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- 19th Annual Tournament
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We are coming up on the 19th Annual Queen City Classic! The QCC chess tournament will be held on February 28th and 29th, 2020 at Paul Brown Stadium. We are delighted to see this event grow and include so many young people in Cincinnati and beyond. Chess instruction is a brilliant way to encourage and empower children to develop vital skills such as critical thinking, strategy, self esteem and good sportsmanship. Chess starts and ends with a handshake and provides an equal playing field for all from all backgrounds.

Every year, the Shining Knight Award is presented to deserving individuals who demonstrate a strong commitment to improving the lives of others. We will honor Tani Adewumi as 2020's Shining Knight Award recipient. A Nigerian refugee and only 8 year's old, Tani learned to play chess living in a homeless shelter in Manhattan. Tani's school chess club waived the fee for Tani to join. That year, Tani won the New York State Scholastic Primary Championship at just 8 years old. After his story went viral including a feature in the New York Times, a GoFundMe was set up to raise money for his family. Tani gave a portion of the more than \$200,000 raised to the church that had helped his family and used the remainder to set up the Tani Adewumi Foundation to assist other African refugees in the United States. Tani is a valuable member and advocate of the chess community. ■



CCPF AND XAVIER UNIVERSITY PARTNERSHIP UPDATE

In our second year of partnership with Xavier University, we are excited to continue the freshman chess seminar, The Game of Chess. The seminar is designed to teach chess but also to provide in depth examination of topics such as literature as seen through chess analogy. The seminar is instilling a love of the game and furtherance of chess culture at Xavier and the younger generation in Cincinnati. We have also expanded this year to include a chess club at the Xavier Montessori School. Xavier students receive valuable insight by observing teaching techniques, as children learn the game of chess. ■



MEET CHESS INSTRUCTOR NORMAN HOLLOWAY

"My chess experience with the CCPF Chess in Schools program has been one of the most rewarding endeavors of my life thus far. The joy and excitement that I have personally experienced and witnessed has left a lasting impact. The game of chess and all its complexities is so analogous to the vicissitudes of life. Perhaps this is why chess enthusiasts are fond of extolling that life is chess and chess is life!

I am so grateful to be afforded the opportunity of being one of the many CCPF chess instructors that empowers children via the game of chess. I have seen first hand the way chess fosters self-esteem, sportsmanship and critical thinking in young children. Frederick Douglas eloquently and famously stated that 'It is easier to build young minds than to repair old ones.' To that extent, kudos to the CCPF Chess in Schools program for serving as a wonderful vehicle in helping to shape the young minds of our future!" ■

FLAME EVENT AT XAVIER UNIVERSITY

Xavier chess students presented their final projects at an event called FLAME: A Celebration of Freshman Student Research at the CINTAS Center. Students gave presentations on various topics as they related to chess including literature, AI etc. It is rewarding to see freshman students' work as they explore broad and narrow discussions as applied to the game of chess. ■

2019 PINK RIBBON LUNCHEON

It was another wildly successful year as we came together to celebrate the 18th Annual Pink Ribbon Luncheon on October 10 at Duke Energy Convention Center! Over the past 18 years, we have seen this event grow and earn the reputation of being a premier fundraising event in Cincinnati.

The gathering drew over 1,300 guests to enjoy an uplifting day as we joined in our collective fight against breast cancer. We were pleased to welcome Dr. Chris Tuell from the Lindner Center of HOPE to discuss addiction and depression issues in our informative pre-luncheon discussion session. Guests also enjoyed a colorful reception with an expansive silent auction and raffle, as well as a live auction during the seated Luncheon.

We recognized local, celebrated artist Beverly Erschell as this year's Honorary Chair and Dr. Karen Columbus as the Power of Pink award recipient. This year's attendees enjoyed a lively performance by Rachel Platten who sang "Fight Song" which has become an anthem for those fighting breast cancer.

We are so grateful for those who sponsored and attended in support of this beautiful event and our important work in the community. Special thanks to our Presenting Sponsors, the Harold C. Schott Foundation and Albach, Wells & Dauer Group at Morgan Stanley, for making this fantastic event possible. We look forward to seeing everyone again in 2020! ■



PREP OUTREACH

CCPF actively engages in the community with educational outreach through our Pink Ribbon Empowerment Program (PREP). Brittany Buckman, Pink Ribbon Programs Liaison, engaged in 33 outreach events in 2019 through our community partners including Catholic Charities and Health Gap. During these events and health fairs, the community is educated on breast cancer awareness and the importance of knowing the early warning signs as well as self breast exam procedures. Should someone be in need of a mammogram or breast ultrasound, we can coordinate scheduling the visit at one of our 3 ProScan Pink Ribbon Centers while at the event. PREP also provides the opportunity to help people apply for our Mammogram Match program which provides free breast imaging to patients who qualify.

Early detection is key to saving lives. It is meaningful to us that we can provide these services to the community and give patients a better chance at survival. We also connect patients with valuable resources such as our Survivor Circle and Cruisin' for a Cure program, providing transportation services through our partners at Performance LEXUS. By scheduling your mammogram at a Pink Ribbon Center, you help support our work to make breast health care accessible to ALL in our communities. **Schedule your mammogram today: 513.241.CURE ■**

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CHESS IN SCHOOLS AT ST. RITA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF

“It is a pleasure to work with the students at St. Rita. Chess is a universal game that can be played by anyone. If you are willing to focus and work hard, you can improve and excel at chess and these students are doing just that. Their love of the game and hunger to learn is truly inspiring.”

— Michael Donohue, *Cris Collinsworth ProScan Fund*

Chess has given my students more self-confidence and improved social skills through learning a game that they enjoy.”

— Yue Ding, *St. Rita Classroom Monitor and Science Teacher*

“I like chess because I like to play with my friends and family. I really want to improve so I can go to the tournament and make my school proud.” — Joanna, *St. Rita Student*

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