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A Coach's Letter to the QCC

Dear (QCC Team),

... I am certain that everyone in the room could tell from a mile away that my students were having the time of their lives at the QCC Chess Tournament – from the beaming smiles plastered to their faces, from the group high fives, and the cheers erupting from our area. What would have been difficult to discern is that my school is ranked at a 100% poverty rate.

Many of my students come from homes with only one parent or a grandparent. There are students on my team who sleep on the floor each night with only a pillow and a blanket. Students on my team get baggies of food to take home on Fridays so they don't go hungry on the weekends. There are members of my team whose parents have died of

drug overdoses or are incarcerated in prison. Many of my students come from circumstances that would be easy to consider insurmountable, and yet at the end of the day, we won team trophies in every division we had a team.

I tell my students that it doesn't matter where you come from, what matters is how hard you're willing to work to get where you want to be. Today you and your staff provided an opportunity for my students to prove to themselves that those words are true. This is a lesson I am certain they will carry with them for a lifetime.

There is a particular eleven year old young man on my team whose story exemplifies this premise. He lives in a small apartment with his grandmother, mother, and younger sister; all three of which are cognitively delayed.

He is the only person in his house who can read and write. He had to read the registration form for the tournament to his mother and explain to her how to fill it out for him.

Had you looked closely today, you would have noticed that his pants were homemade; as are all of his shirts and pants. He told me at the end of last year's tournament that he would be back and he would win a trophy. I told him that would only happen if he worked for it. He did.

Had you seen him clutching his trophy to his chest you couldn't have missed his radiant smile. Had you looked a little closer you would have seen tears in his eyes. Today a child with next to nothing chose to pit himself against some of those with almost every advance life could

bestow. While he would tell you he did it to win a trophy, I think we all know he walked away with a far greater prize.

On behalf of this student and countless others in the room, please help me in making sure that your staff, volunteers, and donors know that there were lessons learned today far greater in value than where to move plastic pieces on a chess board. Those lessons would not have been learned without such an amazing tournament and every single person who helped make this year's Queen City Classic possible deserve credit.

If anyone is questioning whether or not you made a difference in a child's life today. You did.

Sincerely,
Head Coach of QCC Participating team

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**Robin Roberts to Speak at 14th Annual
Pink Ribbon Luncheon!** See inside for details

Saving Lives, Empowering People,

14th Annual Queen City Classic Chess Tournament



On March 20th and 21st, the Cris Collinsworth ProScan Fund hosted the 14th Annual Queen City Classic Chess (QCC) Tournament. With the generous support of many sponsors, donors, and volunteers, CCPF provided an unforgettable experience for 700 children. Thank you to everyone who helped us make a difference in children's lives.



Robin Roberts to Speak at 14th Annual Pink Ribbon Luncheon!

She shared her breast cancer journey with the world and will bring her story to Cincinnati on October 8th. **Robin Roberts**, co-anchor of ABC's *Good Morning America (GMA)*, will inspire our community when she joins us live at the 14th Annual Pink Ribbon Luncheon.

Roberts began her career hosting *SportsCenter* in the 1990s. During this time, she appeared as a guest reporter on *GMA* and was hired full-time as the co-anchor in 2005. *GMA* has won four Emmy Awards for Outstanding Morning Program with Roberts as co-anchor.

An esteemed journalist, Robin Roberts's career has been an avenue for her to connect with communities and give back. It was in 2007 that breast cancer became a cause that's close to her heart. Shortly after Roberts was diagnosed with breast cancer, she decided to share her courageous story with the nation and has received numerous awards and honors for raising awareness. She has been tireless in her efforts to educate women on breast health, which include a trip to the Middle East with former First Lady Laura Bush.



Roberts added "author" to her resume when she wrote her first book, *From the Heart: 7 Rules to Live By*. First published in 2007, it was released again in 2008 with an additional chapter on her battle with breast cancer.

Five years after she began her battle with breast cancer, Roberts was diagnosed with myelodysplastic syndrome (MDS), a disease that can result from chemotherapy and affects the bone marrow and blood. After receiving a bone marrow transplant from her sister, she joined forces with *Be the Match*, a bone marrow registry that more than 56,000 people have joined since her diagnosis.

Most recently, Roberts released a memoir, *Everybody's Got Something*, which details her life-threatening illnesses, her return to *GMA*, and the lessons she has learned along the way. With her broad understanding of so many life experiences, Robin Roberts is sure to inspire all guests

at this year's Pink Ribbon Luncheon!

To purchase tickets to the Pink Ribbon Luncheon, visit www.pinkribbonluncheon.org.

and Strengthening Their Futures

Cris Collinsworth ProScan Fund in the Community

Simul at Fairview-Clifton German School

The chess club at Fairview-Clifton German School put their skills to the test when they faced off against local master Russell Wilson. Mr. Wilson, a CCPF Board Member, visited Fairview-Clifton on January 13th to play 20 students simultaneously. The young chess players enjoyed competing against a true expert as fascinated students, teachers, staff, and parents stopped in to watch.



Geralyn Lucas Book Signing

Friends and supporters of CCPF's Pink Ribbon Programs gathered at Camargo Trading Company on March 21st to welcome back author Geralyn Lucas. Geralyn, who appeared at the 4th and 13th Annual Pink Ribbon Luncheons, returned to sign copies of her book *Then Came Life*. Ironically, Geralyn, who came to know the Cris Collinsworth ProScan Fund through her passion for supporting the breast cancer community, has a son who has become an avid chess player. While Geralyn met with Pink Ribbon supporters at

Camargo Trading Company and signed books, her son and husband attended the QCC Chess Tournament where her son won a trophy in his section!

CCDS Check Presentation

On Tuesday, March 10th, Cincinnati Country Day sophomore student, Megan Campbell presented the Cris Collinsworth ProScan Fund with a check to benefit the Pink

Ribbon Programs. Through Megan's efforts, the school raised over \$1,000 to support the Mammogram Match Program. Megan organized a bake sale, pizza sale, raffle, and a tea party for students and their mothers, which included education on the importance of breast health.

CCPF Receives Support from Saks Fifth Avenue Campaign

CCPF was the proud beneficiary of Saks Fifth Avenue's "Key to the Cure" campaign. Cincinnati's Saks store selected CCPF to receive all of the proceeds from its "Key to the Cure" T-shirt sales in October, as well as a portion of sales from their "Friends and Family Weekend." In total, Saks Cincinnati raised over \$12,000 for the Pink Ribbon Programs and presented CCPF committee members with a check on April 16th.



Chess in Schools Program Brings Students Together

Our Chess in Schools Program does more than teach the game of chess – it brings students together. Students of Lincoln Elementary took an after-school field trip to Ethel Taylor Academy, where they made new friends and played a few rounds of chess. As participants of the Chess in Schools Program, both schools were eager to apply what they've learned from their chess instructor, Ed Long.

A Visit to Our Newest Pink Ribbon Center



Upon arriving at the **Pink Ribbon Center Tri-County**, you will find ample, easy parking. Conveniently located in the Springdale Town Center, the center looks very inviting.



If you arrive early for your appointment, take a seat in our cozy **waiting area**. With its homelike décor, you will feel more like you're sitting in your friend's living room than a typical waiting room.



As you wait, enjoy a look back at the guest speakers of our annual **Pink Ribbon Luncheon**, which benefits the Pink Ribbon Programs. Past guests include **Nora Ephron, Martina McBride, and Bill and Giuliana Rancic**.



When it's time to change into your patient gown, we will show you to the **dressing area**. Its boutique-inspired look might make you forget for a minute whether you're shopping for a new dress or getting ready for your mammogram!



When you enter the exam room, you will find **state-of-the-art digital mammography equipment**. Your mammogram will be performed by a **skilled technologist** who will provide the most professional, compassionate care.



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Meet the Woman Who Wakes Up America!

Pink Ribbon Luncheon

with Special Guest

Robin Roberts

October 8, 2015



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