

Horizons for Youth

Scholarship Mentoring Community



The Rising Sun, December 2015

Young Professional Board's Bowl-a-Thon Raises \$4,300



The Young Professionals Board hosted its annual Bowl-a-Thon fundraising event on Saturday, December 5, raising \$4,300 for our annual Thanksgiving Turkey Drive and for holiday gifts to current Horizons for Youth families. At the end of the event, the top fundraising teams, bowling champions and raffle winners received awards and prizes.

Topping the list of teams was SONS, which raised \$925, followed by the Striking Bees, the Ian Gemps and Olivia's Munnsketeers. The Top

Participant was Jean Partridge, followed by Steve L. Deutsch, Mary DelGrande, Jonathan Misch and Jessica Dangles. Thank you to all who contributed to this fantastic event, especially our sponsors: OMI Industries, RCP Advisors and Vortex Commercial Flooring.

If you are interested in joining the Young Professionals Board, please contact Haley at Haley@horizons-for-youth.org.

Students and Mentors Get Behind-the-Scenes Stadium Tour at Blackhawks Game

Thanks to the generosity of OMI Industries, a group of ten students and mentors had the privilege of receiving a special tour of the United Center during the Chicago Blackhawks



game against the Nashville Predators on Tuesday, December 8. The lucky group started off their evening with some delicious pizza at the Horizons for Youth office, then made their way to the United Center for the tour prior to the 7:30 pm puck drop.

Everyone had a terrific time rooting for the Hawks, who, buoyed by the extra Horizons for Youth support, easily skated to a 4 to 1 victory over the Predators. Many thanks to OMI Industries for donating the tickets and to Sean Keefe of the Blackhawks for arranging the tour.



Interested in becoming a mentor yourself? [Find out more here.](#)

Corporate Partners' Generosity Brings Smiles to Student Faces



We are extremely grateful to our friends at the Federal Reserve Bank, BOMA, JLL and OptionsXpress/Schwab for their generous donation of time and holiday gifts this year.

Their generosity ensures that our students and their families can enjoy the holidays without some of the financial burdens that would ordinarily accompany this time of year. We thank them for making a difference in the lives of our students.

BOMA (Building Owners and Managers Association of Chicago)

At its "Toys from the Top" networking event, BOMA members brought toys for the Horizons for Youth students. They collected over 158 gifts for our students. Thank you BOMA!

Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago

Thirteen volunteers spent a morning sorting and labeling gifts for our students, wrapping 25th anniversary mugs and tying bows on sponsor gifts. They worked tirelessly, and we cannot thank them enough!

JLL (Jones Lang LaSalle)

JLL led a drive in the USG Building at 550 W Adams for new winter hats, gloves, scarves and warm socks, receiving enough donations for all 225 of our students. Many thanks to JLL for ensuring that our students are warm and toasty this winter season!

OptionsXpress/Schwab

OptionsXpress/Schwab donated 195 wrapped gifts,



including gift cards to Target, for our K-8th grade students. We distributed these gifts at this year's holiday skating celebration (please see article below). The students were absolutely thrilled. Thank you Options Express/Schwab!

Would your company like to get more involved in Horizons for Youth? If so, please contact brent@horizons-for-youth.org.

Horizons for Youth Rings in the Holidays with Skating Party

Over 300 students, parents and volunteers celebrated the holidays at this year's Horizons for Youth Skating Party at Ridgeland Common Ice Arena in Oak Park.

Students skated for an hour, ate some tasty pizza with their families and mentors, and then opened presents provided by our corporate partners (see article above). Santa Claus even showed up for a photo opportunity with students.

After presents were opened, students tested out their new toys and clothing, and laughed as they played board games with their friends and mentors. The event was an all-around success. Thanks to Ridgeland Common Ice Arena for their hospitality and for keeping everyone safe on the ice.



SAVE THE DATES

16th Annual On Cloud Nine

Saturday, February 6, 2016
7:00 pm-11:30 pm
[Purchase tickets here.](#)

5th Annual No Ordinary Evening

Saturday, April 23, 2016
5:30 pm-11:30 pm
[Purchase tickets here.](#)





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