



Take Part in Our New Book Drive!



Horizons for Youth has started a new book drive in order to provide our students with fun, educational reading over the summer. Books will provide the motivation and resources to eliminate learning loss that children from low-income areas experience over the summer.

You can help us put summer reading in our students' hands by contributing to our book drive! Click [HERE](#) to view our students' wish list on Amazon!

We surveyed our students and Big Sib mentors together to find out what our students actually wanted to read. Not only was this process informative, but students and Big Sibs had fun learning about and discussing each other's favorite books.

We then compiled a wide range of books on Amazon from which you can make purchases. Each student from kindergarten through 8th grade will receive three new books, and our high school students will take home ACT prep guides.

Contributing is quick and easy; simply click [HERE](#) to view our list. After selecting the book(s) that you would like to buy, click "Proceed to checkout." On the following page, you will see Horizons for Youth as a shipment option on the left side of your screen. Please send the books to our office by clicking "Ship to this address" under the Horizons for Youth name before completing your purchase.

Thanks for making this a productive and enriching summer for our students!

No Ordinary Evening Raises Nearly \$700,000!



Thank you to everyone who helped make the 3rd Annual *No Ordinary Evening* our most successful event to date! The event raised nearly \$700,000 that will be used to advance Horizons for Youth's mission of helping students from low-resource areas realize their full potential through education.

Over 700 guests came out to Navy Pier's beautiful Grand Ballroom to celebrate the life of Declan Sullivan and help raise funds to support Horizons for Youth's educational programs. Guests had the opportunity to mingle with Horizons students, hear fun stories about Declan from his family, and were treated to a speech from Notre Dame head football coach Brian Kelly. One lucky table was able to join Coach Kelly for dinner after winning the live auction with a bid of \$15,500!

We would like to sincerely thank Barry Sullivan, Alison Drumm, and Wyn and Mac Sullivan, who once again showed their grace and selflessness in remembering Declan and changing the lives of dozens of children. Declan's Class--the group of students admitted into our program as a direct result of the Declan Drumm Sullivan Fund--has grown to 52 students, and will only grow larger thanks to the generosity of the Sullivan family.

We would also like to thank all of our volunteers who so thoughtfully donated their time to make the event possible. From the sponsorship and auction committees to the event-night volunteers, we could not have done it without you!

Thank you again to the incredible sponsors of the 3rd Annual *No Ordinary Evening*!

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Unforgetta-Bull Day for Horizons for Youth Students



On Friday, April 11, a few Horizons for Youth students were treated to a memorable day with the Chicago Bulls. Thanks to Chicago Ideas Week, four of our high school students were afforded the opportunity to take part in a special Lab at the United Center.

First, they took in a presentation from several staff members from the Bulls' marketing and public relations department, in which the staff detailed their educational backgrounds, described their positions, and addressed what steps the students would need to take if they were interested in working in a similar field. The students were then allowed an extended question-and-answer segment before heading down to the court to enjoy behind-the-scenes access to the Bulls' shootaround prior to the game.

According to Jeremiah, a senior in our high school program, "The chance to see all that goes into the business of sports was an experience that I won't forget."

To top off the incredible day, the Bulls—fueled by the cheers of the Horizons for Youth students—made a furious fourth-quarter rally to secure a key come-from-behind victory against the Milwaukee Bucks.

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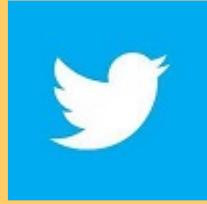
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