

Northern Black Hills Association of REALTORS®

# REALTORS® for Kids

## Special points of interest:

- REALTOR Association of the Sioux Empire forms a REALTORS for Kids organization
- RFK outreach program brings in more requests for Belle Fourche and Newell children
- RFK brochure now available on the web
- RFK Annual "Tee it Up for the Kids" scheduled for June 19th at Spearfish Canyon Country Club
- Read the story of RFK on the web @

[RealtorsForKids.org](http://RealtorsForKids.org)

It's that time of year again. The REALTORS for Kids organization will hold their Annual Benefit Auction to raise funds to assist the children of the Northern Black Hills. The Auction will once again return to the Deadwood Gulch Resort's Convention Center beginning at 6:00 pm on Friday, April 11th.

Prior to the Live Auction which will begin at 7:00 pm, silent auction items will be open for bidding. An awesome array of items including artwork, gift baskets, getaway

packages, toys, sculptures and more will provide something for everyone to choose from.

This year, we will again feature a beautifully framed Jon Crane print from the Jon Crane Gallery as the key item for one lucky bidder.



Check out this hand carved wooden hay truck, it's 3 feet long

The entry fee of only \$10 entitles you to a bid # and a great spread of food including chilled shrimp, cheese & cracker trays, meatballs, veggie & fruit trays, breaded mushrooms, chicken drummies and more. A cash bar will also be available. So mark your calendars now, because you won't want to miss this event.

**REALTORS for Kids, Inc.  
6th Annual Benefit Auction**

**Friday, April 11, 2008  
6:00 pm**

**Deadwood Gulch Resort  
Convention Center**

## New York, New York !!!

Have you ever wanted visit the Statue of Liberty, stand in Times Square, or see a Broadway show? Well then, RFK has an opportunity that you won't want to pass up. On April 11th, at the 6th Annual RFK Benefit Auction, a lucky name will be drawn to win a trip to New York City. The package will include round trip airfare for two to New York's LaGuardia Airport, a 5 night stay at the

Holiday Inn Midtown & 57th Street, metro passes, 2 passes to the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island, \$100 for show tickets and more.

Raffle tickets are available for this exciting trip for just \$25. With only 400 tickets to be sold, you've got a great chance to see New York in your future. Proceeds from the raffle ticket sales will go to the

Northern Hills REALTORS for Kids organization to assist children in our communities.

Get your raffle ticket by contacting Alexa Elwood or any of the RFK Board members and be on your way to the Big Apple.



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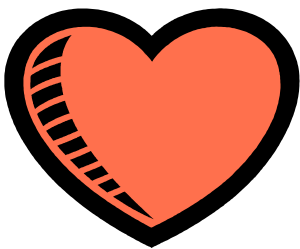
Our commitment to our communities in the Northern Black Hills starts with our commitment to the children. The opportunities afforded them is our responsibility. Each and everyone of us has the responsibility to spread the message that the REALTORS® for Kids fund is available for those children in need of financial assistance.

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REALTORS® for Kids, Inc.  
It's all about HEART

## RFK Touches Many

The Realtors for Kids organization has been able to help so many children in so many different ways. Take for example a request that was recently received from a teacher and a school nurse in Newell, they requested assistance to help purchase glasses for two children that were struggling in school because they were having problems with their vision. RFK was able to arrange for eye exams and purchase glasses for both of them and school work should become a little bit easier for them.

Or what about the boy that comes to school each day and has trouble concentrating because of severe tooth aches. With limited income his fam-

ily has a difficult time finding money to pay for dental work. RFK, through its team of volunteers, was able to arrange for a local dentist treat this child at discounted rate and take care of the bill.

There are many more stories about children and their families that have been impacted by RFK just in the past few months ... the four and ten year old children that were removed from an abusive home and ended up staying with a teacher because there were no foster families available to take them. These kids came with only the clothes on their backs ... the three children that lost all of their clothes

and personal items in a fire that destroyed their home. During the first 65 days this year alone, RFK has received 13 requests for assistance, many of which entail helping more than one child. In funding those requests, Realtors for Kids, Inc. has written checks for close to \$5,500. At the current rate, RFK this year will fund over 70 requests and distribute over \$30,000 to fund those requests alone.

The funds for the assistance that RFK is able to provide comes from many sources: fundraising events, such as the RFK Annual Benefit Auction & the Tee it Up for the Kids Golf Outing; individual and company donations; and Closings for Kids. Thanks for your Heart & Support.

## What We've Heard

Every year since the REALTORS for Kids organization started, we have made a contribution to a special organization that assists children that have suffered from a serious injury or medical condition that leaves them physically handicapped. The organization, SunCatcher Therapeutic Riding Academy, assists those children enrich their lives through a therapeutic riding program. Here is what one of the mother's had to say in a thank you note that we received:

*Jenny grew up riding and training her own horses. Since a near fatal accident in 2002 left her a*

*paraplegic, she has received more benefit - physical, mental, emotional and spiritual - from the SunCatcher program than from any other means of therapy. Thank you so much for your part in "keep Jenny riding".*

*Sincerely,*

*Jenny's mother*

Recently, Cami Dohman reached out to a family and their young child that required some very costly medical treatment. She asked RFK to lend a hand and provide some needed funding.

*To all the members of RFK,*

*Words can't express how grateful our family is to have received funding from your organization, not only once but two times. I am a stay at home mom for now to keep our son away from as many germs as possible and I know it would not have been possible for our son to continue to be immunized ... if it hadn't been for your kind and generous support. I would also like to recognize Cami Dohman. She is the kindest, most caring person I've ever met. If it hadn't been for her concern for our family, I wouldn't be writing to you now. Again, thank you to each and everyone of you. You and your organization are a gift from heaven to people who really need it.*