

## □ 2008 Events



### **Mentor Recognition Night**

September 25th 2008

Thursday, September 25th, 2008 Tuesday's Children Mentoring Program held our 3rd Annual Mentor Recognition Event. The event was an opportunity for Tuesday's Children to show appreciation to each mentor for all they do as well as announce this year's Mentor of the Year award.

Program partners, donors, board members, staff, family/friends of mentors and mentors celebrated together at the Beacon Restaurant in New York City.

Doug Naumann, Mentor of the Year 2007, presented Jim Giacconne with Mentor of the Year

2008. Jim has been matched with Nicholas for almost two years in the Long Island Mentoring Program.

As a mentor, Jim has been a tireless advocate by raising thousands of dollars, building program sponsorships, serving on the Mentoring Advisory Board and being a wonderful role model for Nicholas and his brother Matthew.



### **Engine/Ladder 10 Night**

On September 10th 2009, Families Play Ball with NY Met David Wright & Spend the Afternoon with Firemen from Engine & Ladder 10.

Tuesday's Children had a very special lunch with the firemen of Engine/Ladder 10 at their firehouse on Liberty Street. Everyone ate lunch together while kids ran in and out of the fire trucks, tried on the firemen gear, and got a tour of the historic firehouse.

**David Wright of the NY Mets** stopped by to spend the afternoon with the kids and firemen. He signed autographs, took some pictures, and even tossed the ball around with some of

Tuesday's Children's future major leaguers.



## Project COMMON BOND Resolution

On August 8, 2008 participants presented the "Project Common Bond Resolution" at City Hall and the United Nations.

"We believe that with Project Common Bond we can make a difference from **our own experiences** and work towards world peace. By coming together and making new connections we can gain a better understanding of ourselves and others. Through Project Common Bond we may aid in resolving global conflicts and make change for the generations to come."

*The resolution was signed by the 48 children from six countries participating in Project Common Bond and presented at City Hall to the Mayor and at the United Nations.*



## **Mentors, Mentees & Families Fish with the Katherine Marie Flynn Foundation**

On July 26th Tuesday's Children hosted it's first annual Fishing Trip at Captree State Park, Long Island.

Thanks to the Katherine Marie Flynn Foundation, more than 60 family members, mentors and staff had a beautiful day on the water on Saturday, July 26th.

Our group was hosted by the Taryn-Ann Charter Boat and their fantastic crew including Captain John. While some got sun burned everyone had a great time and enjoyed each other's company.



## Our 6th Annual Beach Day at Sandy Hook

Tuesday's Children celebrated its 6th Annual Family Beach Day at Sandy Hook National Park in New Jersey on Father's Day, June 15th 2008. It has become a tradition that our families gather together to catch up with friends, spend time with the Tuesday's Children community, and enjoy a family day at the beach.

This year was no different! Although the weather was no exactly "beach perfect," everyone enjoyed the food and fantastic DJ provided by Be Our Guest Entertainment. The children danced for hours, got their faces painted by Sparkles the clown, participated in little competitive games, and spent a lot of time laughing with one another.



## **Long Island Mentoring Matches Meet and Compete for Strikes!**

On Sunday, June 1, 2008, Tuesday's Children Long Island Mentoring Program got together to compete for strikes! Tuesday's Children was so appreciative to be the special guests of Diane Horowitz at Dani's Stike Zone in Elmont, NY.

Long Island matches took up several lanes at the bowling alley and cheered on each other as some people even got "turkeys" (three strikes in a row).

Diane treated the group to endless bowling, ping pong, foosball and air hockey games! Other special parts of the event was the behind the scenes look at the mechanics of the bowling equipment and special taste treats!

May 9, 2008



## **Cadet Graduation**

**Tuesday's Children says 'Good-Bye' to its West Point mentors as the cadets graduate**

Tuesday's Children bid a fond farewell to the West Point Mentoring Program on May 9th, 2008.

With six out of seven cadet mentors graduating this May, Tuesday's Children has ended the site based mentoring program taking place at the West Point United States Military Academy.

Since 2003, Tuesday's Children has partnered with West Point to recruit cadets as mentors and use the campus as a facility for monthly events.

Over the three years, there have been 18 matches; many of which reached the three year match anniversary mark!



## Scavenger Hunt in Grand Central Station

On Sunday May 4th, Tuesday's Children Mentoring Program matches came together for a fun filled, team-building afternoon.

Matches participated in Watson Adventure's "The Secrets of Grand Central Station Scavenger Hunt" in New York City.

The matches spent the afternoon working in teams composed of three matches to discover the history, unique features, and surprising sights in Grand Central Station.

The mentors and mentees worked together to decipher all of the clues and document their hunt through Grand Central by taking creative team photos.



## **"Take Our Children to Work Day" 2008**

"Take Our Children To Work Day," one of our most popular programs, is conducted annually for children ages 6 through 17.

This program offers a close-up look at organizations and careers of interest, helping the children visualize the future. Each year, participation continues to be strong.

This year, on April 24th, a total of 90 children, 50 parents and 28 partner organizations came together with 30 volunteers and staff for a day of inspiration, creativity and opportunity.



## Rock Climbing

On Sunday, April 24th, the West Point and Hudson Valley Mentoring Programs came together once again for a group event. Meeting at Life Plex Health Club in Monsey, NY, the group enjoyed rock climbing, relay races, trampoline fun, basketball games and more!

Other families in Rockland also attended and participated in a fantastic team building day of fun and fitness.

This wonderful event was made possible by the charitable donations of Dagan LaCorte of L&L Partners, Alden Wolfe Attorney at Law and Police Chief Clark Osborne.

April 12, 2008



## □ "Hands on New York" Day

On Saturday, April 12, a Tuesday's Children team composed of family members, Rescue and Recovery workers, and staff participated in Hands On New York Day.

Over 7,000 volunteers, participated in a day of Good Green Fun, cleaning up the parks and painting park benches and playgrounds all over New York City.

Tuesday's Children was assigned to Flushing Meadows Corona Park to clean up the pond area along with over 100 volunteers from corporations and organizations in the New York area.

After a full day and many bags of debris later, the Team felt a great sense of satisfaction and accomplishment. It was a great day of community service.



## **Liberty Science Center Special Exhibit**

On April 6th 2008, The New Jersey and New York City Mentoring Program met up at the Liberty Science Center in Jersey City, NJ.

They spent the afternoon exploring the four floors of the center and all that it has to offer. Some of the kids spent some time writing or drawing pictures about how race affects them in their everyday life.

Overall, it was a great afternoon where the kids and their mentors learned a lot and had fun together!

Tickets to this event were kindly donated by The Sprint Foundation.



## **NY Islanders Score Big with Tuesday's Children Families**

The ice skating rink at Cantiague Park in Hicksville came alive with excitement and laughter on Wednesday, March 19th.

Tuesday's Children hit the ice with players from the New York Islanders, the Ice Girls, and the team's mascot, Sparky the Dragon.

More than 100 Long Island family members and their children's mentors joined New York Islanders Bruno Gervais, Aaron Johnson, and Jeff Tambellini for a special meet and greet evening of ice skating, fun, and autographs.



## Devils vs. Islanders Game!

On Saturday February 23, several mentoring matches from New Jersey spent the afternoon at the Devils vs. Islanders ice hockey game.

The matches enjoyed a great game while spending time getting to know one another. The kids and mentors cheered on their teams while talking to other mentees and mentors.

The tickets to this game were donated by Mary Beth Childs. Tuesday's Children greatly appreciates her generosity which allowed the mentoring program to enjoy a fun filled afternoon at the Prudential Center.



**Mentors on Mars**

National Mentoring Month is such an exciting way to start the New Year in addition to marking all of the special friendships that have been created as a result of the Tuesday's Children Mentoring Program.

The Mentoring Department organized a special luncheon at Mars 2112 in New York City on January 26, 2008, with a unique game show event hosted by Jay Thomas.

The game show "Family Feud" brought so much fun, excitement and healthy competition amongst matches during the afternoon portion of the event. There were over 25 matches in attendance with representation from all program areas.

It was a wonderful opportunity for the children and their mentors to meet up and see their friends from other program areas.



## **Annual Rockefeller Center Ice Skating**

On Sunday, February 10, 2008, Tuesday's Children family members from all over the tri-state area came into New York City for our annual Rockefeller Center Winter Ice Skating Party. Families skated to music and lights, amidst snow flurries throughout the evening.

All enjoyed the great food and hot chocolate, which helped to keep everyone warm. For many of the families, the event at Rockefeller Center is one they attend each year.

For some, this one was their first and we were happy that they got to enjoy the fun.