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# Enriching Lives

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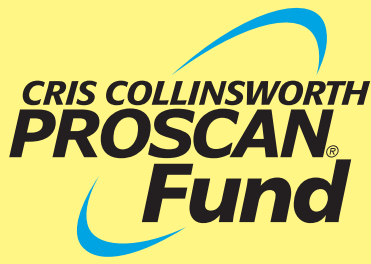
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## You're Invited to The Pink Party!

The Cris Collinsworth ProScan Fund will kick off October's Breast Cancer Awareness Month with the 10th Annual Pink Ribbon Luncheon, a yearly fundraiser that supports the organization's Pink Ribbon Programs. Celebrating ten years of support to local women, the Pink Ribbon will host **THE PINK PARTY** on Thursday, October 6, 2011 at the Duke Energy Convention Center.

The Pink Ribbon is excited to welcome this year's guest speaker, best-selling author, film director, screenwriter, and journalist, Nora Ephron. A triple Academy Award nominee for Writing Original Screenplay and one of "The 25 Most Powerful Women in America" named by *Biography Magazine*, Ephron is best known for some of the most famous romantic comedies,  
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*Pink Ribbon Co-Chairs Holly Collinsworth, Penny Pomeranz, Nancy Fehr, and Karen Cassidy.*

**Reserve Your Spot Now for the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual  
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*Saving Lives, Empowering People,*

# QCC Marks its 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

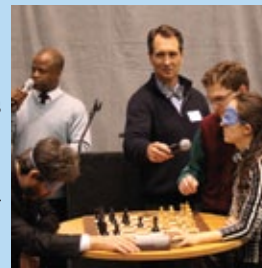


In the spring, the Cris Collinsworth ProScan Fund welcomed a sold out crowd of young chess players to celebrate the 10th Annual Queen City Classic Chess Tournament. Even with the Ohio River rising to record heights and flooding surrounding areas, nearly 700 students from eight different states traveled to Paul Brown Stadium – making this year's tournament the biggest yet!

Held on March 11-12, 2011 at Paul Brown Stadium's Club West, the tournament kicked off Friday evening with its second Annual Shining Knight Award Ceremony honoring Cincinnati Bengal Dhani Jones for his leadership and service to youth. A staple in the Cincinnati Community, Jones also offers his time and services to many worthy causes, including his most recent launch of his Bow Ties Cause – a signature line to help create awareness and raise funds for

non-profit organizations around the country. The line is custom made for each charity and designed by Dhani and the participating organizations. The Queen City Classic featured its own unique Chess Bow Tie design that was introduced during the event and is available for purchase with proceeds benefiting the Queen City Classic Chess Program.

Following his welcome, guests were marveled by the blindfold match between Master Irina Krush and Grandmaster Gregory Kaidanov with commentary from Grandmaster Maurice Ashley. Following the blindfold match, the famous simul matches began where Master Krush, Grandmasters Ashley and Kaidanov, and other local masters squared off against 40 young chess players simultaneously. Local chess Master, Russell Wilson was the original Master to participate in the simul tournament in the first QCC event. Now ten years later, Wilson is accompanied by nine other masters who together tackled over 350 students in this must-see display



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of intellectual prowess and extreme strategy.

After an exciting evening of opening ceremonies, the tournament kicked off the next morning at 9 a.m. with participants anxiously awaiting the first handshake of the day – as chess always begins and ends with a handshake. Throughout the tournament, each student participated in a total of approximately five rounds, which equated to hundreds of chess matches and hours of competition. During the day, Grandmasters Ashley and Kaidanov gave commentary instruction on the top level game while Master Krush spent her afternoon playing students, parents, and others in speed chess – five minute timed games. The long day of play culminated in an awards ceremony where over 150 trophies were awarded to well-deserving individuals and teams.

*Hosted by the Cris Collinsworth ProScan Fund and The Cincinnati Bengals, the Queen City Classic Chess Tournament creatively promotes discipline, goal-setting, and critical thinking in a youth-friendly manner. Nearly every neighborhood in Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky is represented at the tournament, displaying the diversity of the Queen City. One of the largest scholastic chess tournaments in the Midwest, the tournament won the national acclaim of the United States Chess Federation's "Organizer of the Year" award and continues to be revered nationally in the chess world.*



## Growing Chess with the Cincinnati Recreation Commission

The Cris Collinsworth ProScan Fund, in coordination with the Cincinnati Chess Club, has partnered with the Cincinnati Recreation Commission (CRC) to educate children throughout Greater Cincinnati communities about the benefits of chess.

Recognized with multiple Ohio Parks and Recreation Association awards statewide, the CRC emphasizes personal health and wellness, going hand-in-hand with CCPF's mission to enhance children's lives through intellectual development, giving them increased hope and confidence in their future. Chess teaches many of the most prized intellectual skills, including abstract thinking, memory, pattern recognition, calculation, inductive and deductive reasoning, visual imagery, creativity, problem solving, and decision-making. In addition, the game provides an environment to educate children about consequences, sportsmanship, discipline, patience, and teamwork.

This new partnership began with weekly learning sessions where members of the Cincinnati Chess Club taught the CRC staff how to play and teach chess to students. For one month, staff from twenty-one

different CRC centers attended these chess lessons learning the basic rules of the game, different strategic moves, and how to instruct others to play chess. Many of the CRC staff members began teaching chess classes during the summer camp programs, and the other centers will begin running programs this fall.

The Cris Collinsworth ProScan Fund donated five boards and chess piece sets to each center to kick start the programs. Maurice Ashley, the first African-American Chess Grandmaster and friend of the Cris Collinsworth ProScan Fund, also donated 40 Pawn Mower instructional books to the program. CRC staff members were given the boards and books after completing the training session. At the end of the four-week session, the CRC staff members competed against each other in a miniature chess tournament.

On August 8, students who learned how to play chess during the Cincinnati Recreation Commission summer camps competed against each other in a friendly tournament held at the Madisonville Recreation Center.

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## 10th Annual Pink Ribbon Luncheon *(Continued from page 1)*



including *Sleepless in Seattle*, *When Harry Met Sally*, *You've Got Mail*, and *Julie & Julia*. Her most recent book, *I Remember Nothing and Other Reflections* was released in November of 2010.

Prior to the luncheon, the Pink Ribbon will feature the "Ten Year Tune Up" Pre-Luncheon Physician Panel beginning at 10:30 a.m. where experienced physicians from multiple specialties will discuss the most popular issues in women's health. A silent auction with over 100 one-of-a-kind items from local establishments and boutiques will also be available outside the ballroom starting at 10 a.m. The luncheon presentations will commence at noon with recognition of this year's Honorary Chair, Lynnette Wyler and Power of Pink Award recipient, The Karen Wellington Memorial Foundation.

Emceed by Cris Collinsworth and Channel 9 News Anchor Carol Williams, the Pink Ribbon Luncheon is one of the largest afternoon fundraisers in the city. In 2010, the luncheon celebrated a sold out crowd of men and women from the Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky communities and recorded more funds raised collectively through ticket sales, live and silent auctions, sponsorships, and general donations than ever before. The Pink Ribbon is excited to welcome back supporters and encourage newcomers to attend this year's celebration with hopes of reaching more men and women than ever before.

**To reserve your spot at THE PINK PARTY, visit [www.pinkribbonluncheon.org](http://www.pinkribbonluncheon.org), call 1-866-557-PINK (7465), or email [ccpfevents@proscan.com](mailto:ccpfevents@proscan.com).**

*Sponsorship packages available and general donations welcomed.*



### Lynnette Wyler Named Honorary Chair of Luncheon

The Cris Collinsworth ProScan Fund is delighted to announce Lynnette Wyler as the 10th Annual Pink Ribbon Luncheon Honorary Chair. Lynnette is a dedicated philanthropist and has been a loyal supporter of the Pink Ribbon since her breast cancer diagnosis in 2007.

In 2008, Lynnette was introduced to the Cris Collinsworth ProScan Fund when she attended the 7th Annual Pink Ribbon Luncheon as a guest of Meggan Sulfsted, last year's Honorary Co-Chair. Since Lynnette's involvement, she has helped Meggan develop new ideas to decorate the tables at the luncheon, transforming the grand ballroom at Duke Energy Convention Center into an explosion of pink. Lynnette has made many seemingly impossible ideas possible.



*Lynnette Wyler with her family.*

Now a four-year breast cancer survivor, Lynnette spends much of her time supporting the cancer community throughout Greater Cincinnati. She uses her personal experience with breast cancer to offer cancer patients advice on how to fight their disease and handle the challenges along their healing journey. Lynnette frequently requests Pink Ribbon Bags for women in our community diagnosed with breast cancer.

In addition to her support of the cause against breast cancer, Lynnette also spends time working with Kindervelt of Cincinnati. Kindervelt's fundraising efforts help fund medical research and state-of-the-art equipment for the Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center. Since 2004, Lynnette has been an avid supporter of the organization, helping organize, plan, and even host numerous events and fundraisers for Kindervelt.

Aside from her community involvement, Lynnette is the mother of three sons and spends much of her time volunteering at their schools in the classroom, library, bookstore, and cafeteria. In her spare time, she loves to play tennis, run, do pilates, indulge in arts and crafts, and enjoy time with her four dogs and two cats. "My house is chaotic with all the animals and the boys, but I wouldn't have it any other way," comments Lynnette. The Pink Ribbon Luncheon committee is thrilled to have Lynnette join this year's team. ■



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## Nora Ephron to Speak at Pink Ribbon Luncheon

Best-selling author, film director, screenwriter, and journalist, Nora Ephron is this year's Pink Ribbon Luncheon guest speaker. Named one of "The 25 Most Powerful Women in America" by *Biography Magazine*, Ephron is best known for some of the most famous romantic comedies, including *Sleepless in Seattle*, *When Harry Met Sally*, *You've Got Mail*, and *Julie & Julia*.

Starting as a journalist for the New York Post, Ephron expanded her writing to magazines, such as *Esquire*, *The New York Times*, and *New York Magazine*. After years as one of the country's best known journalists, she began screen writing. Ephron has received three Academy Award nominations for Best Original Screenplay for *Sleepless in Seattle*, *When Harry Met Sally*, and *Silkwood* as well as an Oscar nomination for *When Harry Met Sally*.

In 2006, she released *I Feel Bad About My Neck: And Other Thoughts on Being a Woman*, which immediately became a New York Times bestseller. Her most recent book, *I Remember Nothing and Other Reflections* was released in November of 2010. In 2009, Nora Ephron and her sister Delia Ephron co-wrote the off-broadway play *Love, Loss, and What I Wore* based on the novel by Ilene Beckerman. The play is a collection of vignettes about women through their clothing, including one of a woman undergoing treatment for breast cancer.

Her unique honesty and humor has proven to captivate audiences time after time. You won't want to miss **THE PINK PARTY** with Nora Ephron on October 6, 2011!



Author, film director, screenwriter and journalist Nora Ephron, guest speaker at the 2011 Pink Ribbon Luncheon.

## The Karen Wellington Memorial Foundation: 2011 Power of Pink Award Recipient

Congratulations to the Karen Wellington Memorial Foundation (KWMF) for being selected as the 10th Annual Pink Ribbon Luncheon Power of Pink award recipient. Each year, the Pink Ribbon Luncheon committee recognizes an organization or individual in the community dedicated to serving those suffering with breast cancer. This year, the Pink Ribbon chose the KWMF for their commitment towards encouraging women to appreciate the here and now and LIVE their lives to the fullest.

An extraordinary mother, wife, and friend, Karen Wellington received a breast cancer diagnosis when she was only 30-years-old. As a young mother of two, Karen did not let breast cancer become a barrier in LIVING her life. She viewed her 10-year battle against breast cancer as a 10-year commitment to living life to the fullest. Shortly after Karen lost her battle with the disease, the KWMF was created by her family and friends to honor Karen's life, share her legacy, and inspire women to LIVE every day. The foundation helps women diagnosed with breast cancer celebrate their life by funding a variety of health related activities that focus on the healthy body – "the legs that can still walk, the lungs that can still breathe, the mind that can still create, and the heart that can still love," as quoted from the organization's



Karen Wellington

website. With a powerful message, recent events have raised money and granted vacations, entertainment, and donations to patients and families LIVING with breast cancer.

Karen Wellington was known as a fantastic party planner, "she loved celebrating, especially in honor of someone else". Besides party planning, Karen was also a hands-on mom in the lunchroom and as a coach on the soccer field. She supported the Breast Cancer Alliance, Cincinnati Youth Collaborative, Junior League, and Stepping Stones Center. Her gifts continue to live on in the work of The Karen Wellington Foundation, the Karen Wellington Memorial Campership Fund at Stepping Stones Center, the AK Steel's Steel Magnolia Award, and through Foundation gifts to individuals and organizations that encourage people to LIVE more fully with breast cancer.

The Karen Wellington Memorial Foundation reminds us all to celebrate living, loving, and laughing everyday. The Pink Ribbon Luncheon committee is proud to honor the work being done in Karen's memory at the 10th Annual Pink Ribbon Luncheon!

**For more information about the Karen Wellington Memorial Foundation for LIVING with Breast Cancer, visit <http://www.kwellingtonfoundation.org/> or find them on Facebook.** ■

# *Saving Lives, Empowering People,*

## Volunteers!

Volunteers are the heart of all community organizations. For the Cris Collinsworth ProScan Fund, this notion rings so true. Our volunteers are vital to the growth and success of our organization, and we are extremely fortunate to have volunteers from local high schools generously offer their free time to help with various activities. Over the past few months, students from Madeira High School, Moeller High School, and Cincinnati Country Day have organized chess boards and chess pieces for the Queen City Classic Chess Tournament, cleaned our warehouse that holds all of the Fund's supplies, and assembled pink ribbon bags for women newly diagnosed with breast cancer.



**ABOVE: Madeira High School students (back row): Julie Sowers, Jesus Godinez, Ethan Jakres, Emma Toon, Charlotte Fitz, Bayla Fisher, Jessica Godinez, (front row) Karlie Burger, Sandra Carper, Samantha Carter, Vanessa Poole.**

### **Madeira High School Students**

Each year, prior to Spring break, Madeira High School students take four to five hours of their day to complete a service project for a local non-profit organization. For the second year in a row, these students have chosen to help the Cris Collinsworth ProScan Fund and the Queen City Classic (QCC) Chess Tournament.

Doubling in attendance over the years, the QCC had more students than ever before participate in this year's tournament requiring more boards and pieces and much more post-tournament organization. Two weeks after the QCC, the Madeira High School students made sure all chess sets had the correct number of pieces, and they organized the boards according to their color for use at next year's event. Madeira High School students counted and organized all 700 chess boards and a total of 500 sets of chess pieces.

Expecting to simply volunteer, the students found themselves learning about the Queen City Classic Chess Program as well as the Pink Ribbon Programs that are supported by the Cris Collinsworth ProScan Fund. Vanessa Poole, the group's student organizer, commented that she did not know anything about chess before volunteering. While working, she learned the names of the pieces and how to set up a chess board properly – an important start to learning the game. Although counting chess pieces and organizing boards can be tedious, the students truly enjoyed themselves while helping out a great cause.



**ABOVE: Moeller High School students help organize the CCPF warehouse. From left to right: Nick Buehler, Charlie Hodge, Eric Lalley, Steve Anderson, Dean Meyer, Mitch Catino, Cody Elias**

### **Moeller High School Students**

Throughout the summer, Moeller High School football players worked with the CCPF on four different Saturday's to clean and organize our warehouse facility. With 700 chess boards, over 11,000 individual chess pieces, hundreds Pink Ribbon Bag materials, and countless Pink Ribbon Luncheon supplies, the CCPF found itself knee deep in boxes and excess clutter. For our events and outreach programs to run smoothly, being organized is essential. After hours of heavy lifting, the students helped create an organized area for the CCPF and its staff to work on new projects to come in the fall.



**ABOVE: Students and parent volunteers from Cincinnati Country Day School. Back row (left to right): Andi Mapes, Mike Finn, Kathy Paff. Front row (left to right): Kat Mapes, Sabrina Finn, Victoria Paff**

### **Cincinnati Country Day**

In the spring, Cincinnati Country Day students along with their parents spent a morning with the Cris Collinsworth ProScan Fund assembling Pink Ribbon Bags. Close to a hundred bags were packed with items which bring comfort and hope to women newly diagnosed with breast cancer. The Pink Ribbon Bag contains more than 20 items, including a satin pillowcase and inspirational books that are designed to help a woman as she begins her healing journey. The Pink Ribbon Bags are distributed nationally at no cost to women who have been diagnosed with breast cancer. The bags are regularly filled locally by high school students, increasing awareness of breast cancer among the younger generation.

**To request a Pink Ribbon Bag, please call 1-866-557-PINK (7465) or visit [www.proscanwomen.org](http://www.proscanwomen.org). ■**



## Rugby Event Benefits the Pink Ribbon

Originating in England, rugby has quickly become a wildly popular game throughout the United States and locally in Cincinnati area high schools. This spring, Moeller High School hosted Ohio's first Greater Catholic League (GCL) rugby competition between the Crusaders and the St. Xavier Bombers. Following the rival high school match was a collegiate rugby game between Ohio State University and the University of Notre Dame as part of the Collegiate Premier League (CPL).

The Cris Collinsworth ProScan Fund was chosen as the beneficiary of the double header rugby event. Proceeds from admissions, t-shirts, and

concession sales were donated to the organization's Pink Ribbon Programs, which educate the community about breast health and support women newly diagnosed with breast cancer.

Kim Hauck of the Moeller Athletic department coordinated the event and organized an information table where attendees could learn more about the Pink Ribbon Programs and request a Pink Ribbon Bag – a complimentary gift bag with comfort items for women newly diagnosed with breast cancer.

The referees even wore pink socks to show their support for breast cancer awareness and the Pink Ribbon Programs. Kurt Weaver, National Youth Rugby member and referee of the matches, commented, "Secretly all rugby players like wearing pink." As a part of their high school and youth development outreach program, Weaver along with other members of National Youth Rugby have traveled around the country to promote rugby in other schools. Because rugby can often be viewed as a rough sport Weaver mentioned that they enjoy hosting events when the proceeds benefit a local organization to show the compassionate side of the players, the fans, and the game.

The event proved to be a great success raising over \$1,600 for the Pink Ribbon Programs. The 2010 State Rugby Champions Moeller Crusaders celebrated a victory defeating the St. Xavier Bombers. The collegiate match was won by the fighting Irish of Notre Dame. Next spring, Moeller plans to host a similar event with more local college and high school teams.

*Did you know? Rugby was introduced as an Olympic sport at the end of 2009, and the first Olympic rugby game will be played in the 2016 games.* ■

*Below: (From left) John Klosinski, Joe Otten, Big Doug, Sean O'Leary, Kurt Weaver.*



## Master Irina Krush Visits Local Chess Clubs

Coming into this year's 10th Annual Queen City Classic Chess Tournament recently winning her third US Women's Chess Championship, Irina Krush was excited to spread the game of chess to local Greater Cincinnati communities. On Friday morning, before the Queen City Classic (QCC) opening ceremonies, the CCPF traveled with Irina to Sycamore High School in Blue Ash and Blairwood Elementary School in Dayton, Ohio. While discussing her accomplishments, Irina worked with the 20 members of the Sycamore Chess Club teaching the students new strategies and encouraging them to continue to work hard to be successful chess players.

After traveling an hour north to Blairwood Elementary, Irina played approximately 30 students simultaneously to give them a preview of what to expect at the "simul" event held later that evening at the QCC event. Kindergarteners through sixth grade aged children accepted the challenge and competed against the three-time and youngest U.S. Women's Chess Champion. While victorious in all matches played throughout the day, Irina focused on educating and growing the chess talent of both local student groups. Both schools had students who participated in the Queen City Classic Chess Tournament. ■



*Master Irina Krush matches wits with participants at the 2011 Queen City Classic Chess tournament.*



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# Celebrating a Decade of Support – Thank You!

Diez! Dix! Dieci! Ten!

The Cris Collinsworth ProScan Fund (CCPF) has been serving the Greater Cincinnati area for ten years. What started as simple ideas of local students has developed into a philanthropic passion now shared and supported by much of the community.

After ten years of service, the CCPF is touching the lives of over 14,000 women each year through the Pink Ribbon Programs and helping hundreds of local students intellectually grow, giving them increased hope and confidence through our Chess Programs, including the Queen City Classic Chess Tournament. Thank you to all of the local community members, companies, and organizations who have supported the Cris Collinsworth ProScan Fund over the years!

**To help us continue our programs for another ten years, please contact us to learn more about volunteering, sponsoring, and donating opportunities:**

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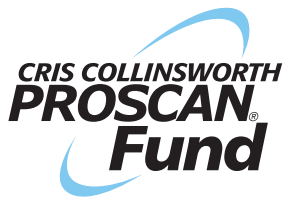
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