Kids' Chance Report Card

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Kids' Chance of Pennsylvania provides college and vocational school scholarship grants to children of Pennsylvania workers who have been killed or seriously injured in a work-related accident resulting in financial need. A non-profit organization founded in 1997, Kids' Chance of Pennsylvania shares its mission with over 20 other independent Kids' Chance organizations throughout the U.S.

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Kids' Chance of Pennsylvania Highlights for 2004

• Governor Edward G. Rendell endorsed Kids' Chance of Pennsylvania and became Honorary Chairman of the Board.

• The ACE Foundation gave its second grant of $25,000 to Kids' Chance of Pennsylvania in support of the Kids' Chance ACE INA Scholars Program. This year, five ACE INA Scholars were chosen.

• Kids' Chance of Pennsylvania received a first-time grant of $7,500 from the Lenfest Foundation.

• The Workers' Compensation Law Section of the Pennsylvania Bar committed to an annual Partnership at the Sophomore level ($2,500), in addition to their spring gift of $5,000 for scholarships.

• Through a partnership with PATH (Partnership For Access To Higher Education), a state matching program, Kids' Chance of Pennsylvania will leverage a maximum of $22,000 in matching funds for this year's scholarship grant recipients with remaining unmet financial need. Last year, $20,800 in PATH matching funds was secured for 18 eligible Kids' Chance grant recipients.

• Kids' Chance has broadened its base of support through the Corporate and Community Partner program. Currently there are 25 Partners representing a variety of organizations, many related to workers' compensation.

2004-2005 Scholarship Grants

This year, Kids' Chance of Pennsylvania awarded a total of $58,000 to 35 eligible student applicants throughout Pennsylvania. Scholarship grants ranged in size from $500 - $5,000. Highest grants were made possible by the generous second year grant of the ACE Foundation, and were awarded to applicants demonstrating both high academic potential/performance and significant financial need.

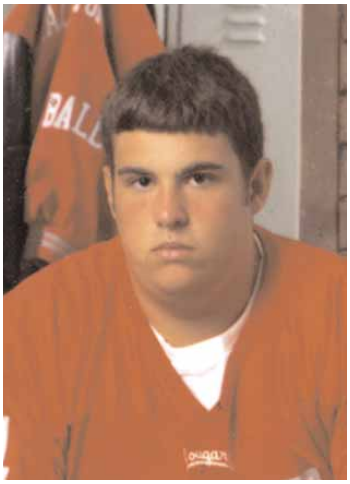
Recipient	Hometown	College/University/Technical School
Erica Anthony	Washington	California University of PA
Joshua Barnish	Eldred	California University of PA
Heather Brannan	Harmony	Slippery Rock University
Walter Chesla	Shenandoah	Muhlenburg College
Dominique D'Angelo*	McDonald	California College of the Arts
Daniel DeGrazia	Carbondale	Dickinson College
Alicia Demer	Susquehanna	Wilkes University
Brandon Dieffenbach	Robesonia	Juniata College
Mandy Dieffenbach	Robesonia	York Technical Institute
Catherine Donnelly	Philadelphia	LaSalle University
Kevin Gorman	Mechanicsburg	Alvernia College
Patrick Gorman	Mechanicsburg	Shippensburg University
Lynnsey Grzybowski	Philadelphia	Marist College
Jessica Hammond*	Philadelphia	Lock Haven University
Roy Herr, Jr.	Wampum	Youngstown University
Shane Hesser	Middletown	Mansfield University
Brandon Kear	Greensburg	Penn State Univ./Altoona
Kevin Kear	Greensburg	West Virginia Wesleyan
Kyle Kenthack	Paupack	Lycoming College
Joseph Kringer, Jr.	McAdoo	East Stroudsburg University
Garrett Kurtek	Pottsville	Bloomsburg University
Melissa Mackrella	McKees Rocks	LaRoche College
Andrea McClellan	York	Slippery Rock University
Steven McCullough	Philadelphia	Pace University
Shannon Muirhead	Dubois	Penn State Univ./Univ. Park
Sherri Muirhead	Dubois	Slippery Rock University
Chelsey Padasak	Johnsonburg	Indiana University of PA
Kyle Riffle	Sharon	Youngstown University
Harry Sankey	Warminster	Widener University
Kristin Shelley	East Earl	Millersville University
Courtney Sones	Danville	Penn State Univ./Univ. Park
Sarah Speakman*	Bulger	University of Pittsburgh
Shannon Speakman*	Bulger	University of Pittsburgh
Jamie Streicher	State College	Penn State Univ./Univ. Park
Ashley Trabosh	Lenhartsville	Kutztown University
Elizabeth Wagner*	Philadelphia	Boston University

* Kids' Chance ACE INA Scholar

2003 College Graduate Update...

- Former Kids' Chance grant recipient Amanda Speakman graduated from the University of Pittsburgh and is now a C.P.A. at a top accounting firm.
- Former Kids' Chance grant recipient Christopher McClellan graduated from Penn State University and is pursuing a Ph.D. in molecular biology from the University of Maryland.
- Former Kids' Chance grant recipient Maggie Gorman graduated from Elmira College summa cum laude and is pursuing a Master's degree in Psychology and Art Therapy while working as the Director of the Mark Twain Art Center at Elmira.
- Former Kids' Chance grant recipient Stephen Kurtek graduated from Penn State University and is now employed as a therapist with the Youth Advocate Program.

From Several of This Year's Scholarship Grant Recipients...

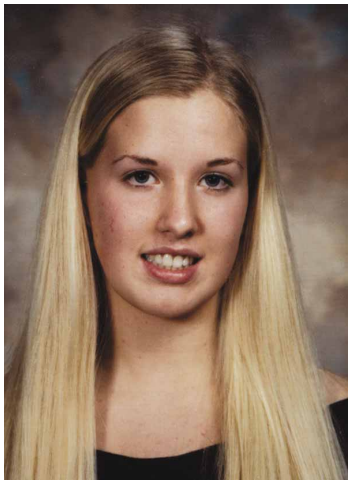


My parents and I would like to thank you for providing me with a scholarship to attend East Stroudsburg University. My father was injured in a work-related accident in June 1989. Since that day all of our lives changed drastically. My parents have continually stressed to my younger sister and me the importance of an education. Kids' Chance is helping to ease the financial burden and is making it easier for me to obtain my educational goals. I look forward to beginning my freshman year, and will always be grateful for the assistance you have provided.

Joseph Kringer, Jr. and Family

I want to whole-heartedly thank Kids' Chance of PA for the scholarship grant I was recently awarded. My father was hurt in a catastrophic accident at his place of employment in 1984. He has been disabled and unable to be employed since then. Furthermore, because of his situation concerning Workers' Compensation, my chances to attend college were very limited. Then I read an article concerning Kids' Chance. I am presently enrolled in the Engineering curriculum at Youngstown State University. Without your help, I may not have been able to attend. I now realize I have a chance. Furthermore, I now truly understand the meaning of the word "chance" in Kids' Chance! I will try to live up to the honor and privilege of the Award.

Roy Herr, Jr.



I would like to thank you for naming me as an ACE INA Kid's Chance Scholar and express my gratitude for the scholarship I am receiving. This financial assistance has made a huge difference in my educational experience and really helped me to pursue my academic goals.

The honor of being named as a recipient of the scholarship is amazing, and this scholarship really has opened up a world of opportunity for me. With the financial assistance of this scholarship, I was able to accept and attend my first-choice college, Boston University, and pursue my interest in international relations/foreign languages. I will be taking advantage of the excellent study abroad programs, spending a semester in Paris, which is one of my biggest dreams. Not only will I be perfecting my French and taking classes with French university students, but I will also be tackling an international relations-related internship, all in the beautiful city of light. However, these opportunities would not be open to me without the help of this scholarship. Thank you.

Elizabeth Wagner

2004 Corporate & Community Partners

(As of September 30, 2004)

Through their generous 12-month Partnerships, these committed organizations help make it possible for Kids' Chance to continue to grant needed scholarships, raise new funds, increase visibility and outreach, process applications, publish materials and maintain our website.

We Thank Our Partners For Making
A Difference In The Lives Of Young Pennsylvanians Through Your Partnership.

Founding Partner
Galfand Berger, LLP

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Junior Partners
Central PA Chapter Risk & Insurance Management Society (RIMS)

Eastern Alliance Insurance Group & Employers Alliance, Inc.

Marsh USA

Pennsylvania Bar Association

Sophomore Partners
Alliance Impairment Management, Inc.

GENEX Services, Inc.

MedRisk, Inc.

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Kegel Kelin Almy & Grimm, LLP

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Murray Insurance Associates, Inc.

Pennsylvania AFL-CIO

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Tallman, Hudders & Sorrentino, P.C.

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Westfield Insurance

2004 Golf Outings Raise Needed Funds for Kids' Chance

Onyshko Investigative Services in Pittsburgh and the Central PA Chapter of the Risk and Insurance Management Society (RIMS) once again hosted golf outings this year and donated the proceeds to Kids' Chance of Pennsylvania. Our sincere thanks to Mr. Bill Onyshko and the leadership of the Central PA Chapter of RIMS for their valuable time and effort in organizing these important fundraisers that raised significant and needed funds for Kids' Chance.

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Help Us Help The Kids Who need It Most.

You can help us provide these needed scholarships in one or more of the following ways:

- Send a tax-deductible donation to Kids' Chance. Thanks to the generosity of our Corporate and Community Partners, 100% of your donation will go to providing needed scholarship grants.
- Encourage your organization to become a Kids' Chance Partner. Partnerships are on a 12-month cycle and with a tax-deductible donation of $1,000, Partners receive special visibility benefits as a thank you for these vital commitments.
- Direct your UNITED WAY contribution to Kids' Chance and/or encourage your colleagues and/or employees taking part in a United Way Campaign to direct their contributions to Kids' Chance. (In SE PA, our donor choice number is 12554; for all other United Ways, simply write in: Kids' Chance of Pennsylvania, PO Box 543, Pottstown, PA 19464.)
- Organize a fundraiser benefiting Kids' Chance at your organization.
- Become a volunteer committee member or Kids' Chance Board Member.

YES!!! I want to help Kids' Chance to continue to give needed college and vocational scholarships to eligible students in Pennsylvania.

☐ My tax-deductible gift to the Scholarship Fund of $_____ is enclosed.
I am pleased to know that 100% of my donation will be directed to scholarships.

☐ I would like to learn more about the Partner Program. Please send a Partner Packet to:

Name: _____ Title: _____

Company/Organization: _____

Address: _____

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Phone: _____ e-mail: _____

☐ I would like to speak with someone about volunteering or Board membership.

Name: _____

Organization: _____ Phone: _____

☐ I would like a Board member to come to my organization to talk about Kids' Chance.

Name: _____

Organization: _____ Phone: _____

Kids' Chance of Pennsylvania is a registered, tax-exempt 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and therefore all contributions are tax deductible. You will receive a letter of acknowledgement for tax purposes.

THANK YOU! YOUR GENEROSITY HELPS KIDS' CHANCE TO CONTINUE TO GRANT NEEDED SCHOLARSHIPS TO CHILDREN OF PA WORKERS KILLED OR SERIOUSLY INJURED IN WORK-RELATED ACCIDENTS RESULTING IN FINANCIAL NEED.