

Dear Friends of Kids' Chance of Indiana:

As a board member of Kids' Chance of Indiana, Inc., I wanted to provide all of our friends and patrons with an update on our organization's activities and to let you know how much we appreciate your support for our organization. The important work which Kids' Chance does for the children and families of Hoosier workers who have been seriously injured or killed as a result of work-related accidents, injuries, and illness could not be accomplished without your support and the dedicated work on the twenty individuals who voluntarily serve as Directors of Kids' Chance of Indiana.

Kids' Chance of Indiana provides need-based scholarships, which enable children of seriously injured workers, from throughout the State of Indiana, to attend the college, university, graduate school, technical school, or trade school of their choice. Since our founding in 1996, Kids' Chance of Indiana has awarded over 40 scholarships to children of deceased or disabled Hoosier workers. These scholarship recipients have used Kids' Chance of Indiana scholarship grants to attend a myriad of different institutions of higher learning, some of which have included Butler University, Indiana Business Colleges, Indiana State University, Indiana University, IUPUI, Ivy Tech, Purdue University, and Valparaiso University. These scholarships have opened career opportunities in business administration, construction management, athletic training, respiratory therapy, health services, music education, computer graphics, and other interesting and rewarding professions to our scholarship recipients.

Currently, applicants can be awarded up to \$6,000 per year, which can be utilized for the payment of tuition, room and board, and utility expenses, as well as for the purchase of books, supplies, computers, etc. Thus, an applicant graduating from high school would be able to have up to \$24,000 of his/her future college expenses, over a four-year undergraduate program. It would be extremely difficult, if not impossible, for many children of deceased or disabled Indiana workers to aspire to these types of educational pursuits without the benefit of the type of scholarship help that Kids' Chance scholarships afford.

Fortunately, our organization has continued to be blessed with hardworking Directors, energetic volunteers, and generous patrons from a variety of groups involved in the Indiana's Workers' Compensation system. These groups include employers, attorneys, unions, workers' compensation insurers, third-party administrators, physicians, nurses, rehabilitation providers, and government agencies, all of whose efforts have allowed us to help meet the education-related financial needs of those children and families of catastrophically injured workers throughout Indiana. These Directors, volunteers, and patrons, by donating their time, energy, and/or money, allowed Kids' Chance to continue to be able to grant substantial scholarship awards to every bonafide applicant who requested financial assistance from us for the last 10 years. Our only disappointment over the past years is that we need more interested applicants whom we might have been

able to assist. If you know of a child or family who might benefit from a Kids' Chance scholarship, please spread the word. The "**Scholarships**" section on this website (www.kidschancein.org) spells out the basic requirements for recipients and the details about the application process.

In 2009, we are already working to raise additional funds to meet the needs of any Hoosier child who may have been so unfortunate as to have had one of his/her parents killed or seriously injured as a result of a work-related accident, injury, or illness. On Monday, August 17th, we will be holding our 14th Annual Golf Outing at Pebble Brook Golf Course in Noblesville, Indiana. This is our single, biggest fundraiser each year and this contributes up to three scholarships each year. Please visit the "**2009 Golf Outing**" area of the website for details as to how you can be involved with this fun and very worthwhile event.

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