



“I am so thankful for all of the hard work and effort that all staff members at the Bo Jackson Foundation have provided to me in getting my son, Daniel Jr., accepted into the foundation as a participant. He has grown tremendously as an athlete and as a teenager since his participation has begun. I cannot express in words how truly grateful I am for all that you are doing to help me and my children. So I will just say, “May God continue to bless all of you, in all of your endeavors!!”  
- Daniel Lucas, Parent

## 2011 Bo's Baseball and Beyond Camp



This past August, the Foundation hosted Bo's Baseball and Beyond Camp. More than 75 disadvantaged kids were able to participate in the free event at the University of Illinois Chicago baseball complex.

The coaching staff from Cangelosi Baseball generously provided baseball instruction during the camp. Bo Jackson and John Cangelosi spent time personally working with all of the children and at the

end of each session, Bo discussed the importance of perseverance, dedication and doing well in school on achieving your goals.

Each child received a donated Nike backpack filled with supplies to use for the new school year.

Since the camp, several of the participants have been accepted into various programs sponsored by the Foundation at the Bo Jackson Elite Sports Complex in Lockport, Illinois.

Thank you to our camp supporters: *Papa Joe's of Orland Park, Nike, Southwest School Supply of Hickory Hills, Teacher's Storehouse of Knowledge of Country Club Hills and Walmart*, your generosity helps us make such a difference.



## A Word from the GMACF Board President



Foundation Board since 2009.

The Foundation is fortunate to have incredible volun-

As President and CEO of CEP Exhibit Productions, I have served as president of the Give Me A Chance

teers, staff and Board members who work tirelessly to make a difference in these children's lives. In 2011 GMACF sponsored 18 young men in a full year of training with Cangelosi Baseball, and provided a free camp for 75 inner city children, with 5 of the kids becoming members of the GMACF family.

This was possible, because of the generosity of our donors and sponsors. I believe wholeheartedly in the GMACF mission, and all of you that tirelessly strive to enhance the lives of these kids. Thank you for your continued support.



## AROUND THE HORN

### 2011 Golf Outing

The third annual Bo Jackson Celebrity Charity Golf Classic held on June 24, 2011, at Old Oak Country Club in Homer Glen, IL, was a tremendous success. Many thanks to all of our generous sponsors, volunteers and all that attended!

Guests had the special opportunity to golf and mingle, with a virtual "Who's Who" list of top sport celebrities, recording artists, and radio and TV personalities. The outing was packed with unique promotions at each hole, refreshments and a vast array of special prizes and gifts.

After a day on the course, everyone enjoyed a dinner reception, along with a charity auction hosted by renown radio/TV broadcaster Chet Coppeck - always an outing highlight with an array of sports memorabilia and friendly competitive bidding supporting the Foundation! The event raised \$160,000.00 which helps to support the many athletic and educational programs offered by the Foundation.



***"Events like our golf classic support programs that help develop the skills, discipline and character necessary for our kids to mature and reach the highest level of achievement and community leadership....my heartfelt thanks to everyone who participated."***

***Special thanks to our Major, Platinum, Gold and Silver Sponsors, and everyone that made this outing possible! We couldn't do it without you!***

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***Remember to save the date! Bo's 2012 Celebrity Charity Golf Classic will be held on June 22, 2012, at the prestigious Bolingbrook Golf Club in Bolingbrook, Illinois!***

### Staff Line-up



GMACF welcomed back Carol Bradtke as Director of Programs and Development. In 2009, Carol went on sabbatical to

complete a degree in Organizational Behavior & Communications. During Carol's absence, Ellen Lieponis assumed responsibilities as Program Director for the Foundation and assisted many families with sponsorships into our programs. Thank you Ellen for your support!

This year, Carol organized Bo's Baseball and Beyond Camp, a 2-day inner city baseball camp at the University of Illinois at Chicago and is currently planning the programming for 2012.

Our Foundation is thrilled to have her back on the team!



***Thank you to the Foundation Board of Directors.***

***Your dedication helps us to continue to impact and inspire our kids!***

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**"RESPONSIBILITY, YOU HAVE TO KEEP YOUR PRIORITIES STRAIGHT. YOU HAVE TO HAVE THE MINDSET THAT YOU DO EVERYTHING YOU HAVE TO NOW AND YOU CAN DO ANYTHING IN THE FUTURE."**

**- WENDALL FERGUSON  
THE GIVE ME A CHANCE  
FOUNDATION MVP**

### MVP Spotlight with Wendall Ferguson

*The Foundation, had the privilege to sit down and speak with 16 year old Wendall Ferguson, a GMACF player.*

Wendall is an articulate young man, committed to his studies and earns A's and B's. His favorite classes are literature, science and math. He aspires to attend the University of Arizona to study either computer engineering or meteorology and continue to play baseball.

Wendall told GMACF that his favorite team is the Yankees and he has been a fan since he was very young. A player that gives him inspiration is Curtis Granderson, *"I had the opportunity to meet him and he said he takes 1,000 swings a day, that really inspired me to work as hard as I can"* said Wendall.

Wendall's personal heroes are still his parents and two brothers, who help him on the path to

achieve his goals.

Wendall enjoys being a part of the Foundation, from the coaches to the professional environment, the camaraderie with other players and the opportunities that have opened up for him. *"The coaches have helped me gain a better understanding of the importance of working hard in all phases of life, not just sports."*

With Wendall's commitment and the Foundation's support, this young man has a bright and successful future ahead of him.

### GOOD READS!

#### Jackie's Nine

By: Sharon Robinson

*Jackie Robinson's daughter shares inspirational stories & experiences showing the difference one person can make by living a life of, courage, determination, teamwork, persistence, integrity, citizenship, justice, commitment & excellence.*

*Great book for kids 9 to 14 or anyone who needs a little inspiration!*

### GMACF Academic All Stars

**Jonathan Washington** was named Emmanuel Christian School's November **Student of the Month** for his citizenship and academic achievement.

**Elijah McKinnis** received a **Certificate of Excellence** for his academic performance from Morgan Park High School's Freshman Leadership Academy.

**Jabari Brown & Jalin McMillen** achieved the first quarter honor roll with **GPA's OF 3.9 & 4.0.**

Congratulations to our All Stars!



### 2012 Line Up

Watch for our expanded Bo's Baseball and Beyond Camp program to include a 4-day camp in the southwest suburbs and another 2-day inner city camp. We will be sponsoring team practices at Bo Jackson's Elite Sports for inner city leagues and Coaching Clinics for the volunteer coaches in those leagues.

We are also planning to introduce a tutoring program, and are currently looking for tutors! For more information or to volunteer please contact [cbradtke@givemeachancefoundation.org](mailto:cbradtke@givemeachancefoundation.org)

**Check out this website for athletic teens and kids!**  
<http://kidshealth.org>



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*"I really think this is a wonderful opportunity for my son and his ability to help him in his future. I'm looking forward to a wonderful year. Thank you Mr. Jackson!"*

*- Karen McCormick  
Parent*

### Bo's Corner



I created, the Give Me A Chance Foundation (GMACF) for myself and others to give back time, guidance and understanding to underprivileged kids, showing them that there is always a way to succeed. Through training and interactive programs GMACF positively impacts the lives of hundreds of children

through varied participation in sports, education and other related activities. We work diligently to make it possible for them to reach their goals through academics and athletics, while staying focused on the many positive opportunities that are available to them in their futures.

Our programs are designed not only to develop a love of sports but also to build the foundation necessary to

develop discipline, teamwork and important life skills.

My personal drive towards our goals for these kids continues to get stronger and helps me "Give Back" to others much less fortunate than I have been. Our job is never complete. My vision without action is merely a dream....our vision with action can change the lives of many.

