

Kids Best Friend

You are cordially invited to attend the annual kid's best friend dinner & benefit for The Education Center on **November 3, 2006**

Featuring:

Tom Beersten
President & CEO Heritage
YMCA Group



**2006 Kids Best Friend
Award Winner**

Congratulations to our 2006 Award Winners

Making a Difference Awards

Bob Mattingly
Neuqua Valley High School

Penny Hygstrom
Neuqua Valley High School

Mary Malinsky
Naperville Central High School

Thomasina Johnson
Naperville North High School

Pat Guess
Saints Peter and Paul School

Michael Hoffman
Naperville Police Department

Community Leader Award

Pam and Stephen Subach
Carriage Club

Business Partner Award

Mary Ann Junkroski
Roseland Home Decor

Kids Best Friend Award

Tom Beersten
President & CEO
Heritage YMCA Group

Honorary Event Chairs

Kathy and Ed Channell

Sid L. Port
Chairman, Lawson Products

Robert J. Schillerstrom
DuPage County Board Chair

George Pradel
Mayor of Naperville

Christopher Lauzen
Illinois State Senator

Roberto Ramirez,
CEO, Tidy International

Margey and Doug Colbeth

Master of Ceremony

Lou Cassara
CEO and founder of The Cassara Clinic,
national presenter on "realize your true
potential", and author of the top selling book,
From Selling to Serving.

Cocktail Reception & Silent Auction 6:00 pm

Dinner, Presentation & Live Auction 7:00 pm

Dancing to Sounds Aboard 8:30 pm

Please RSVP by October 13, 2006

Yes, we will attend the Annual Kid's Best Friend Dinner and Benefit! My tax-deductible gift made payable to The Education Center of Developmental Resources is enclosed. Return lower portion with check to: The Education Center, 113 East Van Buren, Naperville, IL 60540.

_____ Table sponsor at \$2,000 per table—please list the names of the 10 guests and attach to this form. Please print sponsor name clearly for table signage, event program book and Donor Honor Roll banner. You will also receive a gift of appreciation.

_____ Individual tickets at \$100 each.

_____ I will not be able to attend and have enclosed a donation to help kids succeed in school and in life.

_____ I have an auction item which I have **enclosed** or **please call me** at the number below (please circle one).

Name: _____ Phone (best day or evening): _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

All reservations will be held at the door. All donations are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law. For more information please call (630)420-7807.

The Education Center is a nationally acclaimed agency offering premier educational, vocational and counseling services to children and young people in need of special support to succeed in school and in life. The Education Center, headquartered in Naperville, is lead by Executive Director Dr. Michael Litow, and partners with businesses, schools, churches and civic organizations to make a difference in the lives of hundreds of students each year. To find out how you can get involved at The Education Center, through sponsorships, volunteering or mentoring, please call 630/420-7807.

Please visit us at www.theeducationcenter.org

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COME CELEBRATE THE EDUCATION CENTER...
HELPING KIDS SUCCEED IN SCHOOL, AND IN LIFE

Enjoy an evening that includes a lavish cocktail reception, dining and dancing to your favorite oldies and exciting auctions with something for everyone.

Don't miss the fun – last year was a great success!

Educators earn recognition at Kids's Best Friend ceremony

The Sun, November 25, 2005

A record-setting \$50,000 was raised for The Education Center in Naperville during a dinner and benefit recently, according to a press release.

More than 250 people attended the event, title the Kid's Best Friend Award, on Nov. 4 at the Naperville/Lisle Hilton Hotel. The center is under the direction of acclaimed educator Dr. Michael Litow, of Aurora whose mission is to help kids succeed in school and in life.

IdaLynn Wenhold, executive director of Naperville's Kids Matter was presented with the 2005 Kid's Best Friend Award, and the 2005 Lamp of Learning Awards were presented to Kristine Cohn of the U.S.

Department of Education and to Dr. Darlene J. Rusciti, the regional superintendent of Schools in DuPage County.

The Community Service Award was presented to Les and Christine Russ of Naperville. Charter One Bank received the 2005 Business Partner Award. Additional corporations who supported the event included Harris Bank, Lawson Products and MidAmerica Bank.

The Making a Difference Awards were presented to Ray Jamiolkowski of Naperville Central High School, Jeffery J. Farson of Naperville North High School and Janet A. Rogers of Neuqua Valley High School. The auction winner grand prize went to Neil Gates who bid on the cruise for his wife for the couple's 10th anniversary.

Naperville residents Pam and Stephen Subach won the Bulls package, which included tickets behind the team bench and VIP parking donated by Sid Port. The Subachs also won Bulls collectors' items: a floor board from the old Chicago Stadium and a basketball and book signed by NBA legend Bob Love.

Subach then donated the ball and tickets to one of Litow's students; a boy who had a stroke and is now disabled. The boy wants to be a basketball player, and after the event, on the dance floor, he dribbled the ball with Bob Love.

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"I believe strongly that if a young person can succeed in just one thing, it opens the door to confidence and change," Litow said.

Litow is a recipient of President George Bush's Daily Point of Light award and a nominee for Disney's American Teacher Award. In 2004, Litow and his wife, Marva, were flown to Washington, D.C., to receive the prestigious National Caring Award.

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