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# NCO NEWS

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## Save the Date:

### 5th Annual Chocolate Festival

Saturday, January 19, 2008

10:00am—4:00pm

Neuqua Valley High School - Freshman Center

### 8th Annual Spring Ahead 10K & 5K Run

Sunday, April 20, 2008

Calamos Investments

Route 59 and Ferry Road, Naperville

### 18th Dinner Auction — “That Old Time Rock ‘n Roll”

Wednesday, July 23, 2008

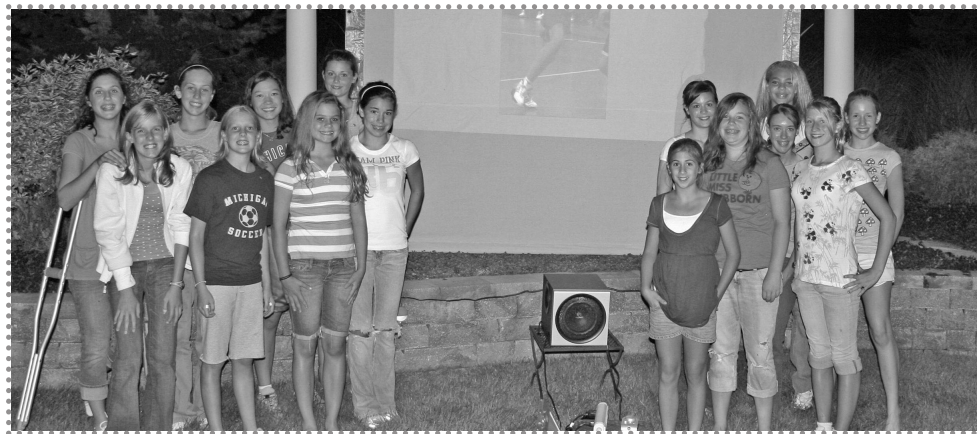
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## NCO Receives a VERY Special Donation



Lauren is pictured on the left side in the back row, fourth from the left

Just recently, Lauren Malley of Naperville celebrated her 13th birthday with a group of friends in her backyard that included watching the movie Grease. She decided she wanted to do something at her birthday party that would make a difference. So she asked her friends to make a donation to NCO instead of buying gifts for her birthday.

Lauren and her friends gener-

ously donated \$350 that will go directly to our programs and services! Lauren's mom Amy who runs the REACH program at Washington Jr. High introduced NCO to Lauren when she had speakers from the agency come to the school to talk to the students about the Power of Choice campaign, and based on those discussions, and because Lauren wanted to donate her money to an agency close to her home, she decided to make this very kind donation. Lauren is an 8th grader at Washington Jr. High and enjoys volleyball and basketball and has a very bright future ahead of her. Executive Director Ron Hume said "I am so impressed and proud of Lauren's kindness and thoughtfulness to NCO. She has truly made a difference to the youth and families that we serve!"

## NCO Introduces Unique Parenting Program for Couples

*Being a parent is the most challenging job you will ever have... but it is also the most incredible adventure life has to offer.*

NCO Youth & Family Services is bringing a 27-hour educational series called the Becoming Parents Program (BPP) to DuPage County, to teach pregnant couples how to survive parenthood. The program includes building up an arsenal of healthy communication habits, conflict resolution skills, and effective responses to infant behavior cues that will make life post-birth much smoother. The program, which is taught by BPP certified instructor Lisa Pisha, is "the very best thing you can possibly give your baby," she says. "It gives you the opportunity to learn how to create an environment your baby will emotionally thrive in."




Pisha, who has a background in marriage and family therapy, stresses the program is not "therapeutic", nor is it a boot camp. BPP teaches a couple new skills and ways of looking at elements in their relationship and their lives that can change, and that they can have control over. Many new parents feel overwhelmed and out of control by the demands a new baby carries. BPP offers new parents confidence and reassurance that they will be able to respond effectively to their baby's cues and have a healthy, happy relationship with their partner even after baby arrives. "The Becoming Parents Program" was developed by Pamela Jordan, PhD, RN, a leading researcher on the transition to parenthood from the University of Washington in Seattle. Drawing from over two decades of her research, the program combines both knowledge and skills for first-time parents, to mitigate the negative effects parenting transition research has found, which include declines in marital satisfaction, distress, and depression for both mothers and fathers.

*The mission of NCO Youth & Family Services is to serve as an agent for positive change for youth and families in the community through provision of the highest quality programs and services.*

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## Cornerstone to Receive a Backyard Makeover

Brad Zimmerman is truly someone that you want to meet and support! Brad is a junior at Waubonsie High School and is working towards his Eagle Scout award. He has designed a project to make over the backyard at Cornerstone. The project will include: new sod, plants and a bench for the area near the basketball court. In order to complete this project, Brad, with the assistance of his troop, will be hosting two fundraising events in September. The first event will be *Shop and Share Days* at Jewel. Please pass on the coupon below to anyone that may be shopping at a Jewel store between September 24 - 26, 2007. 5% of each sale will be given to Brad so that he can purchase the items he needs for the Cornerstone backyard makeover. The second event will be a car wash on Saturday, September 29, 2007, held at the Wal-Mart located at 776 Route 59 in Naperville, from 9:00am - 5:00pm. Donations will be accepted. Brad is a member of Troop 8, which is sponsored by Naperville Presbyterian Church. He has lived most of his life in Naperville and became familiar with NCO by seeing the Power of Choice posters at Waubonsie and is also familiar with Snowball. NCO truly appreciates Brad's choice of projects and hopes our supporters will assist him in his fundraising endeavors. We will track Brad's progress, and report his accomplishments in future newsletters. 🙌

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<p>GROUP: <b>Boy Scout Eagle Project for Brad Zimmermann</b>                  YOUR SHOP &amp; SHARE DAYS: <b>9/24/2007, 9/25/2007, 9/26/2007</b></p> <p>SIGNATURE _____</p> <p>PLEASE SIGN THIS SLIP AND TURN IT IN TO YOUR CHECKER WHEN YOU SHOP.                  PARTICIPANTS CAN MAKE PURCHASES AT ANY JEWEL-OSCO ON THE DATE ABOVE.                  IDENTIFICATION SLIPS ARE NOT TO BE DISTRIBUTED IN FRONT OF ANY JEWEL-OSCO.</p>									
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## In Appreciation and Thanks!

*We gratefully acknowledge the following businesses, organizations, corporations, foundations, and individuals who have made significant contributions to NCO's programs in recent months:*

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## NCO's 17th Annual Dinner Auction was a ROARING Success!

On Wednesday, July 18th, close to 400 guests joined together to help support NCO's 17th Annual Auction at the Abbington Banquets in Glen Ellyn. The room was beautifully decorated, and made guests feel like they stepped into an African safari, without having to show their passports or pack a suitcase. A

great assortment of silent auction items were available including: stays in Winter Park, CO and Hawaii, tickets to a Chicago Cubs game in the Northern Trust skybox, dinners at local restaurants including parties at Timpanos and Francesca Passaggio's, sports items, and fine jewelry. Also available were pieces of handmade African jewelry from Kenya provided to us by Seeds of Grace, who work with PEMA, an organization in Kenya which supports families affected by AIDS/HIV.

Guests were welcomed to the event by Master of Ceremonies Dave Savini, from CBS 2 Chicago, who kept everyone up to date on all the evenings activities. After enjoying a delicious sit dinner that ended with an authentic African dessert, Malva Pudding, guests were entertained by the sounds of "The Drummer of the Spirit", a local group of African drummers, and a hip hop dance by NCO's boys from Cornerstone, followed by a very inspiring message from Megan Snow, a former teen director for Operation Snowball. Our live auction was again spirited and energetic as our Auctioneers Ray Kinney and Scott Przybyla auctioned off several unique items. These included a ride on a L-39 fighter jet, trips to New York and Sonoma, a Porsche for the weekend, tours of CBS2, and a year of gifts from the staff of NCO. The highlight of the live auction was our "Raise the Paddle", where guests were asked to help NCO raise funds for Cornerstone, This portion of the evening raised \$20,000!!

NCO could never have had such a successful event without the help and hard work of our Auction Committee, including Event Chairs Brenda Harter and Barb Juckins, Jeff Harris, Brad Simmons, Dawn Kelsch, Scott Przybyla, Ron Hume, Julie Lichter, Jane Vickers and Dawn Portner. The success of any event is measured by the wonderful comments we received about our event, and the amount of revenue that we generated. NCO is very pleased to announce the net revenue for the evening was \$115,000. It was our most successful auction ever! This success could not have been possible without the generosity of our Sponsors, and the many companies and individuals who contributed items and services. Also, a SPECIAL thank you to our Event Chairs Brenda Harter and Barb Juckins, whose vision and support of this event was unmatched and very much appreciated!

Do not miss next year's event. The planning has already begun! 🙌

