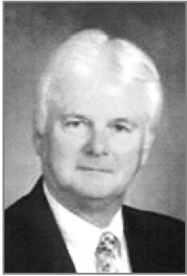


Kids' Chance Report



A Newsletter of Kids' Chance of Pennsylvania, Inc.
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From President Edward P. Case, Jr. . . Kids' Chance of Pennsylvania, Inc. Our History and Mission

Kids' Chance of Pennsylvania was founded in 1997 and is now one of 24 similar, but unaffiliated, organizations throughout the United States. We are a non-profit organization and, as such, scholarship funds and organizational support come to us through fully tax-deductible donations. Each of the founders of Kids' Chance of Pennsylvania has an affiliation with workers' compensation in our state. We are attorneys, brokers, underwriters, self-insurers, rehabilitation specialists, nurses and others interested in helping young men and women who have been thrust into difficult circumstances as a result of a catastrophic work-related accident.

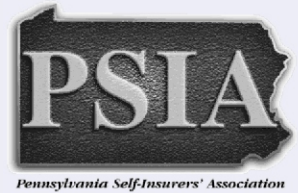
Our mission is to provide financial support for post-secondary education, through grants, to children of workers who have been killed or catastrophically injured as a result of a Pennsylvania work-related accident that causes financial hardship. We are committed to the belief that Kids' Chance has made, and will continue to make, significant differences in the lives of these affected families by providing needed scholarship support to help selected students achieve and succeed.

Since 1997, we have awarded more than 110 scholarships to deserving young men and women. While we have been able to assist an impressive number of students, we need to expand our scholarship awards both in number and amount. Only the continued generosity of our fellow Pennsylvanians will allow us to continue and expand our mission.

Kids' Chance Partner Spotlight: The Pennsylvania Self-Insurers' Association

The Pennsylvania Self-Insurers' Association was started on an informal basis in 1922 and was formally organized in 1955. The Association is comprised of:

- 1) general members, i.e., companies, which have been granted the privilege of self-insuring their workers' compensation exposure in Pennsylvania, and
- 2) associate members, i.e., individuals who have an interest in workers' compensation in Pennsylvania. The Association's members are some of the Commonwealth's largest, as well as many small, businesses. The list of members reads like a "Who's Who in the Commonwealth."



Member benefits include receiving a bi-monthly newsletter with educational and informative articles on a variety of workers' compensation-related issues. Members are also entitled to attend the Association's Annual Meeting, which is held each year in late June. Presentations on a wide range of workers' compensation-related topics are made at the Annual Meeting, including an update by representatives of the Bureau of Workers' Compensation on the overall condition of the workers' compensation system in Pennsylvania. Membership in the Association also creates a great opportunity to "network" with one's peers about workers' compensation issues.

The Association is proud to be a Kids' Chance Senior Partner, having donated over \$50,000 to Kids' Chance scholarships since 1997. More information about the Association may be found at www.psiagnet.org.

Highlight on Scholarship Recipients ~ The Speakman Family



(From left to right) Sarah-20, Shannon-20, Jacquelyn-15, Julie-21, and Amanda-22

Mrs. Rosalind Speakman, whose husband was fatally injured in a work-related accident, recently wrote the following about the impact of Kids' Chance scholarships:

Our home was severely impacted after the loss of my husband. We went from a two-income family to a one-income family overnight. It was hard to imagine putting five children through college alone. I have four daughters who have had the good fortune of receiving Kids' Chance scholarships. All four girls attend the University of Pittsburgh and are doing well in their studies. Thanks to Kids' Chance, they are able to pursue their careers knowing there are people who care. We hope in the future to contribute to Kids' Chance, enabling us to help ease the financial burden of future needy students.

Amanda--I am a graduating senior majoring in accounting. This year has been both exciting and challenging for both my family and me. I am taking classes ranging from *Business Law* and *Auditing* to

Introduction to Performance and I am also involved in several extra-curricular activities. I serve as treasurer of the international academic honors fraternity, Beta Alpha Psi, for accounting, finance, and information systems' majors and I am a student affiliate of the PA Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Upon graduation, I plan to sit for the CPA exam as I have accepted a position with a Big Four firm beginning this fall.

Julie--I am a junior pursuing a double major in the fields of biology and psychology. This year has been a wonderful yet challenging one for me. Right now I am on a voyage of discovery around the world on the Semester At Sea program. I and approximately 700 other students have been on a ship for three months taking various classes and studying the different peoples and cultures of countries such as Cuba, Brazil, South Africa, Tanzania, India, Japan, and South Korea. I participate in the *Vicarious Voyage* program, where I am responsible for communicating with middle school students throughout the trip and teaching them what I have learned on my journey through each country. As for

Kids' Chance Class Notes

Students that receive scholarships are the heart of Kids' Chance. Here are updates from some of our impressive scholarship recipients. Please see our website for more updates!

Walter Chesla - Sophomore, Muhlenberg College. My Spring 2003 semester is going well. I love all my classes, and I'm truly enjoying my work in the computer science field. I'm a member of the computer science club and exploring other community service clubs that I may join in the near future. The semester has flown by and I'm really enjoying my time here. I believe college is helping me grow into a person who can contribute something to the world.

Tom, Robert, & Cecelia Diefenderfer (updates from mother, Cecelia). Tom has completed his studies at Dickinson College and is employed in a very lucrative career at Lutron Electronics, Inc. He is busy preparing for his wedding in May. **Robert** will graduate in May from Wilkes University with a B.S. degree in Computer Information Systems and a minor in Business. A member of the Honor Society, Robert has worked in a co-op placement the last two summers at PP&L. Robert has been active with the baseball team at Wilkes and is now a member of the Golf Society. **Cecilia** is a junior at King's College majoring in Biological Science and is currently preparing to take her MCATS for medical school (she is interested in pursuing OB/GYN or Emergency Medicine). Cecelia is a certified E.M.T. and works for a local ambulance company. She is a member of the Pre-Med Honor Society and the National Honor Society, and tutors advanced science courses.

Kathleen & Maggie Gorman (updates from father, Bill). **Kathleen** graduated from Bloomsburg University and is currently working in two Reading area school districts with adolescents and pre-adolescents who have social, emotional and behavioral difficulties. She has been offered 2 other positions with better pay and benefits, but she is committed to continuing to work with the kids with whom she has made a bond. **Maggie** is a junior at Elmira College, majoring in psychology with a minor in art therapy. She is already looking into graduate programs in Clinical Psychology and Art Therapy. With a cumulative GPA of 3.8, Maggie was named to the National Dean's list. This summer, in addition

to a psychology internship, Maggie will be one of 10 students going to Paris, France for a special 6-week course in art therapy. She plays third base for the college softball team.

Andrea McClellan - Sophomore, Slippery Rock University. I am currently majoring in music therapy. In the past year, I have been accepted into the Honors Program. I also attained Dean's List in the Fall with a GPA of 4.0. I have participated in the PA Intercollegiate Band, the Marching Band, and the Wind Ensemble. I recently returned from attending the Mid-Atlantic Music Therapy Conference, which I found to be a very enlightening experience. I am a member of Sigma Alpha Iota, a professional women's music fraternity. I am also a member of Phi Sigma Sigma, a social sorority, and have recently been elected Scholarship and Alumni Chair.



Andrea
McClellan



Christopher
McClellan

Christopher McClellan - Graduating Senior, Penn State University. My majors are biochemistry and molecular biology. I have accumulated a 3.61 GPA over my four years at the University, and I am a member of the Golden Key Honor Society and the National Society of Collegiate Scholars. After graduation, I plan to attend the University of Maryland to seek a doctoral degree in cell biology and molecular genetics. This year, I performed undergraduate research into the mechanism of why cells kill themselves and what happens when that process goes wrong, such as in cancer.

Harry Sankey - Freshman, Widener University. My declared major is pre-physical therapy. So far I find the program very challenging. I am also a member of the men's varsity lacrosse team. At present, we are ranked number twenty-one among division three schools in the nation.



Harry Sankey

If you are a Kids' Chance Scholarship recipient and would like to send us information and/or digital photos, please e-mail Kids' Chance at info@kidschanceofpa.org or fax to (610) 970-7520. We look forward to continuing to hear from you!

Getting Off to a Great Start! The Corporate & Community Partner Program

In October of 2002, Kids' Chance of Pennsylvania initiated its Corporate & Community Partner Program, an initiative to raise funds to support the organization. Thus far, our results have been outstanding! We have raised \$35,000, or about half of our first year's goal, from new Corporate and Community Partners. We want to again thank those who have graciously supported our cause, as well as to invite others to Partner with us.

With ongoing support, Kids' Chance of Pennsylvania will continue to make a positive difference in the lives of those who have suffered not only the emotional but also the financial setback of a serious work-related injury or death involving a parent.

To learn how to become a Corporate or Community Partner, please contact Jeff Gelburd at (717) 720-4594 or Jeff.Gelburd@marsh.com.

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extracurricular activities, I volunteer in the Child Life Department at Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh and am a teaching assistant and tutor for an Organic Chemistry 1 class. This summer I will be applying to medical school, as I hope to become a pediatrician.

Sarah--My sophomore year has presented me with many questions. I started at Pitt in the School of Business, and I had planned on majoring in accounting. However, this year, I was able to talk to some people in the Marketing Club and it caught my interest. I am already a part of the Women in Business Club and the Pennsylvania Institute of Certified Public Accountants (PICPA), and the Pitt Tennis Club. Next semester, I plan to join the Marketing Club to help me select my major. Hopefully by broadening my perspective and joining a few more organizations, I will be able to choose.

Shannon--I am a sophomore and am currently enrolled in mostly business classes, from the tough *Managing in Complex Environments* and *Quantitative Methods* to the simpler *Environmental Geology*. As of now, I intend to major in marketing and become a fashion retailer buyer. Although this changes often, I think I may have found what I really would enjoy doing in the future. This year has not only been one of great achievements, but also of great challenges. However, I would not trade it for anything.

How Can You Help?

Kids' Chance welcomes and appreciates your involvement in and partnership with this vital organization through tax deductible donations and/or volunteer service.

To contribute, please complete the form below and send it with your check made payable to the *Kids' Chance of Pennsylvania, Inc.* to P.O. Box 543, Pottstown, PA 19464. To learn more about Kids' Chance or to

receive information about our Corporate and Community Partner Program, contact Kids' Chance of PA by telephone at 484-945-2104, by email at info@kidschanceofpa.org or by visiting our website at www.kidschanceofpa.org.

Please help these deserving children realize their dreams of an education and the secure future that it can bring.

Kids' Chance Scholarship Fund ~ My contribution of \$ _____ to the Kids' Chance Scholarship Fund is enclosed.

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We are extremely grateful to
**Onyshko Investigative Services &
The Central Pennsylvania Chapter, Risk & Insurance Management Society (RIMS)**
for organizing and hosting golf outings in support of Kids' Chance.
Last year's events raised over \$10,000 for the Kids' Chance Scholarship Fund.

This year's golf outings to benefit the Kids' Chance Scholarship Fund include the following:

May 16, OIS: Stonecrest Golf Course, Wampum, PA (all day, incl. lunch and dinner)
(New!) June 19, CPCU: Armitage Golf Club, Mechanicsburg, PA (afternoon, incl. dinner)
September 18, RIMS: Highlands Golf Course, Harrisburg area (am only, incl. lunch)

Please contact Kids' Chance at **(484) 945-2104** for more information.

Kids' Chance Website Launches

www.kidschanceofpa.org is the new address of the Kids' Chance of Pennsylvania website. Stop in anytime to download an application, learn about our Community Partners, meet a board member or make a donation.

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