

Horizons for Youth

Scholarship Mentoring Community



The Rising Sun, February 2016

2016 On Cloud Nine Sets Records for Attendance, Giving



The 16th annual On Cloud Nine, held on Saturday, February 6, 2016 at Revel Fulton Market, was a phenomenal success, setting event records in both attendance and money raised. **Over 750 attended, and we raised over \$338,000** to support the students of Horizons for Youth. During the last 16 years, this event has generated over \$2.6 million to fund student scholarships, mentoring, and enrichment opportunities.

We would like to thank our sponsors, auction donors, supporters, and guests for making this event so successful. We are also grateful for Kent Barnett for his 16 years of generous leadership of this event and for this year's Co-Chairs Steve and Laura Derks for their invaluable support.

Both Kent and Steve took the stage during the program portion of the evening. Steve, accompanied by fellow Horizons for Youth founders Patrick Collins, Kathy Murdock and Mike Murdock, along with the Barnett family and Horizons for Youth students, delivered an inspired reflection on the history and future of the organization that he helped found 25 years ago. Kent led the audience in a toast to honor both his daughter, Paige, in whose memory On Cloud Nine was founded, and his wife Lauren Heath, who passed away in July 2015 after a courageous 18-month battle with brain cancer.



LAUREN'S HOPE



Zach Barnett did a terrific job as emcee this year, and he was joined by his siblings Dylan, Max, Charlie and Lainie in an **inspiring video introducing Lauren's Hope**, a special initiative that honors their mother's dreams for a brighter future for the children and families of Chicago's Austin neighborhood. The initiative will launch this spring with a special effort to identify children and families in the Austin neighborhood who can benefit from the proven programs of Horizons for Youth. After the educational component is in place, a second phase focusing on economic development will begin. **Want to know more about Lauren's Hope? Watch the video, read more and/or donate.**

A special thank you to this year's sponsors (listed below). We look forward to seeing you at the 17th annual On Cloud Nine on February 4, 2017!

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On Cloud Nine
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Horizons for Youth Celebrates Parents on March 4, 2016

Since the founding of Horizons for Youth 25 years ago, a strong partnership with our parents has been the foundation for achieving our mission of helping children recognize and achieve their full potential.

To celebrate our parents' hard work and commitment, all current and former parents of Horizons for Youth students are invited to a relaxed, kid-free social event next month. This event will be potluck, so please bring your favorite dish to share!



Friday, March 4, 2016
6:30 pm - 8:30 pm
711 W. Monroe Street (Next to Horizons for Youth)

This is an adults-only event, but child care will be provided if needed. Parking is available on the street. Please RSVP to Lupe via phone (312-627-9031) or email (lupe@horizons-for-youth.org). If you are bringing a dish or need child care, please let her know.

Four Horizons for Youth Students Win Coveted Daniel Murphy Scholarships for 2016-2017



We are proud to announce that four Horizons for Youth eighth graders recently won Daniel Murphy Scholarships. These highly competitive awards provide \$3,000-\$4,000 of annual support towards the cost of attending a private high school. The scholarship recipients are: Angel, Jaime, Gracie and Giovanni.

We congratulate them for achieving this special honor. They had to distinguish themselves in a highly talented pool of applicants, not only through their written application, but also in a series of interviews.

The Daniel Murphy Scholarship Fund (DMSF) was founded in 1989 by two Chicago-based brothers with their family and friends to enrich the lives of Chicago youth by providing them with educational opportunities they would otherwise be unable to access. DMSF offers 125 new scholarships to 8th-grade students each year. Those students are attending 40 different parochial and independent day schools in the Chicago area, as well as 35 boarding schools located from coast to coast.

Volunteer Spots Still Available at Turner Construction Poker Tournament Benefiting Horizons for Youth

Ever wanted to learn how to deal Texas Hold 'Em in a fun, low pressure setting? We have the perfect opportunity for you, and no prior experience is necessary.

We are looking for volunteer dealers to work at this year's Turner Construction Poker Tournament on February 19, 2016 at the Merchandise Mart. With proceeds benefiting Horizons for Youth, this event is not only fun but worthwhile.

Volunteer dealers will need to arrive at 5 pm for a brief training session. Your shift will likely be one to two hours. Afterwards, you will be welcome to stay and enjoy the food and open bar.



Many thanks to the wonderful folks at Turner Construction for their generosity!

If you would like to volunteer, please contact Lisa at lisa@horizons-for-youth.org.

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5th Annual No Ordinary Evening

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