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LEADING THE WAY TOWARDS A MIRACLE

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Rizzotti and Ollie, Honorary Co-Chairs

**2014 Miracle League of Connecticut Celebrity Golf Classic
June 3rd, 2014 at Wampanoag Country Club, West Hartford**

University of Hartford Women's Basketball coach Jen Rizzotti and The UCONN Huskies Men's Basketball coach Kevin Ollie will be Honorary Co-Chairs for the 2014 Miracle League of CT Golf Classic. This year's golf tournament will return to the Wampanoag Country Club on Tuesday June 3rd. In spite of some rain, last year's outing was fantastic for all who attended and raised nearly \$75,000 for the Miracle League. We are excited about this year's event and have been working behind the scenes to make this year better than ever! Every golfer who attended last year will remember going home with a \$150 FootJoy golf package. We are confident that everyone will go home this year just as happy. This is the Miracle League of Connecticut's primary fundraiser, and it can only continue to be successful with your help. If you own or work for a company that might be interested in becoming a tournament sponsor, please let us know. Sponsorship opportunities



Jen Rizzotti



Kevin Ollie

are available on a wide range of levels. Please contact our tournament co-chairs, Amy Molinaro at amymolinaro@gmail.com or Lisa Roland at lawr888@comcast.net if you can become a sponsor or refer us to someone who may be interested. You can also become involved by volunteering for the day, or by joining us to golf. Please visit our website for more info as we get closer to tournament time.

Registration Is Open For Miracle League Spring Season

There is still time to register your child for the 2014 Miracle League of CT Spring Season. Our goal is to be able to have enough players this year in order to have 2 age divisions. This will make for a better and more importantly safer game for all. Please register as soon as possible and also, please spread the word about the league to anyone who you might know that could be interested. Of course, more teams, means we need more volunteers. We need buddies and coaches to help us out this year. You really don't need to know all that much about baseball in order to volunteer. Please visit our website to register as both a player or a volunteer. Please register by March 31st.

Meet Our New Program Director

Since our beginning, the Miracle League of CT has been well served by the many volunteers who have helped us in everything that we have done. We've taken great pride that we have been a 100% volunteer organization. Because of those hundreds of hours of dedicated service, we have had great success. This has led us to realize that we can't rely on volunteers for everything. So we have hired a Program Director who will take care of much of the day to day operations of the Miracle League. Kipling Berger-Gottshall joined us in February and has been a great asset so far. Kipling brings with her experience in media and public relations, and the organizational skills required to keep all of our programs going. With Kipling's help our goal is to spread the word about all that we do and to help us to develop new programs at the West Hartford field and to assist us as we look to build more fields in the state. We hope that you get a chance to meet her soon at a game or one of our events. Please welcome her to the Miracle League team if you get the chance.

Parents Night Out

Our first Parents Night out was a resounding success! More than 40 past, present and future Miracle League parents came out to enjoy the rustic ambience of the Noah Webster House on February 2nd. While it was freezing outside, the fire kept everyone warm and toasty inside. We were able to unwind, enjoy the wine and food and catch up with old friends during the off season. It was so nice to get together and talk. The stories we heard were memorable for all of us. Some were able to network and make wonderful connections to help our children. We hope to do more parent's nights out during the coming year.

Tails of Joy Comes to the Miracle League Field

The Miracle League is happy to be sponsoring a brand new event. On Saturday April 26th from 10a.m. until noon, a group called Tails of Joy will be at the Miracle League field. Taffy Wilcox from Tails of Joy will be joined by some of their clients along with their therapy dogs. They will be able to talk to the Miracle League families about how the unconditional love from their therapy dogs can impact the lives of children with special needs. Tales of Joy has visited many children's hospitals, nursing homes, rehab facilities and elementary schools. Their mission is to provide a network of dependable, caring volunteers committed to providing a therapeutic benefit through the use of animals to people who need comfort or company, to provide support, training and education to those interested in animal therapy programs and to build connections between volunteers, facilities and individuals seeking animal therapy. Come join us to see what Tails of Joy is all about.

iCan Bike Summer Camp

The Miracle League of CT is proud to be sponsoring the "I Can Bike" program once again in conjunction with the West Hartford Leisure Service dept. along with the Conard Kids helping Kids Club. The 5 day intensive day camp (formerly called "Lose the Training Wheels), is for children age 8 and up. All campers finish the week being able to ride a 2 wheel bike through a unique program that uses cylinders on the bikes that become smaller and smaller as the week goes on. The Miracle League's involvement enables children from anywhere in the area to take part at the same price as town residents. Please visit the town's website by clicking on the leisure service tab and then the summer camp tab for more information and to register your child.

Miracle League Teammates

We would like to express our sincere appreciation to the following people and organizations who have contributed to the Miracle League of Connecticut since our last newsletter.

(Please go to www.MiracleLeaguect.org for a complete listing of our Teammates)

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Michelle Andler
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Houpert Family
Laurie Lewis
Paul Mandell
Gary Reynolds

Craig Sabinsky
Alan Solinsky
Eric Tiffany on behalf of Michael Weiss
Fiona Watts
Robert & Deborah Wood

Please consider a tax deductible donation to the Miracle League of Connecticut. Every dollar you donate brings us one step closer to making this Miracle happen!



We continue to raise funds for the completion of the restroom and concession facility. We also continue to need funding for equipment and field maintenance.

UPCOMING MIRACLE LEAGUE EVENTS



Tails of Joy
Saturday 4/26
10:00 A.M. to Noon
Miracle League Field
West Hartford



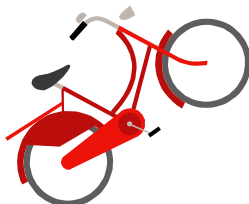
Miracle League of CT
Opening Day
Sunday April 27th
Check website for game times



West Hartford
Memorial Day Parade
Monday May 26th



Miracle League of CT
Celebrity Golf Classic
Tuesday, June 3rd
Wampanoag Country Club
West Hartford, CT



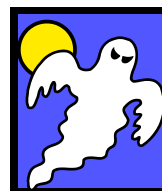
iCan Bike Summer Camp
July 28th - August 1st
Conard High School
West Hartford CT



Miracle League Movie Nights
Under the Stars
Various Saturday Nights
May-August
See website for details.



Miracle League Fall Season
Play is scheduled to begin on
Saturday Sept. 6th
Check website for details.



Trick or Treat
Miracle League Style
Saturday October 25th
Details to Follow



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West Hartford Center

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ALL THEY NEED IS A PLACE TO PLAY

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