

Kathryn Bender Memorial Foundation



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An Evening of Dance and Music

The time is just about here for the 4th Annual Kathryn Bender Dance Showcase. Come to enjoy an evening of dance, music, raffles, food, friends and fun.

When: Friday May 15th, 2009

Where: College of DuPage Arts Center in Glen Ellyn, IL

Time: Event starts at 6pm, Show starts at 7:30pm

~2009 Participants~

DuPage Dance Team
Extensions Dance Company
Inside Out Dance Company
Naperville Central HS Orchestis
Naperville North HS Orchestis
Neuqua Valley HS Orchestis
School of Performing Arts
Soul Unique
Steps Dance Center
Under Pressure
Waubonsie Valley HS Orchestis
and

the dance group from the Chicago STORM
professional indoor soccer team



Kathryn Bender, 2005

Ticket Info: Call College of DuPage Ticket Office at 630-942-4000 or order online at: <http://www.cod.edu/ArtsCntr/> then click on "Order Tickets Online"

Price: \$15 adults and \$12 students/seniors

If you are interested in ordering a t-shirt for the event please fill out the t-shirt order form found on our website under the fundraisers section.

An EKG from KBMF

KBMF has donated money to Midwest Heart Foundation to purchase a portable EKG machine.

This EKG machine is currently being used in their Young Hearts



for Life program which tests high school students for heart conditions.

Thank you for your support which has allowed the opportunity for KBMF to pay it forward.

Portable EKG Machine



Please visit us on the web at
www.kbmf.net

Dates to Remember

~APRIL 15TH~
KATHRYN'S 21ST BIRTHDAY

~MAY 15TH~
4TH ANNUAL KATHRYN BENDER
DANCE SHOWCASE

~JUNE 10TH~
DUPAGE DRAGONS BASEBALL
GAME FUNDRAISER

~Coming Soon~
3rd Annual KBMF 5K Walk/Run

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This years run date and location will be finalized soon!

We will be sending out a separate mailing with the Walk Registration form. You will also be able to find the walk registration form on our website at www.kbmf.net under the 'Fundraisers' section.

We are currently looking for sponsors for this years walk. If you know of a

company that would like to sponsor KBMF's 5K this year, please send us an e-mail from our website under the 'Contact Us' section.

Last year, a total of 152 people ran the 5K. This year will be bigger and better!

Grab those running shoes and we'll see you out there!



Photo from last years 5K, "Ready, Set, Go!"

Kathryn's Birthday

April 15th, 2009 would mark Kathryn's 21st birthday. We cannot begin to imagine what a special time this would be.

We do know that it would have been a special time marked by many more memorable moments.

It is hard to believe that it has already been four years since we celebrated a birthday with her.

So as we send off a balloon in the air to her that day, please take a moment yourself to think of Kathryn.

As we prepare for our 4th KBMF Dance Showcase, we would like to share a short excerpt from the song that Elizabeth and Nicholas will be dancing to in her honor.

"Sissy's Song" by Alan Jackson

"She flew up to Heaven on the wings of angels

By the clouds and stars and passed where no one sees

And she walks with Jesus and her loved ones waiting

And I know she's smiling saying

Don't worry 'bout me"

DuPage Dragons Baseball Fundraiser Supports KBMF

Come join us to watch a baseball game and support KBMF as the DuPage Dragons play the Danville Dans on June 10th. Both teams are members of the Central Illinois Collegiate League, newly known as the Prospect League.

Game Date: June 10th, 2009 7:05pm

Location: Sports Complex at Benedictine University in Lisle, IL

Ticket Price: \$6

Please see the flyer inserted in this newsletter and bring it with you to

purchase tickets at the game. There is also the option to pre-buy your tickets. \$3 of each ticket purchased with this form will go to the Kathryn Bender Memorial Foundation. So BRING YOUR FRIENDS!

Visit www.dupagedragons.com for more information on the team and buying tickets.

Come meet the mascot Dinger, play in the Moon jump, run the bases and get autographs from the players!



Chicago Storm and KBMF deliver 'Kathryn's Bears'

On February 16th, KBMF was joined by two of the professional indoor soccer players from the Chicago STORM to deliver 'Kathryn's Bears' to Children's Memorial Hospital.

At their first home game on December 20th, 2008, after the STORM scored their first goal, many of the attendants threw a teddy bear onto the field!

With the help of the STORM we were able to deliver over 500 teddy bears to Children's Memorial! We were able to interact with many children and allowed them to choose their favorite stuffed animal to keep!

Chicago Storm helps deliver 'Kathryn's Bears' to Children's Memorial Hospital



Thank you...

Chicago Storm - for joining us in "Kathryn's Bears" this year

CSX Transportation - for their donation to KBMF

Honeywell Corp. - for their donation to KBMF

Nick Melville - for keeping the website updated

Joanne Marty - for her sup-

port towards KBMF

Midwest Heart Foundation - for participating in KBMF fundraisers and for their continued research and fundraising for Sudden Death

Ray Kinney at Minute Man Press - for printing our newsletter

STEPS Dance Center - for continuing to volunteer and help KBMF with fundraising activities

Steve Mahoney - for his continued support and dedication to KBMF

And everyone who continues to support and donate to KBMF

KBMF IS LOOKING FOR FUNDRAISING IDEAS!

AS WE LOOK TO BROADEN AWARENESS ABOUT SUDDEN DEATH, KBMF IS LOOKING FOR ADDITIONAL WAYS TO REACH OUT.

IF YOU HAVE ANY SUGGESTIONS, PLEASE KEEP US IN MIND!

(I.E. SPORTING EVENTS, RESTURANTS , ETC.)

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