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SAVE THE DATES

APRIL 27, 2008 and MAY 10, 2008

The Outback Steakhouse has offered to sponsor a fundraiser for Moore Buddies on Sunday, April 27. They are providing 200 meals and we are responsible for selling 200 tickets. Tickets are \$15 each and there will be a few choices on the menu to choose from. This is an important fundraiser for us. We hope you'll be able to attend! Tickets are on sale now!

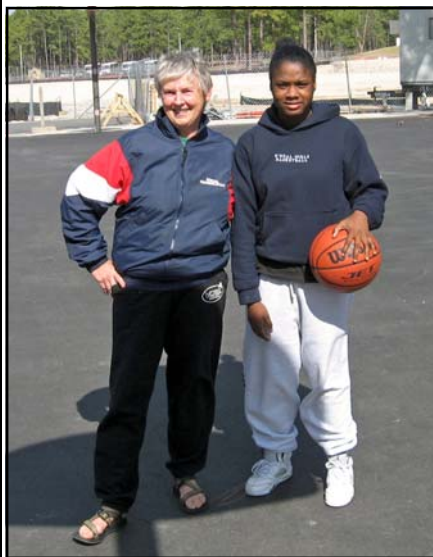
We are also excited about another upcoming fundraiser...the 1st Annual Paddle for the Buddies to be held on Saturday, May 10. This fundraiser offers a very unique opportunity for participants to kayak and canoe on Reservoir Park in Southern Pines! Reservoir Park is located on Hwy 22 in Southern Pines. Why not enjoy a fun-filled day while raising money for our mentoring program for the youth of Moore County? We hope you will put it on your calendar now. Please check our website for more information.

Since we are looking at funding a new mentoring program that will allow us to serve more youth, the above mentioned fundraisers are vital to our organization. I'm sure you will be excited as we are when you hear about our plans.

I would like to formally welcome several new Board Members who have been working diligently to make new mentoring programs a reality. We welcome Kim Maples! Kim brings her experience as a former One-on-One Program Director for Moore Buddies. We also welcome Allison Ives as our new Treasurer, Michelle Peele, Karen Almond-Pile, and Grady Little. We welcome back Bob Rigsby. They join our current Board members Holly Floyd, Chair, Tessie Taylor, Brady Rowland, Toni Douglas, Rev. Marvin Lee and Teresa Hall. This group forms a very motivated and gifted Board who have a heart for helping our youth. This is an exciting time for Moore Buddies and I thank all of you for your continued support.

Let me encourage you to become even more involved with Moore Buddies as we continue to grow to meet the needs of the unserved and underserved youth in our community.

Rick Gehl, Executive Director



Jennie with her mentor,
Beth Whitman

Jennie Joy is a mentee at Moore Buddies and she has been invited to attend the ADIDAS Elite Sports Camp in San Diego, CA July 24-27, 2008. This is an invitation only camp for the Top 100 players in the country! The teachers will be none other than NBA players!! At this camp, there will be a great deal of exposure to a professional level of basketball.

Jennie is 15 and a 9th grader at The O'Neill School in Southern Pines. She has been playing basketball for 6 years and this is her first year of high school ball!

In order for Jennie to attend this camp, she needs to raise \$3,200.00 to cover her airline tickets, hotel, and camp. Jennie and her mother have already held personal fundraisers to help her raise the money that she needs. And we thought we would mention it to our Moore Buddies Family to see if anyone would be interested in helping this young lady attend this wonderful camp. Jennie is very willing to work for the money...by cleaning, babysitting, and/or doing whatever is needed. We will be happy to connect you to her Mom to arrange work opportunities.

If you feel moved to help Jennie, please send your check made out to Jennie Joy to : Moore Buddies, PO Box 1176, Carthage, NC 28327 or call our office for more information 910-947-6616. Deadline for donations is 5/1/08.

MENTORING MATTERS

GOVERNOR'S ONE-ON-ONE

2008 is off to a great start for the Governor's One-on-One Program. The past few months have continued the momentum that began in 2007! We are now up to our 26th match! It continues to be so rewarding to see and to hear about the impact our volunteers are having on the youth in Moore County. This year we hope to be able to continue to increase these numbers because we know that with each "match made", a child's life is being changed. Parents report to me that they see an improvement in their child's behavior, schools report academic improvement, and our youth continue to tell me how they love being with their mentors. They love to learn new things from them! One of the greatest impacts of mentoring is an increase in self confidence and self esteem. As children learn to believe in themselves, they accomplish great things! As I look over letters shared with our mentors and the staff over the past year, I feel confident about the importance of what we do here. Let me share a few quotes with you, so that each of you will feel that as well:

"Moore Buddies believes in me....and makes me want to believe in myself"

"You are the best friend, mentor, tutor a kid like me could have...hey I made honor roll this year...yep, all a's and b's...no more stinky old c's and d's! Thank you for being there for me in my time of need."

"I feel like I can trust you with my feelings and talk to you about anything and it is because I know you won't judge me. I am thankful you are in my life."

"You have inspired me to be a leader and taught me how to control my anger. Thank you for helping me with life and how to deal with it."

And perhaps a mother of two of our mentored youth expressed it best when she wrote us a thank you note: **"You cannot imagine the joy I feel knowing that God thought enough about my children to send special angels (their mentors) to help nurture, guide, and support the growth of them. There are no words to express the gratitude I have for them and the staff at Moore Buddies."**

I thank each of you reading this for being a part of this wonderful organization. Your support and belief in Moore Buddies has allowed us to reach out to so many youth over the years. As time goes by, I firmly believe that we grow both in strength and in ability to impact the lives of the youth that we all care so deeply about.

♥, *Christy*

"What you leave behind is not what is engraved in stone monuments, but what is woven into the lives of others."
-Pericles

Cynthia Worthun & Nette



Sherri Mangum & Siria



OUR NEWEST MATCHES



Sarah Hurlbut & Destiny

**OTHERS:
Dottie Laton & Andrea
Adam Cheatham
& Bryan**



Larry Hinton & Joe'von



Dawn Lee & Jada



Rich Laton & Markel

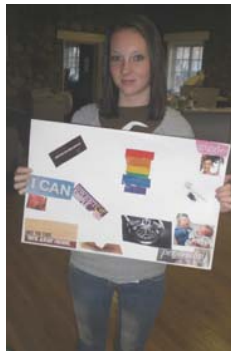
Youth Development Program

Growth seems to be a theme here at Moore Buddies! YDP (Youth Development Program) is currently serving 19 active youth with 16 pending youth. Last year around this time there were 13 active youth and no pending youth.

Over the course of the past three months, YDP has taken several trips including a trip to Hawksnest Ski Resort, a "Coach Carter" movie night and a talent show. In classes, students continue to learn life skills. Money management seems to be the "favorite" class where students use checkbooks to manage their deposits and withdrawals of "Buddy Stripes" and eventually make purchases from the "Buddy Store". Valentine's Day and Easter were enjoyable holidays as we made homemade lollipops and surprised our mentors with these treats. Students also completed community service projects at Belk Charity Day, Moore Humane Society, and Habitat for Humanity.

Another development within the program is goal evaluation forms. Goal-setting has almost always been a part of YDP. However, now students can monitor these goals with teachers, parents, or other approved authority figures. When goal forms are returned students receive "Buddy Stripes" for meeting goals. The students are doing well with this and we have received numerous letters from proud teachers and parents.

As we look toward the coming months, we are excited about Young Eagles in May where we will be able to experience flight & see what the aviation field has to offer as far as careers. This summer we will take a mountain trip where we will hopefully white water raft, camp, and explore caves like last year. And as always, I remain grateful to be able to support & guide Moore County's youth. ♥, ~ April



Attention:
The "Buddy Store" is seeking donations. Any product that may be enjoyable to a teenager (even if gently used) would be greatly appreciated. This includes but is not limited to: candy, jewelry, MP3 players or walkmans, gift certificates, school supplies, etc. This initiative program has been accepted whole-heartedly by our youth and offers encouragement and support for a job well done!
Please call April at (910) 947-6616 if you can donate!

We cannot always build the future for our youth, but we can build our youth for the future.
Franklin



AMERICORPS

I am really enjoying my time as the Moore Buddies Americorp Promise Fellow. I have had a wonderful time being out in the community meeting everyone. The opportunity to serve the youth in Moore County has been such a fulfilling experience for me. No two days are ever the same thus making my job exciting!
Please contact me if you know of any prospective volunteers who can help us to continue to grow our program. - Dottie Laton



Community

“It takes a village to raise a child. It takes a community to support non-profits!”

Thank You!!!



Sandhills Coalition for Human Care

Thank you for allowing us to use one of your offices in your beautiful new building!



Carthage Slot Car Raceway

Thank you for your continued support!

Bargain Box II Board

Geoffrey Taylor, Secretary; William Wardle; Jean Longfellow; Deborah Rogers, Treasurer; Chrisy Connelly; Mark Twilla, Chairman; Dot Evans, Vice Chairman.



Thanks to Bonasso's Pizzeria for offering a pizza to each mentee for his/her birthday. The meal is to be shared with his or her mentor! Thanks for giving back to your community!

Bonasso's Pizzeria

207 Morganton Road
Southern Pines, NC
910-692-3182



Bargain Box II

Community Drive
Pinehurst, NC 28374
(910) 295-1226

... For your generous donation! All proceeds of Bargain Box II benefit community non-profits! Help support their worthy cause by bringing them your "Gently-Used" second-hand donations!

Coffee Court

105 McReynold's Street
Carthage, NC 28327
(910) 947-1108

... For their delicious donation of pastries and hot cocoa for our matches!



Thank you to the following organizations for supporting Moore Buddies:

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| Giovanni's Pizzeria | McDonald Brothers |
| Emmanuel Episcopal Church | American Carpet Galleries |
| Bargain Box II | Subway |
| Coffee Court, Carthage | Lil' Dino's |
| Grace Church | McDonald's |
| Southern Pines Rotary Club | Kiwanis Club of Seven Lakes |
| Whispering Pines Thrift Shop | Moore Co. Charitable Foundation |
| Elaine's Hairdressers | Carthage Slot Car Raceway |
| Mr. B's Subs & Salads | Mac's Foods |
| Brownson Church | The Pit Golf Links |
| McDonald's | Arctic Creamery |

Schedule of Events

Monday April 7, 2008

10:00am-1:00pm New Mentor Training
6:00pm-9:00pm New Mentor Training

Thursday April 17, 2008

4:00pm-6:00pm Career Day for our youth.
At Moore Buddies office in Carthage.
Come & explore all of your options for the future!

Saturday April 26, 2008

Look for our booth at SpringFest in S. Pines!

Sunday April 27, 2008

Luncheon fundraiser at Outback Steakhouse
Advanced ticket sales. \$15 per ticket
Call 947-6616 for more details.

Saturday May 10, 2008

Paddle For The Buddies Fundraiser
9am-5pm at Reservoir Park in Southern Pines.
Applications available at River Jack Outdoor Trading Co. in Southern Pines

Saturday May 10, 2008

Look for us at The Buggy Festival in Carthage!

Thursday May 8, 2008

5:30pm-8:30pm New Mentor Training