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### A NIGHT TO REMEMBER

The trophy was shrouded with Bo's personal monogrammed cover. The air crackled with anticipation. "I was so excited about tonight that I didn't sleep last night!" exclaimed Eric when talking about our first Trophy Dinner.

The magical December evening was filled with much excitement and camaraderie. Bo began preparing for dinner in the afternoon and then welcomed his guests for cocktails in a cozy club room. His signature appetizers set the tone for a true southern hospitality evening.

As the small intimate group moved into dinner, they had their first viewing of the trophy. Admiring ensued and stories exchanged until Bo invited everyone to take a seat.

Each course of dinner was introduced by Bo and featured his grandmother's cornbread muffins along with wild game personally hunted by Bo. Dinner concluded with Bo's famous homemade Sweet Potato Pie.

Throughout the evening Bo shared stories of his life and playing days. All questions were answered and myths put to rest. To conclude the evening, Bo proposed a toast with his secret shot which had been displayed with the trophy throughout the evening.

The evening ended with a personalized photo of each guest with Bo and the trophy. The opportunity to spend the evening with a sports icon was amazing and a night to remember. To say that the event exceeded all expectations is an understatement!



#### **BO'S CORNER**

The Give Me A Chance Foundation programs are designed to not only develop a passion for sports, but to also

create the foundation necessary to develop discipline, confidence, pride, teamwork and important life skills in our kids.

We make sure our kids also know that education can take you way farther than football, baseball, track or basketball - that is just the bottom line.







A I T'S HARD TO BEAT A PERSON WHO NEVER GIVES UP.

#### **2014 SUMMER CAMPS**

Bo Jackson's Give Me A Chance Foundation will once again host Bo's Baseball and Beyond summer camp in July. Over 120 deserving young people from area little league teams will participate in the camp at Bo Jackson's Elite Sports Dome in Lockport. Camps provide quality baseball instruction, fitness, nutritional lunch and snacks, a backpack of school supplies and fun in a safe environment with experienced and caring coaches from Cangelosi Baseball.

You can help! We are looking for sponsors for our backpacks, snacks and lunch programs. For more information, please contact Diana Gilley, Program Director at 708-341-3349.

Thank you for your support of Bo Jackson's Give Me a Chance Foundation summer camps!

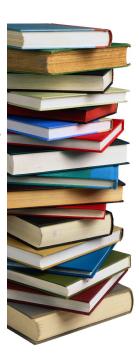


#### **GOOD READS**

Small Steps by Louis Sachar Grade 5 and up

The Boys of Summer by Roger Kahn Grade 9 and up

The Natural
by Bernard Malamund
Grade 9 and up



#### UPDATE FOR OUR GUYS!

Congratulations to Jalin McMillan who participated in the Prep Baseball Report's Preseason All-State Showcase in February which features the top juniors across the state. Jalin is also attending the Perfect Game's 2014 National Showcase as a top 2015 prospect.

Way to go Quincy! Quincy Patterson, Jr., has been accepted into the Whitney Young Magnet High School.

A big shout out to Aaron Zebrauskas for improving his grades in every subject and going from a C to an A in math with the help of our excellent tutors from The Big Envelope! Many thanks to Cathie Condon, owner of The Big Envelope, and her tutors for their dedication to our program. Aaron also placed third in the senior Illinois State Wrestling Tournament. Aaron wrestles at 74 pounds in the senior group for the Southside Stallions.

Our mission to provide training for a successful life on and off of the field has been met and exceeded!





# SIXTH ANNUAL CELEBRITY CHARITY GOLF CLASSIC

The sixth annual Bo Jackson Celebrity Charity Golf Classic will be held on June 20, 2014, at the prestigious Bolingbrook Golf Club.

It is your chance to be part of the "Ultimate Charity Golf Outing"... sports stars, entertainment, celebrities, a legendary golf course, great food, prizes and promotions - all to benefit a great cause.

To find out more visit
Give Me A Chance Foundation at
www.givemeachancefoundation.org

THANK YOU TO THE FOUNDATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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

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#### REMEMBER TO SAVE THE DATE FOR 2015!!!



Mark your calendar now for June 19, 2015

Join us for Bo's Annual Celebrity Charity Golf Classic!

Bo Jackson and the Give Me A Chance Foundation are dedicated to enhancing the lives of Chicago's youth by actively supporting educational and athletic programs that guide disadvantaged kids through their challenges of achieving successful personal and professional growth. Your donations go toward the design and development of programs that disadvantaged youth would never have a chance to experience. With your help, our programs will have a positive and lasting impact on the future of many kids.



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We couldn't have asked for a better place to be, the atmosphere at the Bo Jackson Dome is beyond words. Training with the staff and other elite level athletes has made a world of difference for their confidence. This is only our second month with the Give Me A Chance Foundation and I can already see the difference in their approach to the game. My boys are greeted with warm smiles and kind words from everyone inside the dome and they look forward to each and every session. We can't wait for the weather to break and outdoor baseball to begin. Thanks to the entire Give Me A Chance Foundation staff for welcoming us and making us a part of your family.

-DeAndre Edwards 77

#### A WORD FROM THE GMACF PRESIDENT



This upcoming year will continue to bring many exciting events and programs for the Give Me A Chance Foundation. Our team has an unwavering passion, dedication and focus to continue to make a difference in the lives of our kids. "Only a life lived in the service to others is worth living." - Albert Einstein