

Northern Black Hills Association of REALTORS®

REALTORS® for Kids

Annual Benefit Auction

Special points of interest:

- New RFK Website site provides Referral Request form and more
- "Tee it Up for the Kids" Golf Outing and Social to move to September 20th
- RFK needs your participation to reach more children
- Board of Directors working on adding two new members
- RFK to recognize HEROES at their Annual Meeting this fall

The 2007 REALTORS for Kids Annual Benefit Auction was a huge success thanks to the many volunteers and the Auction Committee Co-Chairpersons Kari Engen and Brandy Purcell. Their relentless organizational efforts and enthusiasm resulted in over \$27,200 dollars after expenses being raised for the children of the Northern Black Hills.

Friday, April 13th turned out to be anything but an "unlucky day" for the REALTORS for Kids organization as over 150 realtors and their guests attended the 5th Annual RFK Benefit Auction at Deadwood Gulch Convention Center. The evening featured a broad spectrum of items for purchase in live and silent auctions. Generous donations by local merchants, artists and friends of RFK

provided an opportunity for everyone to participate.

The evening began with a heartfelt thank you from Rita Stacey for the assistance that the RFK organization has provided for her son, Trevor, over the past few years. Trevor's medical condition known as dystonia required a special procedure that was performed last year and has helped him return to a active teenage life.

This year's auction featured a Jon Crane framed print of Hill City's Alpine Inn as the "Key Item". Five winning auction bidders during the evening received a key and an opportunity to open the lock box. Beulah McKay held the key that opened the lock.

Arriving at the auction by limo was Deb and Ron Niesent with

family and friends. Deb held the winning ticket for the free limo ride on Auction night. The limo raffle ticket sales brought in almost \$700. Special thanks to Alexa Elwood for hawking those raffle tickets and to the Roo Ranch for providing the limo.

Speaking of raffles ... the night ended on a high note for Don and Mindy Zacher, their ticket was drawn for the Hawaii Vacation package. Three hundred raffle tickets were sold resulting in over \$4800 being raised for the children. A special thanks to Candy Williams and the other volunteers that organized the Hawaii package and sold the raffle tickets.

Special thanks to all of the generous bidders, volunteers and supporters, the children appreciate it.

Ride for the Children



The 4th Annual Black Hills Choppers "Ride for the Children" was held on a beautiful Sunday morn-

ing, July 1st. Dave Withrow, owner of Black Hills Choppers, and his team organized the event which attracted more than 120 motorcycle riders for a poker run in the scenic Black Hills. Riders traveled from Spearfish to Devil's Tower with several stops along the way. A silent auction and raffle helped raise the total for the event to \$3125 which was donated to the

REALTORS for Kids organization to assist the children of the Northern Black Hills.

"It's a good cause, because we were all kids once and it secures our future. These kids that aren't as fortunate as we were when we were kids, it helps them out when they need it." noted Andy Banks of Black Hills Choppers.

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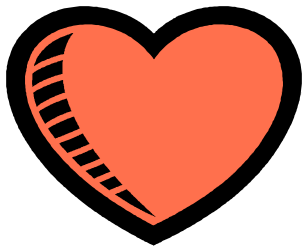
Our commitment to our communities in the Northern Black Hills starts with our commitment to the children. The opportunities afforded them is our responsibility. Each and everyone of us has the responsibility to spread the message that the REALTORS® for Kids fund is available for those children in need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

RFK Board of Directors

- Denny McKay - President
- Rich Krogstad - Vice President
- Dixie Olson - Secretary
- Bill Bomberg - Treasurer
- Kari Engen - Director
- Alexa Elwood - Director
- Brandy Purcell - Director

RFK Committees

- Referral Request Committee
Chair - Dixie Olson
- Public Relations Committee
Chair - Denny McKay
- Auction Committee Co-Chairs -
Kari Engen & Brandy Purcell
- Administrative Committee
Chair - Bill Bomberg



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

Who We Assist

The first half of 2007 has provided some opportunities for REALTORS for Kids, Inc to reach some children that aren't being assisted through other organizations and help some children and families that need some ongoing assistance. During the first six months, RFK has assisted thirty-six children with \$10,253.65 in donations.

Funding requests have been received through school counselors

and social workers for children that are in need of basic necessities, like clothing and shoes; for assistance with payment for special summer school classes; and college prep testing.

Requests from the Department of Social Services for funds for medical expenses for children in foster care have been received, as well as, funding requests for psychological risk assessments.

Individual funding requests

made through realtors and affiliate members account for the largest portion of the funding dollars. Over \$6,500 dollars have been provided for medical assistance to children and their families.

If you know of a child that needs financial assistance, take a few minutes and complete a Funding Request form and send it to RFK. Funding Request forms are available on the RFK website:

RealtorsForKids.org

A Special Gift

During the Annual RFK Benefit Auction a special gift was presented to the organization from the Robbie Niesent Memorial Fund. The Niesent family provided a two thousand dollar donation to REALTORS

for Kids, Inc. to be used to support the efforts of the organization in helping children in the Northern Hills communities.

Robbie, Ron and Deb's son and Ryan and Rachael's brother was

killed in an automobile accident in 2002. The memorial fund also provides scholarship funds for Spearfish High School students.

Thank You for your generosity and support.

What We've Heard

Ginger Johnson, Meade County School District Social Worker, spends countless hours in the field visiting the homes of the children in her area. Her dedication to the health and welfare of our children is special. The following letter of thanks is from a mother that Ginger visited and that RFK assisted.

To whom it may concern,

I received some necessities and educational toys thanks to you. I really appreciate this. It was like Christmas to my kids. You don't know how much you have given me and my kids. We all appreciate it so much. For a mother

with no job, no car, and little money, you sure have made my year. The kids love the toys they got and I love the stroller. Now, instead of staying in my apartment, I can take all my boys for a walk and they can play with other kids which they don't get to do too often. You have given us new hope and a chance to exercise and the kids get to have fun outside all together. I really wish there was a way I could repay you, I just can't explain how much this means to me. I wish there were more organizations out there like this one. Getting all this help was a miracle to me. Thank you so much.

Joe DeJarlais of the Mended Little Hearts organization sent this note:

To All Involved,

What a great and wonderful thing those people do! I was visiting with my wife Friday night and was telling her what you did for the Varns family and that was her response.

Each time you have helped one of our Mended little Hearts families I have struggled with how to say thank you and it just came spilling out of her just like that. I can't put it any better.

Our Motto: Its Great to Be Alive and to Help Others