

A Word from the Coach

Jennifer Glick, Executive Director



Sometimes, it is the small things we do or contribute that have the biggest impact. Last Wednesday, I was going to school to work with the JH middle

school boys on their community service project. The next day the coaches planned a basketball game to mark the end of winter session and change over to baseball for spring. The boys were excited and wanted to be in the gym going over their plays, but instead it was their turn to work on their conservation project. Although normally, the boys are enthusiastic about their service projects, the weather has been getting nicer and after a full day of school, sometimes spring fever overtakes the boys and they would prefer to be playing sports. It was one of those days!

Thankfully, a box arrived at our office earlier in the week. One of our very generous supporters was cleaning out his house and unearthed some new Spaulding basketballs, which were autographed by "Glen Rice." The timing couldn't have been better. I brought two of those balls to school and decided to use them as rewards for sportsmanship on the court and in the classroom with me. To win the basketballs they had to be fair, civil, honest, unselfish, respectful and responsible during the basketball game and in the classroom. It was one of our most productive and cooperative days.

The next day at the basketball game, the competition was stiff. The kids were playing their hearts out. Despite the high level of play, the spectators (including the teachers, administration and coaches) were most impressed with the level of teamwork and kindness the kids were showing. Before the coaches awarded the balls to the winning sportsmen, the students were unselfishly making their own recommendations of which of their teammates they thought deserved the balls.

With the contribution of two basketballs, the boys forgot about winning the balls for themselves, but recommended their teammates to win the competition.

Like a little acorn that turns into a mighty oak tree, sometimes it is the small things that take root and have the most salient impact.

The next time you think, "I only have a small amount to contribute, why bother," remember the acorn.

Jennifer *jh*

Memo from the Front Office

Debbie Green, President



We are in the midst of a High School dropout epidemic in America, according to a recent study commissioned by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. A

staggering one half of all Blacks, Hispanics and Native Americans fail to graduate from public high school with their class. Dropouts are much more likely to be unemployed, live in poverty, receive public assistance, go to prison, and be generally unhealthy.

Recently the Athletic Director of a large urban N.J. high school contacted Jeremy's Heroes to address improving matriculation for student athletes. In this N.J. school, last year 34% of Freshman participated in athletics, but over one third of those students became ineligible to continue in sports because they either couldn't maintain the minimum GPA required or were the subject of disciplinary procedures. **However, of the students who did remain in athletics, 100% graduated and 60% of those graduates went on to higher education.**

In response to this problem, Jeremy's Heroes has a solution! We will implement an exciting and cost effective program called "Stay in the Game!" This program targets Freshman athletes to ensure they stay in athletic programming throughout their four years of high school, increasing their chances of graduating and pursuing further education. Our program focuses on the academic and social needs of the Freshman students, develops a sense of civic responsibility, and creates school and community bonds through participation in athletic and community service.

Once this pilot program is implemented, it could be duplicated in countless schools across the country.

Funding for "Stay in the Game!" is currently being sought with the goal of implementing the program in the upcoming school year in September. If you would like to support this exciting and innovative program, you can make a donation by filling out the form on the back cover, or calling our office: (877) 654-6773. If you are interested in more information about "Stay in the Game!", please contact Jennifer Glick at jglick@jeremysheroes.org.

You can make the difference in a child's life, please join us!

Best Regards, Debbie *jh*

INSIDE:

- **Newest JH program "Stay in the Game" debuts**
- **JH Street Squash wins the Nationals**
- **JH 6th Anniversary Golf Classic and more!**

To sponsor our newsletter call: 877-654-6773

StreetSquasher Girls Bring Home The National Championship!

Thanks to contributing writer, Lily Rabinoff-Goldman, StreetSquash Director of Literacy Project and Special Programs



The Jeremy's Heroes funded Street Squash teams dominated the Urban Team National Championships in Boston.

Street Squash's Girls Under 19 varsity team won its second consecutive Urban Team National Championship in April at the SquashBusters facility in Boston. Coming up against stiff competition from the Philadelphia SquashSmarts team, their top 5 girls secured a 3-2 victory, a new set of trophies, and plenty of pride. In addition to the champion girls team, four other StreetSquash teams came home with tournament plates!

For all of the 63 StreetSquashers who traveled to Boston, the tournament experience was invaluable. The newest team-members were excited to spend a whole weekend playing squash and meeting their counterparts from other urban squash programs, while veterans reconnected with old friends and pushed themselves on the

court. For all the team members, the level of play improved dramatically over the course of the three days of the tournament. If the many sleeping faces on the bus home to New York on Sunday were any indication, the kids pushed themselves very hard all weekend.

Jeremy's Heroes is proud to be part of the StreetSquash program. Due to our funding, the kids are able to experience travel and competition in places they have not visited. The StreetSquash program provides academic help to all its members and the kids must participate in service projects throughout the year. Most importantly, the success on the squash courts is translating to success in the classrooms with many StreetSquash graduates continuing their education after high-school. *jh*



Girls Find Their Strength and Confidence in the Warrior Pose

Jeremy's Heroes girls ages 10-14 were introduced to yoga during the physical fitness semester of the Jeremy's Heroes after-school program. After kick boxing and some calisthenics, the girls coach began teaching yoga to develop better body awareness,

self-control, flexibility and coordination. The tree pose and the chanting of "OM" was met with quite a bit of resistance in the beginning, but after the girls got their new yoga mats and gave it a chance, the feedback from the girls, their teachers and their coach is all positive. In their own words, the girls thank you for the opportunity to experience yoga. *jh*



Dear Fellow Jeremy's Heroes Members,
My name is W. Imalie and I'm in the 6th grade and 11. My favorite subjects are Math and Reading. I just joined Jeremy's Heroes and wanted to thank you for donating the yoga mats to us. We appreciate the generosity because the floor was hard and gross. Thanks for everything.

Sincerely,
Wilmalie

Dear Fellow Jeremy's Heroes members,
My name is Kiani. I'm new in Jeremy's Heroes. But I want to thank you for raising money for us for the yoga mats. It will be useful so we won't get sticky and dirty from the floor.

Kiani

Dear Fellow Jeremy's Heroes member,
On behalf of our school I, Bri, would like to thank your participants for getting our very own yoga mats. We really appreciate these mats because without them we would have to work on the dirty, hard floor. Now it's easier to do many exercises like the tree pose, The Downward Dog and many more on these mats.

Sincerely,
Bri

P.S. we take really good care of them!





Swing Into Action At the JH Cadillac Invitational Golf Classic

Bring your friends and family for an amazing day of golf at Maplewood Country Club on June 18th featuring contests and prizes hosted by Cadillac, Callaway, Greg Norman Collection, Etonic and more! This year's event is once again presented by Jersey Mortgage Company (www.jerseymortgage.com) and will honor Equinox Fitness COO Scott Rosen. To register, fill out the form below or call us at our office (877) 654-6773. **jh**

Top Ten Caddy Comments...

- 10** **Golfer:** "Think I'm going to drown myself in the lake."
Caddy: "Think you can keep your head down that long?"
- 9** **Golfer:** "I'd move heaven and earth to break 100 on this course."
Caddy: "Try heaven, you've already moved most of the earth."
- 8** **Golfer:** "Do you think my game is improving?"
Caddy: "Yes sir, you miss the ball much closer now."
- 7** **Golfer:** "Do you think I can get there with a 5 iron?"
Caddy: "Eventually."
- 6** **Golfer:** "You've got to be the worst caddy in the world."
Caddy: "I don't think so sir. That would be too much of a coincidence."
- 5** **Golfer:** "Please stop checking your watch all the time. It's too much of a distraction."
Caddy: "It's not a watch - it's a compass."
- 4** **Golfer:** "How do you like my game?"
Caddy: "Very good sir, but personally, I prefer golf."
- 3** **Golfer:** "Do you think it's a sin to play on Sunday?"
Caddy: "The way you play, sir, it's a sin on any day."
- 2** **Golfer:** "This is the worst course I've ever played on."
Caddy: "This isn't the golf course. We left that an hour ago."
- 1** **Golfer:** "That can't be my ball, it's too old."
Caddy: "It's been a long time since we teed off, sir."



6th Annual Golf Classic

June 18, 2007 • Maplewood Country Club, Maplewood, NJ

9am Registration/Full Breakfast • 11 am Shotgun Start • Dinner/Auction to Follow



Sponsorships

- ☐ Team Foursome \$3000 ☐ Dinner Guest \$200
☐ Single Golfer \$750 ☐ Other Sponsor (specify below):

I cannot attend, but would like to make a donation to Jeremy's Heroes

in the amount of: \$ _____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ _____

Payment Information

☐ Check (payable to Jeremy's Heroes) ☐ Credit Card ☐ VISA ☐ MC

Name on Card _____ Card # _____

Exp. Date _____ Signature _____

Entry Form

Name _____

Company _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____

Work Phone _____

Fax _____

Email _____

Mail form to Jeremy's Heroes using the envelope provided.

Or fax form to 732-634-8602

To contact Jeremy's Heroes Call: 877-654-6773

Upon receipt, we will send additional information pertaining to the golf tournament, artwork specifications and deadline information.



STAY IN THE GAME



JEREMY'S HEROES

Yes, I would like to support JH's newest program, "Stay in the Game" which encourages Freshman athletes to stick with sports throughout high school....

jh

- ☐ \$500 Merit Roll
- ☐ \$1,000 Honor Roll
- ☐ \$2,500 Scholar
- ☐ \$5,000 Summa Cum Laude
- ☐ \$10,000 Magna Cum Laude
- ☐ Other

Name _____ Email _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

(Total amount of donation)

Payment Information:

☐ Check (payable to Jeremy's Heroes)

☐ Credit Card ☐ VISA ☐ MC ☐ AMEX

Name on Card _____

Card # _____ Exp. Date _____

Signature _____

Please mail to Jeremy's Heroes in the envelope provided, fax to 732-634-8602 or contact us at www.jeremysheroes.org

dream it • live it • teach it
www.jeremysheroes.org

Board of Directors

Michael Cohen
 Dan Crowley
 Patrick Gallagher
 Beth Green
 Debra Green*
 Jonathan Green
 Leonard Green
 Steven R. Gursky
 Emily Kandel
 Peter Kenny
 Arcola Robinson
 Jonathan Rosen
 Anthony Rubino
 Lori Sherman
 Michael Sparks
 Pat Tully
 *President

Board of Ethics & Integrity

Jennifer Glick*
 Lyzabeth Glick
 Jared & Jennifer Glick
 Jed Glick
 Joan & Lloyd Glick
 Joanna Glick
 Jonah Glick
 *Executive Director

