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LEADING THE WAY TOWARDS A MIRACLE

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A LOOK BACK AT 2013 AND A PEEK AT 2014



The end of a year is always a great time to look back at how The Miracle League of CT touched the lives of so many children and their families from the community. Over 100 children with special needs from 16 different towns in the area played in either our spring or fall baseball seasons. Highlights from the fall season include games that were played against the University of Hartford Hawks softball team, and the last game of the season in which the Miracle League players took on a team made up of their parents. A big win for the kids in both games! About 40 children with special needs learned to ride their bikes without training wheels this summer due to the MLCT's sponsorship of the "I Can Bike" program held in West Hartford. Many families from the greater Hartford area enjoyed movies under the stars due to the Miracle League family movie nights that were held during the summer. And last, but certainly not least, due to the generosity of about 40 local businesses, civic groups and families, the Miracle League field in West Hartford was transformed into an accessible neighborhood so that over 150 kids could Trick or Treat Miracle League Style this past October. All in all, a truly successful 2013 for the Miracle League of Ct.

What's in store for 2014? Certainly more baseball since that is our main purpose. Our hopes are that we can expand registration this coming spring season so that we will be able to offer age divisions for the first time to make the games an even better and most importantly a safer experience for all. We have committed to sponsor the "I Can Bike" program for the second summer. We hope to continue our family movie nights, and absolutely look to make the Trick or Treat event bigger and better than ever. In addition, we have some new programs on the horizon for the coming year. We are looking to have the Miracle League of CT seen as a resource for not just the children, but their parents too. Our first "Parents Night Out" is planned for Saturday Feb. 1st. We are looking into possible Miracle League field trips that we can offer to our families year 'round. We are always looking for new ideas and events that might make our players and their families lives better and more complete. Our long term goal is to expand the Miracle League to other areas of CT. We are consulting with a few towns from different areas of the state about how they might duplicate our success here in West Hartford. Of course, all of this would not be possible without the continued support from all of you and the entire community. None of these programs come without a cost, which is why we continue to ask for you support. With the holiday season upon us, we hope that you will consider a tax deductible gift to the Miracle League of CT in the enclosed envelope.

From the entire Miracle League of CT Board of Directors, we truly thank you for all of your support whether it be financial, or your time volunteered, and wish you all a very happy and healthy 2014.

DATE SET FOR 2014 MIRACLE LEAGUE OF CT GOLF CLASSIC

Mark Tuesday June 3, 2014 on your calendar for the 2014 Miracle League of CT Golf Classic. This fundraising golf tournament is quickly becoming one of the areas premier charity events. Feedback from last year's tournament was fantastic. Golfers who participated were all treated to a great day of golf, some great perks and giveaways, and great food and drink. In spite of some not so great weather, over \$73,000 was raised at last year's outing. Please help us to make this year's even bigger and better. We will be returning to Wampanoag Country Club for the 2014 tournament. Please consider joining us this year for a great day and for a great cause.

If you own or work for a company that might be interested in becoming a sponsor of the event, please contact us at golftournament@miracleleaguect.org. In addition, if any of our supporters might have a vacation home that they might be able to donate a weeks accommodations, that would make a great auction item. Please contact us at the same email address as above.

PARENTS NIGHT OUT

On Saturday Feb, 1st at 7 p.m. the Miracle League of CT will hold its first Parents Night Out. The event will be held at the Noah Webster House on South Main St. in West Hartford. It is open to all parents of Miracle League players, past, present and future. In addition, members of the Miracle League's board of directors will be in attendance. The event is designed for nothing more than a nice night to relax by the fire and enjoy some drinks and hors d'oeuvres. It will be a chance for our parents to get to know each other a bit better and to meet the members of the board of directors. There is no charge to attend. We just ask that your RSVP to Lisa Roland by January 25th. Please contact Lisa for more information if needed at 860 881-0139.



Follow The Miracle League of CT on Facebook. This is the best way to keep updated on upcoming events and to see some pictures and information from past events. If you already follow us help us to spread the word about the Miracle League by sharing our Facebook page with your friends. You can follow The Miracle League by liking our page at www.Facebook.com/TheMiracleLeagueofCy

FALL FUNDRAISERS

Many thanks to some great friends of The Miracle League of CT. Two separate fundraisers were held in early October to benefit The Miracle League. The University of Hartford Hawks Baseball team held a car wash in West Hartford and raised almost \$500. A friend of the Hawks Brian Beck and his company, The Wealth Management Group of North America matched that figure and threw in a little more to make an even \$1000 donation. On the next day, Whole Foods in Bishops Corner held a chili lunch to benefit The Miracle League. More than \$250 was raised as shoppers enjoyed some Pumpkin Ale Chili along with in store made cornbread and a beverage. Friends like these, help us to continue to be able to provide programs for the children that we serve.



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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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.

Come Join Us

Parents Night Out
Sat. Feb. 1, 7:00 p.m.
Noah Webster House in West Hartford

Spring Registration open mid Jan.

Miracle League of CT Golf Classic
Tuesday June 3rd
Wampanoag Country Club

ALL THEY NEED IS A PLACE TO PLAY

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