

A Word From The Coach

Jennifer Glick, Executive Director

Dear Teammates,

As I write my first note to you as Executive Director, I am pleased to report that Jeremy's Heroes continues to achieve great things for our child athletes and their communities. From helping a judo club develop a brand new internationally competitive team, to sending squash players to tournaments they have never traveled to before, Jeremy's Heroes is on the brink of exciting new programs and curriculums.

I am honored that our committed Board of Directors has chosen me to lead this organization to new heights, while opening doors for countless children to find their hero within. Our Board has adopted an ambitious new strategic plan. I look forward to executing this plan and growing our organization to help meet the needs of our future athletes. **Our mission is to identify children in need, help them receive the necessary assistance to allow them to achieve their athletic goals, and in turn require them to give back to their communities through community service.**

Jeremy's Heroes is developing our grant application process not only for non-profit organizations, but also to encourage the applications of individual children. After all, not all sports are team sports. We want to keep an eye on our individual athletes as well. Watch for announcements about our individual child athletes in the future.

To realize our goal of teaching children the importance of community service, we are developing our Kids Helping Kids program to be launched this year. Stay tuned, the potential for this program is so great, we hope to impact kid's lives across the country.

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Memo From The Front Office

Debbie Green, President of Jeremy's Heroes

According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, the number of overweight and obese children has nearly doubled in the last two decades, and the levels are still on the rise. One out of every four children in America suffers from obesity. Record numbers of after-school sports and recreation programs are being curtailed or eliminated.

Getting our children involved in sports, not only helps to combat obesity, but also increases self-esteem, keeps our children safe and off the streets, and teaches our children the importance of sportsmanship. After-school sports programs are no longer a luxury, they are a necessity. Never before has the need for Jeremy's Heroes been more



DC Scores kids

apparent and urgent.

Jeremy's Heroes' Board of Directors and its passionate staff, are committed to ensuring all children have the opportunity to improve themselves and their communities through participation in sports. To be successful, we need your help!

I want to thank our dedicated sponsors and donors for helping us "get the ball rolling". We encourage those of you who haven't yet joined our team to contact us today! You can make a difference in the lives of countless kids. It's because of the generosity of people like you that we will succeed in our mission to set and promote examples of excellence, as exemplified by this organization's namesake, Jeremy Glick. I look forward to working with you!

Best Regards,
Debbie

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Heroes' Happenings

Olympic Judo Hopefuls Jive with Jeremy's Heroes

In its largest grant to an organization yet, Jeremy's Heroes helped create an internationally competitive judo team with realistic dreams of attending the Olympics. This past October, Jeremy's Heroes gave \$25,000 to the Boys and Girls Clubs, of Metro Atlanta, Judo Program doubling their entire operating budget.

Prior to this grant, the all-volunteer judo coaches trained a group of children who achieved a National Junior Judo Championship ranking. With our grant these dedicated coaches, along with the judo team expanded their program, purchased new equipment, received additional training, and will be able to travel to national and international competitions to help them reach their ultimate goal: the Olympics.

The new Jeremy's Heroes Elite Team is giving back to the community by mentoring, training and serving as role models to an ever increasing number of younger children at the Club, who have hopes of one day becoming a member of this winning team. There is a renewed sense of energy, commitment, and community at the Metro Club, thanks to Jeremy's Heroes. Next stop Olympic gold for a Jeremy's Heroes athlete, where Olympic dreams can come true.

Jeremy's Heroes Funds Squash Travel Team

StreetSquash, an after-school program located in Harlem, NY is dedicated to teaching the sport of squash, and fostering a commitment to academics. Harlem public school participants make a seven year commitment to attend rigorous academic tutoring, squash lessons and weekly community service projects.

Before Jeremy's Heroes partnered with StreetSquash, the children were only able to showcase their skills at a few local squash competitions in the NYC area due to financial barriers. Jeremy's Heroes removed those barriers, and opened a whole new world to fourteen deserving StreetSquash players. Jeremy's Heroes elite traveling team members are chosen by coaches for their commitment to their sport and their studies. In order to qualify for the Jeremy's Heroes StreetSquash Team, participants compete amongst themselves for a position on this elite travel team. George Polsky, founder and executive director of StreetSquash says, "Jeremy's Heroes' tournaments immeasurably enhance the self-esteem of every participating Streetsquasher."

It is Jeremy's Heroes' vision to continually develop students' participation in StreetSquash and increase attendance in out of state tournaments. The first class of college bound Jeremy's Heroes StreetSquashers are due to graduate high school in 2005. Watch closely, college coaches may be recruiting a Jeremy's Heroes kid.

What's Kicking With Jeremy's Heroes and DC Scores?

For the second consecutive year, Jeremy's Heroes sent 42 Washington DC area children, who are members of the DC Scores soccer program, to summer soccer camp. Participants work all year at their creative writing, soccer skills and sportsmanship to earn a DC Scores badge. This badge entitles the child to enter an essay competition for the chance to win a summer soccer scholarship sponsored by Jeremy's Heroes. This year the essay topic was "Community Service and Me" and the number of entries doubled from the previous year.

Summer soccer camp continues the structure and supervision that DC Scores provides during the school year. The fall soccer season begins on a high note due to soccer camp attendance, where new skills and techniques, as well as, increased enthusiasm for the sport are fostered. Participants return to DC Scores ready to share their new found skills and expertise with their teammates.

Competition for the 2004 essay contest begins in May, where we hope to send another 40 children to soccer camp. If you have an idea for an essay topic which will be passed on to DC Scores, email it to jglick@jeremysheroes.org with the subject heading DC Scores Essay topic.



StreetSquash in action

Thanks.

Kids Helping Kids Program

The formal approval of our 5 year strategic plan by our dedicated Board of Directors has led to the creation of a brand new program at Jeremy's Heroes. Inspired by Northern Valley Regional High School, located in Demarest, NJ, our Curriculum Committee, is developing a program for schools across the country. Kids Helping Kids matches affluent donor schools with needy recipient schools for a year long program of fund raising, mentoring, and activities where all children learn firsthand the meaning of giving back to their communities.

We are hoping to launch this curriculum at schools this upcoming 2004-2005 school year. If you are an educator or interested parent, please contact us for more information:
(877)654-6773 or
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Of course none of this programming would be possible without the generosity of our donors and sponsors. Pre-sales for our 3rd Annual Golf Classic have begun. Once again, New Jersey National Golf Club in Basking Ridge, New Jersey will be hosting the event on June 21st. We are excited to be taking advantage of their brand new beautiful clubhouse this year. Tell a friend and take part in what always proves to be a great day of golf and entertainment. I know that I will be announcing the huge success of this fund-raising event in the future.

On behalf of the organization and all of our Jeremy's Heroes' children, we wish to thank you for your commitment to our organization. We look forward to your future support and hope to see you at our upcoming events. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, referring a child athlete or a program in need of help or making a tax-deductible donation, please contact me at (877) 654-6773 or jglick@jeremysheroes.org.

I thank you.
Jennifer

Jeremy's Heroes' Score Card

\$300,000 in sponsorships and donations
53 pairs of Nike sneakers
53 tickets to a Bulls game
45 sets of Junior Golf Clubs
84 kids sent to soccer camp
7 squash tournaments
14 kids travel to places they have never been before
New Competition Mats
New Uniforms
International travel and entry fees for Olympic judo hopefuls
1 High School dedicated to kids helping kids
Helping kids discover their hero within... Priceless



Jennifer and the DC Scores kids



DC Scores kids enjoying the Gala

Home Team Schedule

Mark Your Calendars:

June 21, 2004 Jeremy's Heroes 3rd Annual Golf Classic

New Jersey National Golf Club in Basking Ridge, NJ is hosting our Golf Classic for the 3rd consecutive year. With a shotgun start at 11:00 am and room for 32 foursomes of friends, family and sponsors, this year's outing proves to be one of the most exciting yet.



The golf course is in excellent condition and with a prime June date for this event, we are looking forward to a great day of 18 holes, lunch and drinks served on the course to be followed by cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, and a grand dinner in the beautifully finished brand new club house. The clubhouse will be the setting for our live and silent auction where unique opportunities and products will be given to the highest bidder.

Foursomes are going quickly. If you would like more information either to take advantage of a great day of golfing or for unique sponsorship packages, download our entry form at www.jeremysheroes.org or call us (877)654-6773.



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Jeremy's Heroes 2nd Black Tie and Sneaker Gala

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