

Kids' Chance of Maryland Inc. Scholarship Fund

Helping students whose parents have been fatally or catastrophically injured in a workplace accident.

The evening of May 17th was the 4th annual Kids' Chance of Maryland, Inc. Scholarship gala fundraiser. More than 200 donors, supporters, scholarship recipients and their families attended. A highlight of the evening was the heartfelt speeches from two of the scholarship recipients. **Heather Leasure** from Cumberland, Maryland, spoke of the debilitating workplace injury her mother suffered and of her appreciation to Kids' Chance for the college scholarship she has received. Heather will be graduating from the University of Maryland where she majored in Psychology and Physical Therapy.

Michael Cabot has just completed his freshman year at Michigan State. Michael, who is from Aberdeen, thanked the supporters of Kids' Chance for giving him the scholarship assistance and the chance to attend college. Michael's dad was an ironworker who lost his life in a workplace accident.

Another special highlight of the evening was the awarding of the "Charles J. Krysiak Memorial Scholarship," which is presented to an outstanding student who fosters the principles of dedication, civility, and kindness to others. This year's honored recipient was **Benjamin Grimes**, a sophomore at Capitol College majoring in Computer Science.

The Kids' Chance Hero Award is presented to an outstanding supporter of Kids' Chance of Maryland. This year, the award was presented to **Key Systems, Inc.**, an electrical contracting company based in White Marsh. The owners of Key Systems, Inc., Mr. & Mrs. Bob



Read Key Systems Inc., Hero story below



L-R: Chad Free, Michael Cabot, Sarah Free, Sunny Grimes, Heather Leasure, Steve Gibson and Benjamin Grimes

Manns and Mr. & Mrs. Ron Eller, wanted to help a deserving Kids' Chance student who is attending a technical or vocational college. Together with the employees of Key Systems, Inc. and through various fundraisers, they graciously paid the full tuition for Kids' Chance scholarship recipient **Chad Free** while he attended the Rumsey Technical Institute in West Virginia.

Do you know of a deserving student?

Kids' Chance of Maryland, Inc. is actively seeking scholarship applications for the 2008 academic school year. If you know of a deserving student whose parent has been catastrophically injured or killed in the workplace, please visit: www.kidschance-md.org for information and applications.

Or contact:
Kids' Chance
of Maryland, Inc.
P.O. Box 20262,
Baltimore, MD 21284
Phone: 410-832-4702



How can individuals or businesses help?

If you would like to make a difference in the life of a college student whose parent's life may have been tragically cut short, please send your tax-deductible donation to the address above. If your business would like to sponsor a student/scholarship or consider making a corporate donation, please call Kids' Chance of Maryland, Inc. at 410-832-4702.

Please help us spread the word about Kids' Chance of Maryland, Inc. and its mission.

In 2005, tragically there were 95 workplace fatalities in Maryland. Source: MD Dept. of Labor

IWIF is proud to be a charitable corporate sponsor of the Kids' Chance of Maryland, Inc. scholarship fund.

Kids' Chance of Maryland Inc. non-profit scholarship fund was founded in 1996.

In 2006, Kids' Chance of Maryland awarded 17 students with scholarships ranging from \$500 to \$8,000.