



18TH ANNUAL KICKSTART KIDS



Gala & Tennis Event

April 15 & 16th 2011

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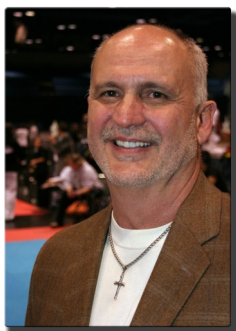
LATEST NEWS

- Rachel's Challenge is a non-profit organization that exists to inspire, equip and empower every person to create a permanent positive culture change in their school, business and community. On February 25th, Rachel's Challenge has announced their developing partnership with KICKSTART KIDS. (pg. 2)
- On February 28th, KSK hosted our 18th Annual Gala Kick-off party at the Hotel Granduca in Houston. We were joined by honored guests, our new Houston advisory board members, donors, and supporters of all kinds.
- Our 2nd Qualifier Tournaments in Houston, Dallas, and Pflugerville were a tremendous success, with a total of over 1,700 students participating across the state of Texas.
- The Farmers Branch Chamber of Commerce recognizes KICKSTART KIDS in Dallas after completing their 2nd Qualifier Tournament at Crockett Middle School (pg. 3)

Learn more about KICKSTART KIDS by visiting us at www.kickstartkids.org



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



Darrell Scott, founder of **Rachel's Challenge**, has been a dear friend of KICKSTART KIDS for some time. Their commitment to building a more positive environment for students in public schools has been nothing short of invaluable, and their desire to change the hearts of students through kindness and compassion has made a tremendous difference in the lives of those they encounter. It is with great pleasure and excitement to announce a new developing partnership between Rachel's Challenge and KICKSTART KIDS currently underway, with more details to follow in the near future. I speak for everyone at KSK when I say that we're extremely gratified to have the support and involvement of Rachel's Challenge to aid our program. Together, we hope to bring an even greater opportunity to positively empower our youth and the future of our nation.

We've also recently completed our 2nd Qualifier Tournaments in all of our major cities. We had over 900 students compete in Houston, 500 in Dallas, and 300 in Pflugerville. My congratulations to all of the students who placed in those tournaments and will proceed to their city – and hopefully state – championship tournament. Even after hosting tournaments for 18 years, it still amazes me that our instructors can still run hundreds of students through the process and be done by 6:30pm.

At the end of February we hosted a Kick-off party for our 18th Annual Gala & Tennis event, where we were privileged to be joined by honored guests, supporters, long-standing board members and new members to our Houston advisory board. It was great to get a chance to see everyone who attended, make new friends, and even present our program to a few new faces. We received a remarkable testimony from Patrick Henry Middle School student Samantha Sosa, who poured her heart out to our audience with moving words depicting the impact KICKSTART KIDS had on her life. It was a triumphant prelude to our upcoming Gala, and I would like to express my deepest gratitude to everyone who helped make it possible. I would like to also give a very special thanks to those honored guests who sponsored a child that night and helped us to carry our mission that much further.

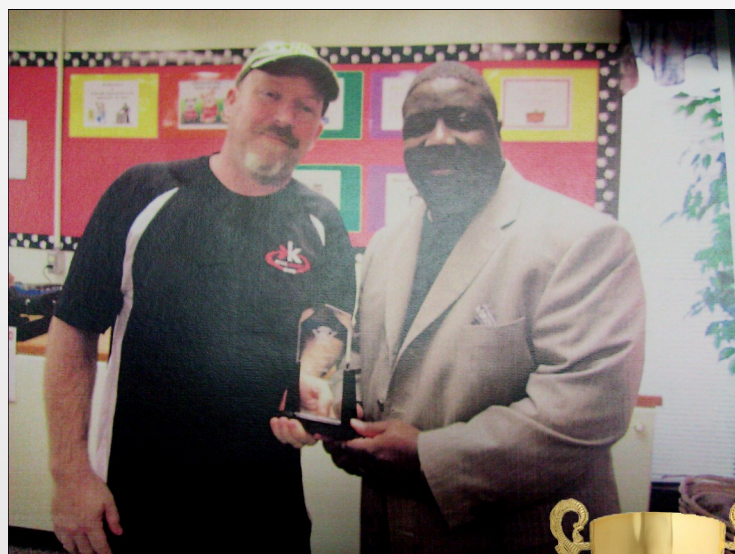
Our 2011 gala is just around the corner. As such, I would like to invite you to join us for this year's Gala & Tennis Event, which promises plenty of fun and excitement with American Idol singer Danny Gokey, a riveting live auction, and a chance to take on an important role in aiding KICKSTART KIDS in changing the lives of future generations.

JOIN US FOR OUR GALA

- Visit our website and see how you can get involved in our gala.

www.kickstartkids.org/gala.html

CONGRATULATIONS TO KSK INSTRUCTOR KIM MORGAN



Instructor Kim Morgan, at Lancaster Middle School in Dallas, earned staff member of the month. Pictured above is Mr. Morgan being presented the award by Lancaster MS Principal Peter Kruszynski.



Mr. Morgan has been the instructor at Lancaster middle school since 2004. He has made meaningful connections with each of the students, helping them to achieve their best in both karate and all of their academic pursuits.

CFB RECOGNIZES KSK

Following our 2nd Qualifier Tournament in Dallas, the Carrollton Farmers Branch Chamber of Commerce recognized KICKSTART KIDS in their March newsletter amongst their more achieved programs in the CFB area.



CFB Chamber of Commerce Article on KSK

MORE THAN JUST KARATE

KICKSTART KIDS is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization with a mission to build strong moral character in our youth through martial arts. We provide a program that replaces many missing elements in our students' lives by offering a mentoring role model, a greater chance to succeed in reaching their goals, and developing discipline through physical & mental conditioning. Most importantly, KICKSTART KIDS gives our students hope for their future and an opportunity to believe in themselves. Check out www.kickstartkids.org



Help KSK save costs by signing up to receive our newsletter by e-mail at www.kickstartkids.org

Help Support KICKSTART KIDS

KICKSTART KIDS literally gives middle school students a "kick-start" in the right direction. Other classes teach subjects like Math, English, Science and History, but equally important is developing a foundation of discipline and moral character in our children for the journey ahead. We believe in this cause, and we ask for your support by signing up for a donation of as little as \$5, \$10, or \$15 to help us continue our mission. It's a small amount that makes a **BIG** impact on the future for all of us. Please click the link below or go to our official website to make a donation:

www.kickstartkids.org/donate.html



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