



Make it “A Knight to Remember” 5th Annual Auction April 29, 2010

April 29, 2010 is the date for the fifth annual “A Knight to Remember” dinner and auction, which supports more than 3,400 students across Oregon and Southwest Washington who are benefitting from being a part of Chess for Success! Since the first bid was made, we have raised more than \$200,000 in support of our mission.

Once again we will be at The Nines, atop Macy’s in downtown Portland. This wonderful venue provides the perfect backdrop to what is sure to be another special evening. Tickets are \$75.00 each for a wonderful time that will change children’s lives forever.

Use the clip-and-mail form on the next page to purchase tickets. You can also purchase tickets securely online at www.chessforsuccess.org. Unable to join us for this year’s event? Consider supporting our life changing work by purchasing tickets for our wine raffle (only \$10.00 per ticket) or making a contribution to sponsor a child as part of the evening’s paddle raise.

A special **thank you** to everyone who made the fourth annual auction a great success, particularly our sponsors and table hosts for filling the room with people who left feeling passionate about Chess for Success. We truly appreciate the local businesses for the interesting and unique items that were donated which made the bidding spirited!

Join us Thursday April 29

the
NINES

Tickets: \$75.00

Tables: \$750.00

Sponsorships are still available
contact us at 503-295-1230 or
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A Message from Executive Director

I am frequently reminded of the value of Chess for Success and how important our work is for the children we serve.

Seeing so many students doing so well is inspiring to me. Many students in Chess for Success schools are expected to be low performers, yet they succeed in ways no one could have imagined. Your investment in our work has made their success possible. Thank you. Our partnership is helping children in need find success in school and in life.

It has been another great year of chess: More than 3,400 students in 87 schools across Oregon and Southwest Washington have been learning the skills they will need to be successful now and in the future. We had seven new clubs open in Redmond and we are piloting two high school programs. All have gone very well and we are excited about the future.

Yes, we were challenged by our state's economy, but we remained focused on our goal of helping children succeed.

Because of that focus, we are fulfilling our mission each and every day. We are ALL committed to meeting the needs of the students in the schools we are in as well as putting the pieces in place to continue to grow. On behalf of everyone involved in Chess for Success, thank you for your commitment to the students we serve.

I wanted to take a moment to introduce you to Paul Morris, our new (sort of—he started in March 2009) Director of Development & Communications. We are thrilled to have had him join us to oversee our annual fund raising initiatives as well as our marketing efforts.

Paul has wealth of experience, having worked in fund development since 1994, raising money for a wide spectrum of not-for-profit organizations, including: regional theatre; architectural preservation; one of Washington's largest institutions of higher education; and a statewide direct-health service organization dedicated to sight and hearing assistance.



He has experience in all types of fund raising and a particular focus on individual giving. He is one of only 5,400 individuals worldwide to hold the Certified Fund Raising Executive (CFRE) credential, which he was awarded in 2000.

Thanks again for your support. I look forward to seeing you at the auction!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul Morris". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Join us Thursday April 29 at The Nines for the 5th Annual "A Knight to Remember"

Clip and mail this form or purchase tickets online at www.chessforsuccess.org

Name: _____

Address: _____

Vegetarian meal(s)

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____

___ Tickets (@\$75.00 each) ___ Table (@\$750.00 seats 10) ___ Raffle Tickets (@\$10.00 ea.)

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Check enclosed (payable to Chess for Success) Please send me an invoice
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Your Investment in Action

For \$75.00 annually (just \$6.25 per month) you can help a student make the right moves to succeed now and in the future. *Give online at chesforsuccess.org*

<i>Amount</i>	<i>Impact</i>
\$3,000	Sponsors a chess club for a year
\$1,200	Pays the teacher/chess coach for a club
\$500	Provides chess sets and boards for 60 children
\$100	Provides the chess library for a school
\$75	Sponsors chess club for one child for a year

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43rd Annual Chess for Success State Tournament Presented by US Bank

Each year Chess for Success organizes the Chess for Success Regional and State Tournaments. These tournaments serve children from kindergarten through 12th grade and are open to all students in Oregon. This year 24 regional tournaments were held throughout the state with almost 2,000 children participating.

Chess for Success hosted the annual State Chess Tournament on Friday, March 12 and Saturday, March 13 at the Oregon Convention Center. On Friday 261 individuals competed in the Team Tournament and on Saturday 294 individuals competed in the Individual Tournament. This year was record breaking, with a 12 way tie for second in the K-4 individual division and for the first time ever a young woman tying for first place in the high school division! **Congratulations to all!**



2010 First Place Winners

Teams

K-5:

Findley Elementary

6-8:

Whitford Middle School

Individuals

K-4: Liam Booth & Vikrant Sharma

5th: Gabriel Skoro & Ashwin Sah

6th: Brian Yang & Rory Soiffer

7th: Erik Skalnes & Kyle Morrison

8th: Jack Dale

High School: Alexandra Botez,
Alex Platski & Caleb Kesey

Calendar of Events

*Updates & more information about these events
can be found at www.chessforsuccess.org.*

Girls Play Chess
May 1, 2010
Shaver Elementary
9:00am

City of Portland
Portland Area
May 2010
9:00am

Change the Trajectory of a Child's Life: Volunteer

Chess for Success is looking for volunteers to help run our chess clubs. Volunteers working in a club should enjoy engaging and challenging children in a fun and supportive way.

Chess clubs usually run in the afternoon for an hour, starting between 2:15 PM and 4:45 PM. Chess clubs run mid-October through March, with breaks for holidays, parent/teacher conferences and other school closures.

Volunteers are welcome to participate at every club (twice a week), once a week or once every other week. Knowledge of chess is not required to participate. Interested in other opportunities? We have several committees you can participate on to positively impact the organization and the students we serve.

For more information, or to volunteer, please contact Heather at heather@chessforsuccess.org or call (503) 295-1230.

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Chess for Success Club Spotlight

Making the right moves in Redmond

The Redmond School District and Chess for Success have partnered together to help K-8 grade students succeed. This year, seven Redmond area schools will have a Chess for Success club.

The schools where a Chess for Success club are located: Evergreen Elementary, M.A. Lynch Elementary, Tom McCall Elementary, Terre Bonne Community School, Vern Patrick Elementary, Elton Gregory Middle School and Obsidian Middle School.



Photo courtesy of Bryan Bahns, Coach Vern Patrick Elementary

Support for chess in these schools was made possible in part by a generous grant from the *Marie Lamfrom Charitable Foundation*.

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Igniting Success Through Chess

Chess for Success is pleased to announce it is a 2009 Light a Fire Award winner! We've been selected for the "Most with the Least" Award, which recognizes an area not-for-profit doing great things with limited resources.

Said our own Julie Young, Executive Director, "We are thrilled and honored to be a 2009 Light a Fire Award recipient. Doing the most with the least is a great description of our work. Thanks to the incredible partnership we have with our board, coaches, program managers and staff, we're changing kids' lives for the better."

Portland Monthly Magazine and the Oregon Community Foundation sponsor the Light a Fire Awards. These awards annually recognize the achievements of area not-for-profits and individuals who are committed to improving their communities.



Log-on, Shop and Share @ Cafegive

We are pleased to introduce Cafegive as a new way to support Chess for Success. Cafegive is an online shopping portal where every purchase you make benefits the students we serve. We have partnered with Cafegive, which brings together top merchants with nonprofits like Chess for Success so you can "shop for a cause."

When you shop online at Cafegive at hundreds brands and high quality online stores, you are benefiting Chess for Success with each purchase. Chess for Success receives a percentage of the price of your purchase.

You can start supporting Chess for Success in three easy steps:

1. log on to cafegive.com
2. In the upper right corner, make sure the cause you want to support is Chess for Success
3. **Start Shopping!**

It is simple, fun and an effective way to change children's lives.

Best of all, you're helping us to serve more than 3,400 students in 87 schools across Oregon and Southwest Washington.




Chess for Success in The Portland Business Journal

Chess for Success was selected as one of four nonprofits—from a pool of over 100 who applied—for the Business Journal's Nonprofit Partner Program. This program, now in its seventh year, runs more than \$200,000 worth of advertising throughout the year for the selected nonprofit partners, to assist with branding and promotion.

Said Craig Wessel, publisher of the Business Journal: "Our objective with the nonprofit partner program is to focus as much support in the way of branding and promotions behind a small number of organizations to give them the widest exposure we can to our business audience."

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