



April 2011 Newsletter

Spring is in the air and do we have fun events planned.

Check Out Our Upcoming Events!

May 1 Garden Art Party

Where? [SEEDS](#) When? Sunday, May 1, 2 pm – 4pm

Join us for a spring stroll through [SEEDS](#) Community Garden. We have some special plans including making stepping stones, snacking in the garden and painting a wheelbarrow! Yes, we mean a wheelbarrow. Please [RSVP](#) by Thursday, April 28. Space is limited to the first 15 participants!

May 7 Open House and Fitness

Where? [Reality Center](#) When? May 7 11am-1pm

Help spread the word about BounceBack Kids. If you know a child who might benefit from BounceBack Kids, a medical provider or potential volunteer, please invite them to our Spring Open House. We will be playing games, making special crafts, snacking and just spending time together! Please [RSVP](#) by Tuesday, May 5.

May 28 Golf Time

Where? [Washington Duke Golf Club](#) When? May 28 10am - 1pm

Join BounceBack Kids as practice golf. Come hit some balls, talk with a trainer and we enjoy the day! We will be having lunch for all who come! Please [RSVP](#) by Tuesday, May 24.

June 4 End of the Year Celebration at Frankie's Fun Park

Where? [Frankies Fun Park in Raleigh](#) When? 10am-1pm

Join us as we celebrate the end of another school year at [Frankie's Fun Park](#). Through the generous gift of BB & T's Lighthouse Project, volunteers will be on hand to join in the fun and celebrate with very special plans at Frankie's this year. Save your appetite because we will be having lunch at Frankie's! Please [RSVP](#) by Tuesday, May 24. Please note, space is limited so sign up soon!

And Stop by and Visit Our Table at the Following Events:

- April 30 [The Annual Asthma Fair](#) will be held at WakeMed Andrews Conference Center from 9 am until noon. 3024 New Bern Avenue, Raleigh, NC
- May 14 [3rd Annual Run, Walk, & Roll](#) will be held at the Koka Booth from 8am until noon. Amphitheatre, Cary, NC

To view the details of our full calendar please go to: [CALENDAR](#)

BounceBack Kids to Benefit from the Bob Deakin Foundation Charity Golf Classic

BounceBack Kids is proud to announce that we will co-benefit from the the [Bob Deakin Foundation Charity Golf Classic](#) to be held on Saturday, June 11 at 11am, Crooked Creek Golf Club, Fuquay-Varina, NC. Registration is open so please spread the word!

[To register, please click here or forward this link!](#)

http://www.bobdfoundation.org/index_files/Page435.htm

Jake's Joke Corner

Jake sent in several jokes this month! So excited to share the one that we felt was the best for the beginning of Spring.

HOW DO YOU CATCH A SQUIRREL?

- CLIMB UP A TREE AND ACT LIKE A NUT

Calling all BounceBack Kids Participants and Family Members!

If you have something you would like to share with us, announcement, story or article, please email us at alicia@bouncebackkids.org

Thank You!

First, this is National Volunteer Recognition Week! We want to thank each and everyone of our volunteers. It is your dedication and commitment to our families and programs that make us so successful. In 2011, we have had over 50 volunteers

We want to thank our new partners, Reality Center for hosting us so graciously at the Indoor Soccer event. Everyone enjoyed him/herself and played a great game. We are looking forward to more time at your wonderful facility!

We also want to thank the NC State Pre-Health Club, in particular Andrew Miller, in organizing the Picnic in the Park and Frisbee Golf!

And Finally a warm thank you to our APPLES Spring Intern

By the end of April Madison Phillips will have volunteered 150 hours of time with BounceBack Kids. Her work this semester will allow us to continue to build upon our programs and allow for so many new opportunities. Thank you Madison. We thought it would be nice this time to close with her reflection of her time with us.

Madison's Time with BounceBack Kids

I have been interning with BounceBack Kids since January and the time has flown by. Over the months, I have

helped create several event fliers, updated their media contact list and managed photo uploads to various social media sites among other tasks. The most rewarding experience during my time so far was the opportunity to photograph the Basketball Marathon at Duke. Basketball Marathon is an annual Basketball games between students of UNC and Duke turning rivalry into philanthropy. This year, the event raised \$8,000 for BounceBack Kids! Being able to volunteer at the event and meet some awesome kids like Jake, Jake and Kate and their families was a wonderful reminder of what we are working for. Seeing the boys shooting hoops, hearing Kate sing “I Believe I Can Fly” and getting to dance with Jake was truly incredible.

I was also lucky enough to attend the UNC vs. Duke Women’s Basketball team with the children and their families this past month. Despite my strong belief that Carolina is the true blue, I was incredibly impressed with Duke University and their generous donations to our organization. They not only gave the families tickets to the game, parking passes and food vouchers but also organized for a handful of Duke Varsity Football, Track and Soccer players to sit with the children. It was an awesome experience and the families truly loved it. A simple college basketball game on the surface, but to our families this was a free evening of dinner and a game without the worries of cooking, cleaning or spending.

Working with APPLES and BounceBack Kids has already been an incredibly enriching and rewarding experience and I am only two thirds of my way through my time with them. I had no idea coming in just how lucky I would be to be placed with a community partner so full of love, life and enthusiasm. Every member of the BounceBack Kids team has such passion for what they do and it is apparent in every phone call, email, meeting or event. This is not just an organization or a team, it is a family and I am truly blessed to be a part of it.

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