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Queen City Classic Looks to Surpass Last Year’s Numbers

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Returning for the Queen City Classic are Grand Master Maurice Ashley, Grand Master Gregory Kaidanov, and International Master Irina Krush. To kick off the weekend’s activities, Kaidanov and Krush compete in a blindfold match on Friday evening while Ashley’s commentary captivates the crowd. All guests observe in disbelief as these Masters play a game most players would never attempt.

Following the blindfold match, players and coaches have the opportunity to compete against and learn from Ashley, Kaidanov, and Krush, along with local Masters during the Simul event. During the Simul, each master plays 30-40 chess matches simultaneously by moving from board to board, playing one piece at a time against student...
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Lynnette Wyler, the 2011 Honorary Chair, welcomed the attendees to this year’s event, the 11th Annual Pink Ribbon Luncheon on Thursday, September 27, 2012 at the Duke Energy Center. This luncheon is an afternoon to celebrate and raise awareness and funds for the Pink Ribbon Programs. The event’s main purpose is to raise awareness and funds for the Pink Ribbon Programs that support breast cancer research.

Carol Williams, the emcees, led the attendees into the ballroom. As guests entered, they were awed by the exquisite decorations of pink. The tables were adorned with centerpieces and original artwork of pink. The tables were set in multiple arrays with pink and white tablecloths and white napkins. The walls were decorated with pink ribbons and pink flowers. The atmosphere was filled with the sounds of live music and the clinking of glasses.

At noon, the doors opened to reveal the ballroom. The attendees were greeted by Cris Collinsworth, the Honorary Chair of the event. Collinsworth reminded the audience that although the Pink Ribbon Programs have made significant progress, there is still much work to be done. Collinsworth called on the audience to support the Pink Ribbon Programs and to make a difference in the lives of those affected by breast cancer.

The afternoon’s events began with a presentation by Shupeck on neurosurgery, Dr. Malcolm on dermatology, and Dr. Betsy Levick on obstetrics. The lectures included informative and entertaining discussions from Dr. Shupeck and Dr. Levick. The attendees were captivated by the presentations.

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The Pink Ribbon Luncheon is a day to celebrate life and support among the breast cancer community. The Cris Collinsworth ProScan Fund would like to give a special thanks to Cincinnati Bell and Richter and Phillips for donating the amazing gifts each guest received for attending the PINK PARTY 10th anniversary celebration.

Cincinnati Bell donated the chic pink Pashminas that were placed on the back of each chair at the luncheon and embroidered with the Pink Ribbon logo on their tags.

Richter and Phillips donated the gorgeous pink watches that were placed around each napkin to add to the pink ambiance.

These incredible gifts of appreciation not only added a touch of fun to the afternoon, but also allowed the Cris Collinsworth ProScan Fund to give something back to everyone who made the Pink Ribbon Luncheon such a success. Thanks to the continued support and generosity of Cincinnati Bell and Richter and Phillips, all Pink Ribbon Luncheon attendees will have something pink to wear throughout the year in remembrance of this fantastic anniversary celebration.
Dr. Lichtenstein Announced as 3rd Shining Knight!

The QCC is proud to announce Dr. Philip Lichtenstein as the 3rd Annual Shining Knight Award recipient. During the opening ceremony of the “Simul” event, the Cris Collinsworth ProScan Fund will honor Dr. Lichtenstein with the Shining Knight award for his tenured commitment to children’s health initiatives throughout the Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky communities. A pediatrician for nearly 30 years, Dr. Lichtenstein is currently the Medical Director of the Children’s Home of Cincinnati where he dedicates his time treating mental health needs of children. He is also working to place physicians, nurses, and other health-related professionals into local school systems with hopes of providing children with improved and faster access to necessary assessments and medications, particularly for mental health needs. Dr. Lichtenstein has also been on The Children’s Home Board of Trustees since 2006.

Influencing many area organizations, Dr. Lichtenstein serves as a member on many community advisory boards and committees geared towards enhancing children’s health. He is currently on the Community Advisory Board at Children’s Law Center in Covington, Kentucky, a Member of the Board of Trustees at the Olympus Center in Cincinnati, Ohio, a Member of the Campbell County and Kenton County Multi-disciplinary Sexual Abuse Case Review Committees, and a Member of the ADHD Multidisciplinary Collaborative Assessment Team at the Covington Public Schools. In addition to his volunteer work and his time spent at The Children’s Home, Dr. Lichtenstein is also on the Courtesy Staff at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Edgewood, Kentucky, the Attending Staff at St. Luke Hospital in Ft. Thomas, Kentucky, and the Attending Staff at Children’s Hospital Medical Center in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Dr. Lichtenstein graduated with his bachelor’s degree from Harvard University and earned his doctorate degree from Vanderbilt University School of Medicine. He continued his medical career as an intern, resident, and chief resident at Children’s Hospital Medical Center in Cincinnati, Ohio. With fellowship training in Pediatric Gastroenterology and Nutrition, Dr. Lichtenstein is licensed to treat patients in both Ohio and Kentucky.

As we continue to honor individuals who dedicate their time to improving the lives of children in the Greater Cincinnati area, Dr. Lichtenstein truly exemplifies the qualities of the Shining Knight Award. The Cris Collinsworth ProScan Fund is truly humbled and privileged to welcome Dr. Lichtenstein to the Queen City Classic as this year’s Shining Knight.

Cris Collinsworth ProScan Fund Nominated for Difference Maker Award

In the fall of 2011, the Cris Collinsonworth Proscan Fund (CCPF), in conjunction with the Queen City Classic Chess Tournament, was nominated for the Cincinnati Children’s Difference Maker Award. The CCPF was recognized for impacting the lives of children in the Greater Cincinnati community by providing area youth with unique opportunities to play the classic board game while learning vital life skills.

Each year, the Cincinnati Children’s Museum recognizes select individuals and organizations that share Cincinnati Museum Center’s mission to better the lives of children in our community. Since its inception, the Difference Maker Award has honored over 63 amazing nominees.

All nominees were recognized for their hard work and dedication to children at the Fourth Annual Difference Maker Awards dinner event in October. A variety of other influential organizations and individuals were also nominated for their commitment to children throughout the Tri-State. Although CCPF was not chosen as one of the five final honorees, we were humbled to be nominated in company with such a prestigious group who share the same values and commitment to child development. The Cris Collinsworth ProScan Fund congratulates the award recipients and thanks the Cincinnati Museum Center for their focus on improving children’s lives.
The Importance of the Pink Ribbon Programs in Greater Cincinnati

With one in eight women diagnosed with breast cancer, everyone knows someone who has been touched by the disease. Although breast cancer mortality rates are decreasing nationally, our region ranks among the highest in breast cancer diagnoses in the country. In 2010, the American Cancer Society ranked Ohio seventh in newly discovered breast cancer cases and breast cancer mortalities within the United States. According to the Ohio Cancer Incidence Surveillance System, an average of 10,000 new cases of breast cancer among females is diagnosed annually in our state alone.

It is the mission of the Cris Collinsworth ProScan Fund to provide early access to breast cancer detection services, raise awareness about prevention, and offer support to women recently diagnosed through its Pink Ribbon Programs. The Pink Ribbon firmly pledges to continue to support the fight against breast cancer and increase breast health education among all women within the Greater Cincinnati communities and throughout the world.

The Pink Ribbon Programs:

The Pink Ribbon Mammogram Match Program provides complimentary screening mammograms, diagnostic mammograms, breast ultrasounds, and breast biopsies to women who are underserved and underinsured throughout the Tri-State area at the ProScan Pink Ribbon Centers.

The Crusin’ for a Cure “Pink” Vans provide complimentary transportation to and from breast health appointments at the ProScan Pink Ribbon Centers. This program is the only one of its kind within the region offered by a medical provider to ANY patient upon request.

The ProScan Pink Ribbon Centers provide the highest quality of breast imaging services. When entering the centers, the first face patients see is that of a breast cancer survivor – someone who clearly understands the fear and anxiety that exists prior to having a mammogram. The staff members’ personal connections to breast cancer allow them to offer compassionate care and support to each patient.

The Pink Ribbon Empowerment Program offers culturally competent, age-appropriate education highlighting the importance of breast health and self awareness.

The Pink Ribbon Bag Program distributes support bags with uniquely selected items that bring comfort and hope to women newly diagnosed with breast cancer. The complimentary bags are provided upon request worldwide to any woman recently diagnosed.

Through the continuous support of our community, the ProScan Pink Ribbon Centers and Mammogram Match Program have provided over 1,800 complimentary mammograms to underinsured women and follow-up services to 323 of those patients, which resulted in the diagnosis of 11 breast cancer cases that may have otherwise gone undetected without the assistance of the Pink Ribbon Programs. In addition, over 450 women have received complimentary transportation in the Crusin’ for a Cure Pink Vans, 2,800 Pink Ribbon Bags have been distributed to women recently diagnosed with breast cancer, and thousands of other women have been touched through the education outreach efforts of the Pink Ribbon Empowerment Program over the years.

As the New Year begins, we ask that you consider supporting the Pink Ribbon Programs as we strive to reach more women in 2012 than ever before!

To request more information about any of the Pink Ribbon Programs, call 1-866-557-PINK or visit www.proscanwomen.org.
AVEDA Cut-A-Thon

In Celebration of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, Aveda Salon in Kenwood Towne Center hosted a “Cut-A-Thon” with the Cris Collinsworth ProScan Fund (CCPF) as the main beneficiary. October shoppers could visit the Aveda store to receive a hair cut for $20 with all proceeds benefiting the CCPF Pink Ribbon Programs. The $20 hair cuts and personal donations at the Cut-A-Thon raised a total of $576 to support the Pink Ribbon Programs, including the Pink Ribbon Mammogram Match, Cruisin’ for a Cure Vans, Pink Ribbon Bags, ProScan Pink Ribbon Centers, and the Pink Ribbon Empowerment Program.

Aveda stores have also donated hand lotions to be included in the Pink Ribbon Bags that are distributed to women newly diagnosed with breast cancer to help them throughout their healing journey. Aveda continues to promote awareness and support to the Cris Collinsworth ProScan Fund. Thanks Aveda!

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