Hole-in-One Great Success

This year the $100,000 Hole-in-One Charity Challenge was our best ever. This joint fund-raiser with the Optimist Club of Lansing and Clinton County Council for Youth Programs raised over $9,940. The finals will be September 10 at Royal Scot Golf Course where 15 participants will take their shot for $100,000.

We would like to thank our sponsors - Management Recruiters, Plant & Morin, Data Corporation, House of Ing, State Employees Credit Union, Loomis Law Firm - Jeff Green, Crippen Auto Mall, Annie Rae Chevrolet, Beck Farm Market and Bruce Carruthers, Attorney, plus in-kind sponsors - Insty-Prints Downtown, Job Shop and Myers Print King.


Finally, thanks to our course coordinators - Al Whitfield, Mecha Crockett, Ray Cook, Barb Mills, Teresa Silin, Bob Walker, Dick Hartung, Rudy Wilson, Fred Porter, Fred Olmsted, Ray Kuhl, Charles Wilson, Jon Addis, Max and Debby Pierce, John Tucker, Bob Franklin and Mike Carpenter who also chaired the committee. Thanks to all of you who volunteered.

A special thanks to Gary Silin who arranged for the donation of 600 sleeves of golf balls to give to participants who hit the green.

Free Workshop

YDC offers a free one hour workshop, "The Most Often Made Mistakes in Job Hunting" to any group of 14 to 21 year olds. This workshop covers areas such as getting applications, completing them, dress, interviewing, etc. If you have a group interested, call John Tucker at 482-2081 to schedule.

Golf Outing Winners

First place in our rescheduled outing was the team of Dan Triemweiler, Pat Kiley and Bob Bond representing Meijer's - Lake Lansing and second place was Bryan Harbin, David Gordon, LeVerne Robinson and Davis representing Hospital Courier Services.

Also thanks to Sam's Club for a $1,000 match for part of our profits.
Special Thanks This Quarter

Thanks to MSU Center for Urban Affairs for use of meeting space for our summer board meetings; Toby and Ken Satzman for donation of snow blower and lawn mower, Smith Tree and Landscape for cutting down a dead tree behind office; Long Brothers for hauling off dead tree; Ken Patterson for getting donation from Daimler Chrysler for Hole-in-One and Golf Outing; Lansing Lugnuts for tickets for client use; Deloitte and Touche for ten Lugnut tickets; Oldsmobile Classic merchandise tent volunteers - Patricia Kimble, Mecha Crockett, Bob Walker, Mildred Duke, John Parks, Mike Carpenter, Ray Kuhl, Gary Stein, Steve Mian and John Tucker.

Funding Support

We appreciate the recent support we have received to help us continue our quality employment and mentoring programs.

The City of Lansing granted $65,000 to support our various services to 700 young people. United Parcel Service ($2,480) and R.C. Mahon Foundation ($1,290) granted funds to our Youth Employment Service. Capital Region Community Foundation Greater Lansing Fund ($3,000), Hudson's Department Stores ($5,000) and the City of Lansing ($7,500) granted funds to the Spartan Friends Mentoring Program.

Thanks for your support.

Adult Membership Contributors

This quarter we received contributions from Yvette Miller, John Tucker, Dee Williams and Tony King.

Our letter asking for your support will be coming soon so please give it careful consideration so that you may continue to help us or become a new supporter.

This is our major fund-raiser so we need your help.

Up-Coming Events

First Annual Road Rally - October 7, 1:30 p.m. - This is a new fund-raiser for us and promises to be a lot of fun. Ray Kohl, committee chair, and his committee are working hard to make this enjoyable for all as well as raise funds to support our programs. Our sponsors are Saturn of Okemos and Grand Ledge, National City Bank and Fox 47 WSYM-TV.

A road rally is a mystery trip around the Lansing area guided by clues to lead you to various key sites where you will obtain information showing you we're there as well as noting information along the route. The team (driver and navigator(s)) getting the most right answers and going the right way will be the winner.

At the end we will have a dinner catered by the Turkey Man and silent auction. Cost is $25 for driver, $15 for navigators or other riders and $15 for those who just attend the dinner and auction.

Call 482-2081 for entry form.

Visit Week - October 9-13 - Our staff has set aside this week to visit you or your staff to tell you the latest about our employment programs for any 16 to 21 year old and one-on-one mentoring program for Lansing middle school students. Call John Tucker at 482-2081 to schedule a day and time.

September 28, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. - Grant Writing and Fund-Raising Workshop sponsored by Agency Directors Council covering such topics as endowment and planned giving.
corporate giving, special events, web-site resources and more. Call 482 2081 for brochure and registration form - $25 non-members, $15 members.

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Needs List

Lawn Tools - i.e. rake, shovel, hoe, spade, clippers
Vacuum Cleaner

Building Needs

Several lights need repair
Backyard paved
Blinds for four windows (two 39" x 60", one 25" x 40", one brown 27" x 60")
Insulate front door or add storm door - (3' x 6'11")
Finish painting caves

Youth Employment Services (Y.E.S.)

This year has been an outstanding one for the Y.E.S. Program. As you know, we help 16 to 21 year olds find employment through job leads, resume training and interviewing skills. We also assist our clients in finding out what they want in their future and try to get the client to see that their next job is the perfect opportunity to build skills that lead to future success.

When I first started at YDC in September of 1999, one of my goals was to have a long list of clients with a wide range of backgrounds. I wanted them to find work quickly and be on their way to achieving their goals. I also wanted to develop a plan that would ensure that within our sessions, clients would be given an opportunity to focus on their goals. Well, those goals have really come to fruition in the last few months. Since May of this year, we have seen a definite upswing in the number of clients that have come through our door. In fact, the numbers we had in June were the highest totals in over ten years! The clients have come from various backgrounds and, in May, we developed a plan that allows the client to focus on their goals within our sessions.

The success we have experienced in the program could not have happened if it had not been for the dynamic work of the employment aides. Many thanks go to Leslie Barron, Michelle Jacobsen, Jennifer Ward, Lakina Vaughn and Peter Terry. This has definitely been a summer to remember!