundraising should be FUN ... that's the why REALTORS® for Kids, Inc. will be hosting the second annual "Tee it up for the Kids" golf outing and social this summer. Last year's event raised for over \$1000 for the children of the Northern Hills and pro-

vided a relaxing and often times quite humorous evening at the Spearfish Canyon Country Club.

This year's event will include fun for golfers of all skill (or no skill) levels. Hole prizes, refreshments, buffet dinner and raffle items will be available for all participants.

For those that choose not to embarrass themselves with a golf club and ball, a social will follow afterwards. Watch for details in about this event as summer approaches. If last year was any indication this is a "do not miss" event.



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## What we've Heard

A note from a thankful family:

To All - Realtors for Kids

Thank you so much for your monetary gift to us for Madeline. We appreciate your generosity so much! What a wonderful group you are in helping the children with chronic illnesses and other great needs. Thanks

again for thinking of us - Have a wonderful 2006!

James, Laurie and Madeline Rogers

From a recent newspaper article in the Lawrence County Journal and an E-mail from Rich Krogstad:

After recent evaluation by two

Neurosurgeons in Pittsburgh, Trevor Stacey will be undergoing Deep Brain Stimulation surgery in May. Doctors are hopeful that this will be successful in treating the Trevor's dystonia. Marc and Rita thanked Rich and the RFK organization for helping the family arrange for Miracle Flight for Kids to get them to Pittsburgh.