



A St. Louis Charity  
Helping St. Louis Kids

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## Message From the Chairman

2012...the Buddy Fund's Golden Anniversary!

Unbelievably, the Buddy Fund has just reached one half century of sustained success in helping at-risk children in the St. Louis region. Buddy Blattner's gift to St. Louis...far greater than even he had dreamed...has enhanced the lives of well over 500,000 young lives.

Yes, it's time to celebrate but it is also a time for some reflection...

Consider the challenges and changes faced by St. Louis and by our nation in the last 50 years...yet the Buddy Fund's unchanged mission remains highly effective.

Consider the struggles faced by so many charities in today's economy...yet the Buddy Fund's support and momentum are building.

Consider the Buddy Fund's Advisory Board...sports, business leaders, and local celebrities who stand firmly behind our mission.

Consider the new and enlightened leadership offered by an expanded and committed Operations Board.

Consider the impact organized sports have had on so many successful St. Louis business people...and these same people will hopefully become committed supporters of our charity.

And consider the unfortunate fact that the breakdown of the family unit creates more and more at-risk youngsters desperately in need of positive alternatives and role models.

Indeed, the Buddy Fund is very likely to be here "doing its thing" for yet another 50 years! Thank you Buddy!

Tom Twellman  
Chairman



## 2011 Mission Results

### Mission Results:

Your support enabled the Buddy Fund to ship new and safe sports equipment to 31 local organizations, helping at risk St. Louis youth avoid trouble and grow into successful adults. Once again we estimate the Buddy Fund Team has improved the lives of well over 17,000 youngsters. Thank you!

Following are excerpts from four recipient websites, included to give you a sense of the variety and quality of youth organizations with which the Buddy Fund is proud to partner in helping boys and girls.

### St. Louis Police Athletic League (PAL):

Youth today face a myriad of choices of how to spend their free time. Too many children in our cities today choose petty crimes, drugs and other negative behaviors. Most often, these children make these choices simply because they lack positive alternatives. We provide a positive and constructive environment through sports for the children to grow and develop. We fill playgrounds, not prisons."

Currently, there are more than 1500 area children ages 5-18 involved in PAL activities.

### Youth In Need

Youth In Need is a nonprofit child and family services agency, headquartered in St. Charles, Mo. Through a variety of crisis prevention and intervention programs, Youth In Need is dedicated to building positive futures for the community's most vulnerable children, teens and families. Each year, Youth In Need serves more than 10,000 children, teens and families.

### Wyman Center

Wyman Center is a nonprofit organization based in St. Louis, Missouri that takes the best in teen development theory and makes it real and effective ... building fully prepared teens. Wyman programs change the odds for youth, aged 11 to 18, from disadvantaged circumstances, allowing them to become economically self-sufficient, leaders in their communities and ultimately, to break the cycle of poverty.

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### Mathews Dickey Boys & Girls Club

The Club's goals are focused, comprehensive and are aimed at:

- Emphasizing the three Rs' (Respect, Restraint, Responsibility) through athletic competition and team-building in football, baseball, basketball, swimming, softball, cheerleading and other recreational activities.
- Building self-esteem, while allowing for personal growth, emphasizing the importance of becoming literate and educated citizens.
- Addressing problems stemming from teen idleness (such as substance abuse, gang violence, teen pregnancy and illiteracy).
- Instilling the desire to lead productive lives and to become positive contributors and future leaders in the community;
- Teaching moral, personal, social and cultural development and practices.

Today, the Club serves more than 40,000 young men and women, ages 5-18, throughout the St. Louis-metropolitan area.

## Scholar Assist Program: 2011 Results

Each year the Buddy Fund provides \$500 assistance for three needy, deserving and achieving college students. The program is meeting with great success, i.e. funds are going to successful students who need financial assistance. The Buddy Fund chose Boys Hope/Girls Hope to be our eyes and ears for identifying these students. This is because BHGH provides value-centered, family-like homes, opportunities and education all the way through college; they know their students needs and capabilities well.

Three students were again helped in 2011. One example: Taylor Patton graduated from St. L Metro in 2009. She is currently beginning her 3rd year of studies majoring in Interior Design. She has found her studies and distance from her St. Louis BHGH family challenging at times, but continues to be academically motivated and currently has a 2.73 GPA. Upon receipt of her recent \$500 Buddy Fund Scholarship, Taylor recounted with great emotion ... "the scholarship came just at the right time. I did not know how I was going to pay for my much needed graphic design supplies.

***Thank you .... Thank you Buddy Fund."***

### Organizations Receiving Buddy Fund Sports Equipment

ABC Boys & Girls Club	Jennings/Tharp Civic Center
Boys and Girls Town of MO	Kingdom House
Boys Hope/Girls Hope	Lift for Life Academy/Gym
Child Center - Marygrove	Loyola Academy of St. Louis
Children's Foundation of Mid America	Mathews Dickey Boys & Girls Club
Crider Family Assistant Program	Pagedale Community Assoc.
Epworth Childrens Services	Police Athletic League - St. Louis
Ferguson Youth Baseball	Salvation Army - Gateway Citadel
Friends of Lakeside c/o Lakeside Center	Salvation Army - Maplewood
Gene Slay's Boys Club of St. Louis	St. Cecelia Parish
Good Sheperd Children & Family Services	St. Charles B & G Club
Gravois Baseball Club	St. L Parks & Recreation - Cherokee Center
Greater Madison Khoury League	St. Margaret of Scotland Athletic Assoc.
Herbert Hoover Boys Club	Wyman Center
Honorary Captains Program... SLU B-Ball	Youth in Need
Jefferson Barracks B&G Club	

## Corporate Partners

Grateful! Proud! Committed! Just a few of the feelings corporate partners generate in every member of the Buddy Fund Operations Board. We know your standards are high as you select your philanthropic partners.

### *Thank You!*

Arch Coal, Inc., St. Louis MO	Markwort Sporting Goods Company
Associated Bank - Corp Banking Div., Clayton MO	McBride & Son Cos. Inc., Chesterfield MO
Bank of America Merrill Lynch, St. Louis MO	MMMM, St. Louis MO
BETCO, Toledo OH	Peoples National Bank, Centralia IL
Clean-Tech Company, St. Louis MO	Rawlings Sporting Goods
Coin Acceptors, Inc., COINCO, St. Louis MO	Riddell Sports
First Bank-Commercial Banking, Creve Coeur MO	St. Charles Automotive, St. Peters MO
Hair Salon For Men	Summit Distributing, Earth City MO
Hogan Transports, Inc., St. Louis MO	Tarlton Gen. Contractors, St. Louis MO
HP Products, Indianapolis IN	The International Companies, Fenton MO
HTE Technologies, St. Louis MO	The Pasta House Company
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Lou Fusz Motor Company, St. Peters MO	UMB Bank, St. Louis MO
Luther & Associates, Chesterfield MO	Whelan Security Co., Inc., St. Louis MO
Mari De Villa Retirement Center, Inc. Town & Country MO	

## 160 Buddy Fund Members – What a Team!

The life blood of the Buddy Fund ... caring men and women believing that organized sports participation builds character and offers a positive alternative for boys and girls who often lack parental guidance and positive role models, and who must daily face the many challenges presented by low income, high crime neighborhoods. Each of you is absolutely vital to our success in helping needy kids. Thanks!

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## Special Thanks!

- To Forrest Langenfeld, CEO of Peoples National Bank, for sponsoring and organizing the 2011 “Champions for Children” event at Busch Stadium.
- To the St. Louis Blues for sponsoring and organizing their first annual “Hockey Heroes Experience” to benefit the Buddy Fund.
- To our suppliers, Markwort, Rawlings and Riddell, for their continued support of our mission via aggressive discounting of the sporting goods purchased by the Buddy Fund.
- To Missouri Professionals Mutual founder Tim Trout for hosting our June “Membership Appreciation Event” at the Racquet Club.
- To the Hair Saloon For Men for making the Buddy Fund the benefactor of their annual “Customer Appreciation Golf Outing” at Annbriar Golf Club.
- To the St. Louis Cardinals for the very large stash (truck load) of youth baseball uniforms and equipment that they donated to the Buddy Fund
- To Ron Jacober, Rob Rains and Whitey Herzog for making this year’s Champions for Children an especially enjoyable event to be remembered by all participants.
- To the local Dignity Memorial Funeral Home & Cemetary providers for sponsoring the February membership event at the Schlafly Bottleworks.

## Upcoming events for 2012

(More information to follow via email)

- St. Louis Blues Hockey Heroes Experience...to benefit the Buddy Fund...coming in March
- Buddy Fund Happy Hour Event...next one to be held in March
- Buddy Fund Champions For Children Event/Celebration of 50th anniversary... coming in June or July
- Buddy Fund Golf Event...sponsored by Hair Saloon For Men....Monday September 17th at Annbriar Golf Course

