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# 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Statewide Chess Tournaments

Each year Chess for Success organizes the Chess for Success Regional and State Tournaments. These tournaments serve children from kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade and are open to all students in Oregon. This year 24 regional tournaments were held throughout the state with over 1,500 children participating.

Chess for Success hosted the annual State Chess Tournament on Friday, March 21 and Saturday, March 22, 2008 at the Oregon Convention Center. On Friday 261 individuals competed in the Team Tournament and on Saturday 294 individuals competed in the individual tournament. This year we had a record four way tie for first place in the Team 6-8 division! Chess for Success is thrilled to see so many students succeed in chess.

**Our Mission:**

To help children develop skills necessary for success in school and life through learning chess.

**2008 First Place Winners**

**Teams**

**K-5:**

Cooper Mountain Elementary & Catlin Gable Elementary

**6-8:**

Meadow Park Middle School,  
 Roosevelt Middle School,  
 West Hills Christian Middle School & Winterhaven Middle School

**Individuals**

**K-4:** Gabriel Skoro & Shvetank Prakash

**5th:** Erik Skalnes & Connor Kelly

**6th:** Michel Button & Annelise Peake

**7th:** Kevin Wang

**8th:** Kameron Gregson

**High School:** Caleb Kesey & Steven Koch



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# A Message from Executive Director

The vision of Chess for Success is to grow in size and resources so that we may reach as many children as possible through our innovative program. To accomplish this we must share the message of who we are and what we do. Please help us by telling your friends and family about our unique program!

**Chess for Success is fun.** Kids love to play in our clubs and tournaments. We create an inviting and inclusive atmosphere for kids to interact and learn, by focusing on enjoyment of the game versus the importance of winning.

**Chess for Success is efficient and fiscally responsible.** We keep costs low so we can reach more kids. Donors are encouraged by how expertly we use our resources and thus feel our program is a good investment of their charitable dollars. They don't have to worry about how money is spent.

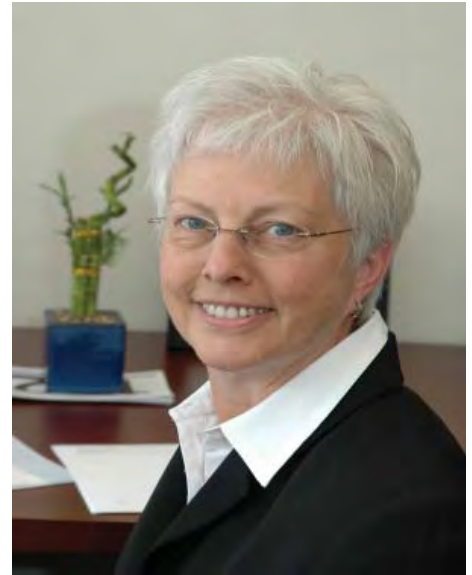
**Chess for Success is encouraging and committed to helping kids.** Everyone involved with Chess for Success greatly values what the program has proven it can provide to kids through a simple game of chess. The door is opened to men-

torship and encouragement, giving kids of all backgrounds a chance to grow and shine.

**Chess for Success is unpretentious and friendly.** Stuffy is not synonymous with Chess for Success! There are no requirements of wealth, education, social status or language to play. In fact, playing chess is a great way to meet new people.

**Chess for Success is a challenging confidence builder.** When kids successfully meet positive challenges, their confidence grows. We have seen many instances in which children that started off shy or were perceived as low achievers grew beyond expectations, whether it is others' expectations or their own.

**Chess for Success is resourceful and innovative.** Our approach to helping children is unique, in that it is very simple. Chess provides kids the skills they need to succeed in reading, math, school and life. We continue to broaden our research, both to show the tangible results of the program and to continue to improve the program's potential to help children learn.



**Chess for Success is driven and focused.** We are always looking for new ways to achieve our goals, and believe we are the best at what we do.

We are looking forward to another great year and appreciate your support as we help children succeed, one move at a time.

Sincerely,

## Calendar of Events

Updates & more information about these events can be found at [www.chessforsuccess.org](http://www.chessforsuccess.org).

<i>Practice Tournaments</i>	<i>Regional Tournaments</i>	<i>State Tournament</i>	<i>A Knight to Remember Dinner &amp; Auction</i>
Portland, OR	All over the state	Oregon Convention Center	TBD
December 2008	January/February 2009	March 13 & 14, 2009	April 2009

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## How You Can Support Chess for Success

Chess for Success tries to make it as convenient as possible for the people who appreciate the work we do to support our program. If there is anything we can do to help make it easier to make a donation, please let us know. Some of the current ways to give include mailing a check or calling the office with your credit card number. We also accept:

- *Online Donations:* Go to [www.chessforsuccess.org](http://www.chessforsuccess.org) and click on "Donations" on the home page.

- *Monthly Gifts:* Through our website you can set up a monthly donation to Chess for Success. Sometimes it is easier to make small monthly gifts rather than one large annual gift.

- *Gifts of Stock:* We do accept gifts of stock.

- *Planned Gifts:* Please consider naming Chess for Success as a beneficiary of your will, insurance policy, or retirement account.

- *IRA Donations:* Individuals age 70 and ½ or older can donate to charities directly from their IRAs without incurring income tax on the withdrawal.

## Fall Volunteer Opportunities

Chess for Success is looking for volunteers to help run our chess clubs in Portland and SW Washington. Volunteers working in a club should enjoy engaging and challenging children in a fun and supportive way.

Chess clubs usually run for an hour in the afternoon for an hour, starting between 2:15 PM and 4:45 PM. Chess clubs run mid-October through March, with breaks for holidays, parent/teacher conferences and other school closures.

Volunteers are welcome to participate at every club (twice a week), once a week or once every other week. Knowledge of chess is not required to participate.

For more information, or to volunteer, please contact Heather at [heather@chessforsuccess.org](mailto:heather@chessforsuccess.org) or call (503) 295-1230.

## 3rd Annual “A Knight to Remember” Dinner & Auction a Huge Success

Thanks to all our supporters who attended our 3rd annual dinner & auction, a big fund raiser for us. We had hoped to raised \$59,000 (net) but with the support of all the generous people in attendance we raised over \$69,000 on Wednesday, April 9 at the Governor Hotel. These funds will help Chess for Success increase the number of chess clubs we can set up at low-income schools. More clubs means more kids can participate in an after-school program that teaches them the skills they need to succeed in school and life.

Special thanks goes to our Sponsors and Table Hosts who made sure the room was filled with over 275 generous supporters. We would also like to thank the many local businesses who donated auction items.

The newly named Frank & Gerda Eiseman Award was presented to Gerda Eiseman. Chess for Success was pleased to recognize Gerda for helping form Chess for Success and for her generosity with her time and money.

The date for next year’s auction will be announced in our fall newsletter. We hope you join us!



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# 2008 “A Knight to Remember” Sponsors



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## Chess for Success Continues to Grow

Chess for Success (CFS) started in 1992 with nine schools in the Portland Public School district. By 2005 we had a program in every possible low-income elementary and middle school in the district and our board voted to expand to schools outside the district. CFS expanded into the other Portland area public school districts (Centennial, David Douglas, Parkrose and Reynolds), and into Washington county.

In 2005, we began a pilot program in the Central School District (Monmouth and Independence, Oregon) to see how our program worked outside of the Portland Metropolitan Area. The pilot worked so well that we expanded

the program further to include the Santiam Canyon School District (Mill City and Gates, Oregon) in 2006.

In 2007, the Oregon State legislature passed a budget which included (at Governor Kulongoski's urging) \$50,000 for a pilot project in far eastern Oregon. The school district selected for the initial phase of this project, Vale, was lacking in enriching after school activities, so CFS is able to provide a service to the community that they did not previously have.

In the 2008-2009 school year, CFS will expand to another school district in far eastern Oregon. We are now in 73 low income schools in 15 districts in two states.

To ensure we continue to keep up the quality of our program as we grow, CFS is developing a comprehensive replication plan. The Collins Foundation and the James F. and Marion L. Miller Foundation have generously given grant funding support to help fund this project. We are evaluating our program, and developing procedures and manuals for principals and school districts to ensure our program is delivered with the same high quality in every location. CFS hopes to be able to spread the joy of chess to as many schools as possible – to continue to improve the our programs potential to help children learn.

*The Chess Club at Harvey Scott School is one of the very favorite after school activities for our students."*

*- Deanne Froehlich, Harvey Scott School Principal*

## Foundations Help Chess for Success Grow

*The demand for our program continues to grow and far exceeds our ability to provide clubs for all the schools on our waiting list. This year we were able to increase the number of schools and children we served and are grateful for the generous support we received from the following foundations. In the fall we will recognize all our recent donors by publishing a list of their names.*

The Collins Foundation	\$45,000	Black United Fund	\$2,000
Meyer Memorial Trust	\$35,000	The Renaissance Foundation	\$2,000
Bill Healy Foundation	\$25,000	North Portland Trust Fund	\$2,000
Oregon Department of Education	\$24,551	Lake Oswego Junior Women's Club	\$1,500
James F. and Marion L. Miller Foundation	\$20,000	Rene Bloch Foundation	\$1,200
Jackson Foundation	\$7,500	Franklin Conklin Foundation	\$1,000
Autzen Foundation	\$5,000	Mary McKinney Ezels & Flay Ezell Fund	\$1,000
Harris Family Foundation	\$4,000	Starseed Foundation	\$500
Mrs. Marge Foundation	\$3,500	Stan & Madelle Rosenfeld Family Fund	\$500
Marie Lamfrom Charitable Foundation	\$3,000		

## Chess for Success in the News

Several articles about Chess for Success have appeared recently in local and statewide publications and we appreciate the enthusiasm of the reporters who have spent time with kids in our clubs. If you see an article about us in your neighborhood or regional paper, please send us a copy!

- *Willamette Week* featured Chess for Success as part of their "Give! Guide," which encourages people to make end of year donations to local charities. Over \$3,600 was raised through this program.
- *The Times* wrote a story about our William Walker Elementary School chess club in January.
- *Hillsboro Argus* ran a picture of a chess club member at a practice tournament at Witch Hazel Elementary School in January.
- *The Business Journal* featured an ad for our "A Knight to Remember" Dinner & Auction in March.
- *The East Oregonian* highlighted our regional tournament in Heppner, OR in March.
- *The Oregonian* published a picture and story about Margaret Scott Chess Club member George Perez in March.
- *The Gresham Outlook* published a picture and story about three winners at the State Championship Tournament in March.
- *The Oregonian* ran a picture from our "A Knight to Remember" Dinner & Auction in the Scene & Heard Section in May.

## Privacy Policy

We want our supporters to know that we respect your right to personal privacy. We do not share or sell your contact or financial information. We only use it internally to communicate with you via letters, newsletters & event announcements. If you would like to be removed for our mailing list please call 503-295-1230 or email [melissa@chessforsuccess.org](mailto:melissa@chessforsuccess.org).

## Include Chess for Success in Your Planned Giving

Do you believe in Chess for Success's (CFS) mission? By including CFS in your estate plan, a percentage, or dollar amount, of your remaining estate can become a lasting gift to us. This gift will help us enhance our ability to expand our program to every low income school in Oregon & SW Washington. Talk to your financial advisors about how you can support CFS through a:

- *Bequest in your existing will or living trust*
- *Gift of real estate or securities*
- *Gifts and beneficiary designations of life insurance*
- *Establishing a Charitable Trust*
- *Creating a Gift Annuity*
- *Designate CFS in your Retirement Plan*

Planned giving not only supports CFS, it can also offer financial benefits to you and your heirs. We would be honored to help you with your estate plan. Please call Melissa J. Light at 503-295-1230 if we can be of any assistance to you or your attorney.



# Chess for Success Approved to Participate in the Combined Federal Campaign

Chess for Success has been approved to participate in the Pacific Northwest Combined Federal Campaign, which is the only official workplace charitable fund raising program allowed in federal government offices. This campaign serves over 23,000 employees in 33 counties throughout Oregon and SW Washington.

During a six-week time frame between September 1<sup>st</sup> and December 15<sup>th</sup> of each year, the Pacific Northwest Combined Federal Campaign is promoted and federal employees are given the opportunity to designate a payroll deduction, cash or check donation to any charity on the approved list. If you are a federal employee and would like more information please contact us. We are excited about this opportunity to spread the word about Chess for Success.

## Did you know?

***These companies pay the United Way fee so 100% of your donation goes to us. Ask your payroll administrator how you can sign up to designate Chess for Success as a United Way beneficiary.***

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