

Northern Black Hills Association of REALTORS®

REALTORS® for Kids

Benefits are Far Reaching

Special points of interest:

- RFK has a new member on the Board of Directors, Sue Cramer
- Dixie Olson is honored for her service to on the RFK Board
- Mick McKay Memorial supports RFK through contributions made by family and friends
- RFK looks to expand the "Tee it Up for the Kids" event next year
- 2009 RFK Benefit Auction scheduled for May 1, 2009
- Read the story of RFK on the web @

RealtorsForKids.org

At first it might seem like a little thing ... a \$50 donation to purchase a pair of soccer shoes, a \$20 donation to purchase a flash drive for their computer, \$100 for a pair of glasses. But think about it, sometimes a small donation can bring about a big change in a child's life.

For a child, knowing that someone is concerned about their well being, concerned about their future, cares about their current dilemma gives them hope. Hope that things will be better, hope that they will grow as a person.

Realtors for Kids believes that our children are our future. That great places to live and work are dependent upon having the children

of our communities feel as though someone truly cares about them and that they have an opportunity to succeed.

Beginning in 2007, the RFK organization set out to reach more children by creating a network of referring agents that would tell us the story of children that needed financial assistance so that we could better fund their needs. The result of those efforts has been amazing. Thus far in 2008, RFK has provided direct funding for over 85 children totaling over \$20,000. Donations of over half of that amount has been provided to help with medical expenses and travel for children that have serious and ongoing health problems.

Funding has also been made available to children that teachers and counselors have identified that need additional help in school through tuition assistance programs for summer school classes and after school activities like the Stop & Grow program in Lead/Deadwood.

Building better communities by supporting our children is a big part of our mission. Our hope is that each child that we assist will become a productive member of our communities. With that in mind, we feel that sometimes what might appear as the little things, are just as important as the larger donations because they show that someone cares.

"Tee it Up" and More

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The 4th Annual "Tee it Up for the Kids" Golf Outing and Social continues to grow each year. This past summer more drew more than 65 participants on a beautiful day at Spearfish Canyon Country Club. With the primary emphasis of the event being heightening awareness of the RFK program, this year was deemed a resounding success.

In 2009, the Board is considering expanding the "Tee it Up" event to

include 18 holes of golf and a silent auction and sponsored prizes.

Also, efforts are underway to add a Motorcycle Ride to the calendar. Several possibilities for partnering with existing rides that benefit children are being considered, as well as, looking into corporate sponsorship.

This year has also seen a tremendous growth in contributions to the RFK from memorials that recog-

nize the great work that RFK has been able to accomplish by helping the children in our communities. Their generosity and support allows RFK to continue to assist more children each year.

Mark your calendar ... the 2009 RFK Benefit Auction is scheduled to be held on Friday, May 1st. The Auction Committee has already begun planning for another great fundraising event.



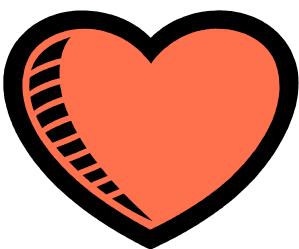
Our commitment to our communities in the Northern Black Hills starts with our commitment to the children. The opportunities afforded them is our responsibility. Each and everyone of us has the responsibility to spread the message that the REALTORS® for Kids fund is available for those children in need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

RFK Board of Directors

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

RFK Committees

Finance Committee Chair - Terri Keene
 Public Relations Committee Chair - Denny McKay
 Auction Committee Co-Chairs - Kari Engen & Polly Odle
 Administrative Committee Chair - Bill Bomberg



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

RFK BOD News

September brought change to the REALTORS for Kids, Inc. Board of Directors. Sue Cramer was elected to the Board of Directors by the membership to serve a three year term on the Board of Directors to replace Dixie Olson.

Dixie was instrumental in not only the development of the RFK organization during its inception but was critical in the growth and

maturing of RFK during her time on the Board. Dixie spearheaded the Finance Committee which oversees the distribution of funds to children in our communities.

At the September meeting of the BOD, the following officers were selected and approved. Alexa Elwood will serve as President, Kari Engen will serve as Vice President, Terri Keene

will and Bill Bomberg will continue on as the Secretary and Treasurer.

Committee Chairpersons include: Terri Keene, Finance Committee; Kari Engen and Polly Odle, Auction Committee; Denny McKay, Public Relations Committee; and Bill Bomberg, Administrative Committee.

Angels Among Us

During the holiday season, RFK reaches out to give children in our communities something to feel good about. With an emphasis on providing gifts to the older children that otherwise may not have received anything, we have developed

our Angel Tree strategy for this year.

This year, RFK has allocated \$4500 to be used by the volunteer angels to purchase gifts for these children. If you would like to be a "volunteer angel" contact any RFK Board member. Remember RFK makes a difference because YOU care.



What We've Heard

Throughout the year RFK receives notes of thanks and appreciation for the donations that we have given that we would like share. Here are a few of them:

(NOTE: Names of the family & children have not been included)

To the members of RFK,

Words cannot 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 the immunization against RSV to have continued without your kind and gen-

erous support. I would also like to recognize Cami. She is the kindest, most caring person that I have ever met. If it hadn't been for her concern for our family, I wouldn't be writing to you now.

Again, I just can't say how absolutely grateful we are. Thank you to each and everyone of you. You and your organization are a gift from heaven.

Dear Realtors for Kids,

I want to thank you for your contribution to my trip to Salt Lake City of \$500.

I had to have surgery to remove the screw in my neck. I am doing well.

Thank you again for the help,

it really helped to take some financial strain off my trip.

Dear Terri, Bill and everyone at Realtors for Kids,

I received your scholarship check for ... thank you so much. He is funny, polite and just plain great to be around. We enjoyed him immediately at Stop & Grow. I am so very happy that you have chosen to scholarship his tuition. I know that your generosity will make life easier for him and his mom.

On behalf of his mom and all of us at Stop & Grow - We appreciate your willingness to step in quickly and help a great KID!!

Sincerely

Deana Ward