

Northern Black Hills Association of REALTORS®

REALTORS® for Kids

RFK Reaches Out to the NH Communities

Special points of interest:

- RFK has two new Board of Directors, Polly Odle and Terri Keene
- "Tee it Up for the Kids" Golf Outing and Social was a success
- RFK outreach efforts to underway
- RFK brochure now available on the web
- New RFK notebooks to be distributed this fall
- Read the story of RFK on the web @

RealtorsForKids.org

A point of emphasis during the 2007 year has been to organize, categorize and systemize the contact points for RFK. Over the past several years, Referral Requests for funding for children have been generated from many sources: School Counselors; Social Service Workers; Nurses; Pediatricians; CASA volunteers; Pastors; and Realtor and Affiliate members. In an effort to insure that knowledge of the REALTORS for Kids organization and program is reaching all of the NH communities, a data base of the community contacts is being prepared.

The community contact list will become a tool used by the organization to arrange for meetings with

the contacts to discuss children in need of financial assistance. The community contacts are important because they provide an avenue to reach children that are truly in need of assistance. The contacts also are a reliable source when evaluating the need being addressed, thus helping ensure that funding is going where it is needed.

Outreach efforts are already underway in Belle Fourche and Lead/Deadwood, kicked off through recent meetings with school administrators and staff. Polly Odle organized presentations for the school teachers and staff through Bill O'Dea, the Belle Fourche School Superintendent. Polly, Rich

Krogstad, Kari Engen and Bill Bomberg spoke at their staff meetings. Terri Keene and Denny McKay met with Counselors and Nurses in the Lead/Deadwood Schools to talk with them about the RFK funding available. Other meetings have been scheduled for later this month with school staff in Newell and the administrators at the Belle Fourche Community Center.

With a special emphasis on reaching out to community contacts and developing new contacts, it is the goal of RFK to help even more children in the future. The children are the future leaders of our communities, let's give them an opportunity to be successful.

"Tee it Up"

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The 3rd Annual "Tee it Up for the Kids" Golf Outing and Social drew a record crowd and provided for a very enjoyable day. Fifty-five golfers (and I use that term loosely) teed off on a gorgeous September afternoon at Spearfish Canyon Country Club. Mother Nature cooperated by filling the afternoon with warming sunlight and the trees with golden leaves. The setting was perfect even if some of the golf swings weren't so

picturesque. This year's winning team was sponsored by Deb Fegueroa and included Frank Pavich, Rich Turbiville, Wayne Morris and Tim Davis. They shot a 6 under par, 29, in the 9 hole Scramble.

Teams comprised of Affiliate members of the NBH Assn. of REALTORS® and Realtors participated in the events which included a putting contest and hole prizes on each of the nine holes. A

dinner buffet, featuring BBQ Ribs, was prepared by Nick's clubhouse staff and enjoyed by all.



Golfers assemble for final instructions before teeing off at "Tee it Up for the Kids"



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

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



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 It's all about HEART

RFK BOD News

September brought change to the REALTORS for Kids, Inc. Board of Directors. The Board was expanded to 9 members with the addition of Polly Odle, Tri-State Realty in Belle Fourche, and Terri Keene, RE/MAX Gold in Deadwood. Polly has been with Tri-State for about a year and brings a great passion for children. Terri has been part of the RFK organi-

zation almost since its inception as a member of the Finance Committee that reviews and approves funding requests. She has now expanded her role to include a seat on the BOD.

At the September meeting of the BOD, the following officers were selected and approved. Rich Krogstad will serve as President, Alexa Elwood will

serve as Vice President, Terri Keene will serve as Secretary and Bill Bomberg will continue on as the Treasurer.

Committee Chairpersons include: Dixie Olson, Finance Committee; Kari Engen and Brandy Purcell, Auction Committee; Denny McKay, Public Relations Committee; and Bill Bomberg, Administrative Committee.

We need YOU

Children selected from Angel Trees throughout the Northern Hills have been recipients of holiday presents from RFK in the past. Last year, over \$8,000 was spent on children for gifts that they would not have otherwise received. We expect this year's efforts and contributions to be even more impressive.

Cami Dohman and Bob Bertolotto have volunteered to co-chair the Angel Tree Committee this year. They will be looking to YOU to assist in buying gifts for children during the holiday season. Get in touch with Cami or Bob if you wish to be part of this heart warming effort. Remember, YOU can make a difference.

Play Santa...
 ...buy a gift for a child in need right now!



What We've Heard

Recently, we received a Referral Request from a NH Area CASA volunteer who was assisting several children that were placed in foster care with a local family. The children arrived with very little of their own. RFK provided funding for these children. This thank you came from the foster family that is looking out for these children:

Dear REALTORS for kids,

Thank you so much for the assistance for Khyla, Mary & Mesa. We were able to get school clothes & supplies for Khyla. We also got her book assignment and PE shirt and paid for her

school lunches till her Medicaid got approved. She also signed up for basketball. Attached you will find receipts for the girls. We were also able to get Mary & Mesa clothes and bedding and other essential things they needed. Mary & Mesa only came with what they were actually wearing so they need lots of things and also some other things to call their own. We are still getting more but wanted to give you what we had gotten so far. We are planning on getting them more but only had so much we could do till we got the check.

Thank you so much for your help

Earlier this year, RFK got an opportunity to help a little girl when a Referral Request from Lori Enright asked us to fund a vision exam. The result was a pair of glasses for the child donated by Lead/Deadwood Eye Care. This thank you is from that little girl:

Thank You!!!

I greatly appreciate being able to see my school work and so I have you to thank. I hope you continue to help kids like me in the future. The new glasses that you helped me obtain are very nice.

Sincerely,

Patricia