



## CAMPS, LEAGUES, AND BASEBALL

The foundation hosts awesome Summer Camps! In addition to these valuable camps that give kids a chance, we also sponsor young people year-round in leagues and clinics with Cangelosi Baseball at Bo Jackson's Elite Sports Dome.

Currently the foundation sponsors 15 boys, ages 10-18, who participate in a variety of programs. With Cangelosi Baseball, they take advantage of programs that focus on different aspects of baseball. The Winter Hitting League takes place in November and December. This 8-week camp focuses on situational on-field hitting that allows a player to develop and understand his hitting approach.

Next up is the Holiday Bash for our younger players. It's a three-day holiday camp that focuses on both offensive and defensive play and cumulates in a total skills competition. And a pizza party of course!

Four of our young men have qualified for the U-Dawgs Travel Team. Tryouts were held earlier this year and the players receive 24 weeks with Cangelosi Baseball as well as an annual dome membership. This is a tremendous opportunity and we are proud of our guys for making the team.

Cangelosi Baseball, founded by former Major League player John Cangelosi, is a premier baseball training group dedicated to fulfilling the needs of players of all ages and abilities. Their professional instruction and evaluation helps advance and develop a player's skill to the highest level.

The foundation's partnership with Cangelosi Baseball is one of the keys to the success of our program.

## A WORD FROM THE GMACF PRESIDENT



We have all worked hard to take the services of the foundation to the next level in hope

of assisting the special needs of underprivileged kids. I am extremely proud to spearhead strategic programs that garner the support from sponsors, donors, members, volunteers and the local community to highlight the efforts of our organization. It is through the strength of these willing hands, hearts and minds that our organization continues to blossom.



**WE ARE WHAT WE REPEATEDLY DO.  
EXCELLENCE, THEN, IS NOT AN ACT, BUT A HABIT.**

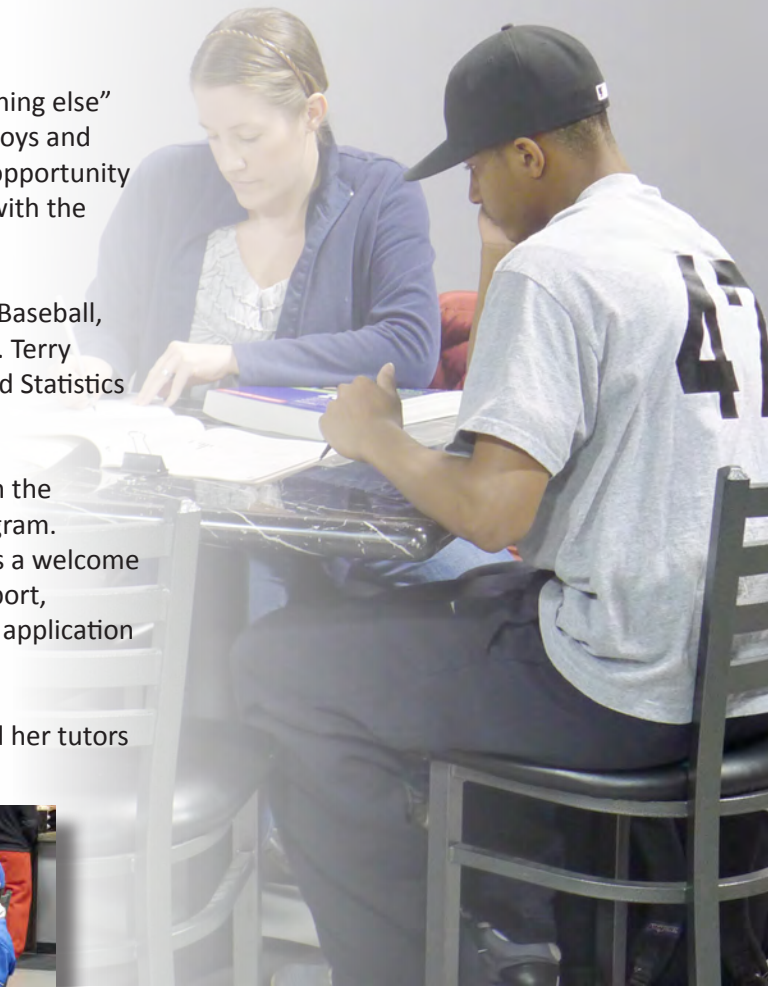
## TUTORING OPPORTUNITIES

“Education is something that will help you in life more than anything else” said Bo Jackson in a recent gathering of foundation scholarship boys and their parents. Our foundation not only provides an outstanding opportunity for our participants to excel in sports, but also in the classroom with the tutoring services provided by The Big Envelope.

When our young men are scheduled for sessions with Cangelosi Baseball, tutors are on hand helping with everything from English to math. Terry Stallings recently remarked that his son Elijah’s grade in Advanced Statistics improved significantly since working with the program.

The Big Envelope’s founder, Cathie Condon, is actively involved in the foundation and donates her time to coordinate the tutoring program. Cathie’s effervescent personality and enthusiasm for education is a welcome addition to our efforts. The Big Envelope, offers educational support, tutoring, standardized test prep, college planning and fellowship application support.

We are proud to offer tutoring with The Big Envelope. Cathie and her tutors are the perfect fit for the program. Thank you The Big Envelope!



## A LETTER FROM OUR PARENTS

### GOOD READS

#### **Every Soul A Star**

by Wendy Mass  
(5th-9th grade)

#### **Woods Runner**

By Gary Paulsen  
(ages 12 and up)

#### **Honus and Me**

By Dan Gutman  
(5th grade and up)

#### **The Outsiders**

By S.E. Hinton  
(ages 12-17)



Hi Diana,

*My son Elijah is a junior in Kenwood Academy’s Honors Program, and is enrolled in several honors classes. One of his more challenging classes is a college level advanced placement math statistics class. Elijah was having trouble understanding some of the concepts and exams in this class and, as a result seriously considered dropping the class. However, after some encouragement from his teacher and I, Elijah decided to stick with it and to ask Ryan of The Big Envelope for help during the tutorial sessions made possible by the Bo Jackson’s Give Me A Chance Foundation. After one of the recent tutorial sessions, Ryan, who is an excellent tutor, approached me and said that he thought that Elijah now had a better grasp of the material and that Elijah would probably do much better on the next exam.*

*Well, the other day after he had a big exam in his Statistics class, Elijah got in the car and told me with great confidence, “Dad, I think I aced the Statistics exam today.” Turns out that he did just that and is now doing much better in Statistics and all of his classes, thanks in large part to the Give Me A Chance Foundation and the great tutors at The Big Envelope. On his progress report, which arrived in the mail last week, Elijah’s weighted GPA was 4.0.*

*A big thank you to Bo Jackson and The Give Me A Chance Foundation. You are making a difference in the lives of children.*

Sincerely,  
Terry Stallings

## 2012 GOLF OUTING

The fourth annual Bo Jackson Celebrity Charity Golf Classic held on June 22, 2012, at the prestigious Bolingbrook Golf Club was a tremendous success and we had an amazing turnout.

Guests golfed and mingled with top sport celebrities, recording artists, radio and TV personalities. The outing was packed with games and raffles, refreshments and an array of prizes and gifts at each hole.

The day wound down with everyone enjoying a dinner reception and a fun competitive charity auction emceed by Chet Coppeck and Lisa E. The event raised \$186,000 which helps support the valuable camps, leagues and tutoring programs sponsored by the foundation.

***Special thanks to our Major, Platinum, Gold and Silver sponsors, along with our Event Committee, the Bolingbrook Golf Club and everyone that made this outing a success! As always, we couldn't do it without you!***

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### THANK YOU TO THE FOUNDATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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

- Bo Jackson - Founder
- Werner J. Koos - President
- Sam Clinton - Treasurer
- JoJo DiCaro - Board Member
- Lisa E. - Board Member



Diana Gilley joins the Give Me A Chance Foundation as Program Director. Diana previously served as Membership Director at Crystal Tree Golf and Country Club as well as the Metropolitan Club and has a background in sales and marketing. She and her husband live in Orland Park with their two dogs.

"Having the opportunity to work with the Give Me A Chance Foundation, Bo Jackson and the Board of Directors is an exciting challenge. I look forward to helping make a difference in young lives" Diana remarked after accepting the position.

**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**Bo's 2013 Celebrity Charity Golf Classic will be held on June 21, 2013, at the prestigious Bolingbrook Country Club in Bolingbrook, Illinois!**

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The greatest happiness on earth is making others happy. Through all of the support that we receive from donors and volunteers we are able to help young ambitious kids make their life meaningful, bring smiles to their faces and succeed in life, amidst all of the distractions this world can offer.

Charity is a virtue in its essence, but to me it is simple giving. In the end, we are not judged by the number of awards, promotions nor positions we achieve, it is the number of lives we have touched. That is what defines us as humans.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bo Jackson".

“I really think this is a wonderful opportunity for my son and it will help him have a successful future. I am looking forward to a wonderful year. Thank you Mr. Jackson!”

-Karen McCormick, Parent



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