

Carly Stowell Foundation News

First Quarterly Report

It's hard to believe that the Carly Stowell Foundation has been working to provide music and sports opportunities to young people since 2007. On behalf of the Board of Directors, thank you for your support, patience, ideas and enthusiasm. Starting a newsletter to keep participants, alumni, donors and the community informed was an action item for 2011. We welcome your suggestions! Let us know what you would like to hear more about! Since this is the inaugural newsletter, it will contain some history covering accomplishments since our beginning in the spring of 2007.



The Gala & Other Fundraisers

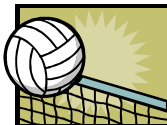
In July 2007, the Foundation held its first fundraiser at Grimstad Farm in Kent, WA. It was a Gala-style event with live music by Second Wind, auction items (live and silent), a roast pig dinner, a raffle, dancing and wonderful presentations by friends of Carly's. Through the generosity of our attendees, the Foundation raised over \$30,000! With this support we could move forward to activate our mission.

Our second fundraiser was a year and a half later – a fall event that kicked off basketball season. This fundraiser was offered as a community event and catered more to the families involved in our programs. The event began with a basketball jamboree for our youth teams. Live music was again provided by Second wind with "greeting music" provided by the Kentlake Jazz and Dixieland Bands. We held a very successful silent auction, ate lots of pasta and shared the history and mission of the Carly Stowell Foundation.



Basketball

In the fall of 2007, The Foundation launched its sports program, Jammin', with six basketball teams, aged 5th grade through high school, both boys and girls. Jammin' continued to grow each season and after just two years Jammin' was represented by twelve teams of young athletes. In addition to team participation we also offered basketball training classes. We were fortunate to have two talented and energetic trainers (GC Hillburn and Emil Swain) to teach these classes as well as coach teams. As you can imagine, organizing the league schedules, financials, gym scheduling, equipment and everything else for 10+ teams is hard work. In the spring of 2010 we decided to merge our basketball program with Emerald City Basketball Academy so they could process most of the hard work. While we had to give up some autonomy, we gained access to gym space, more coaches and more trainers. It's ironic that Carly played for ECBA when she played club basketball. Somehow we see her hand in this!



Volleyball

The winter of 2007 saw the first Jammin' volleyball team take the floor. Jammin' volleyball now supports three teams U14, U15 and U16 athletes. We have added some new personnel to our coaching staff. Kristina Anderson is coaching our U16 team, assisted by Angela McAuley. Laurie Kirkland is coaching the U15 team assisted by Meghan Doherty. Laurie has been with the Jammin' volleyball program since it started. Coaching our U14 team is Courtney Grady assisted by Lara Pierce. Lara is a Jammin' volleyball alum.

All of the teams will be attending the National Qualifier in Spokane in March as well as attending the Willamette Volleyball Classic in Corvallis, OR on Mother's Day Weekend. The U15 team will also be participating in the Lone Star National Qualifier in Dallas, TX in April.



Music

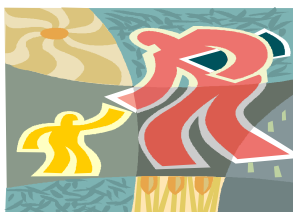
The music program has had its fair share of success as well. For two years we offered Jazz Improvisation classes for all levels of jazz musicians. We did not offer these classes this year, but hope to start them up again next fall. Two summers ago saw the first Carly Stowell Jammin' Summer Marching Band parade through local summer festivals; Covington Days, Renton River Days, Auburn Good Old Days, Kent Cornucopia Days and Enumclaw 4th of July Festival. The first summer about 20 middle and high school students took part. Last summer, the band added some musical adults and music program alumni to send 35 instruments through the streets. The band was a crowd pleaser everywhere they played. Especially popular was playing "Beat It" as a timely Michael Jackson tribute.

The Foundation Music Program has been the focus for 2011. Please read about our upcoming musical events and support the arts with your attendance or sponsorship.



How You Have Already Helped Us

First of all, **thank you**. If you have ever talked about the Carly Stowell Foundation, attended a foundation event, made a donation to an auction, volunteered your time, worn a Jammin' uniform or tee-shirt, visited our website or Facebook page or simply shared a memory of Carly with another person, you have helped support the Carly Stowell Foundation. We have been able to provide opportunities to area youth because of you. Due to your financial support we have provided over \$30,000 dollars in scholarships to help young people pursue their passions. Your financial support has helped young athletes play basketball and volleyball, provided music lessons for young musicians, helped with tuition costs to select and honor music programs, afforded concert dress and uniforms for families in need, allowed an aspiring singer to stay in her regional choir, helped Kent School District athletes with the new "pay to play" rule and many other activities essential for the positive development of our young people.



How You Can Help

The Carly Stowell Foundation is a tax-exempt 501c3 non-profit organization. With this designation we can accept donations through eScrip (register your Safeway Card!), United Way (as a write in) and the Boeing Employee Community

Fund, to name a few. Many businesses allow for matching funds to our organization or pay us for your volunteer hours. See if your company has a program! Of course you can always donate directly by sending a check to The Carly Stowell Foundation at our mailing address. Want to use a credit card? To make a credit card donation please call Debbie Jacobson at 253-249-8306 and she will assist you through our Paypal account.



UPCOMING EVENTS!

Jazz Clinic with professional trombonist Tom Garling (tomgarling.com/) former band leader with the “Maynard Ferguson Big Bop Nouveau Band”.

The Carly Stowell Foundation is sponsoring guest artist Tom Garling’s participation in a Kent School District Jazz Clinic on May 12th. Tom will provide jazz instruction with area jazz bands throughout the day and perform an evening concert that will include the high school musicians from the clinic. A dessert social will also take place during intermission. The concert is free to the public and sure to leave you with a swing in your step. The evening event starts at 7:30 in the Kentlake High School Performing Arts Center.

Summer Jazz Camp:

The summer of 2011 will see the first ever Carly Stowell Foundation Jazz Camp! We could not be more excited to make jazz music education accessible and affordable in South King County. We decided to start off small and are hoping to fill 40 to 50 spots from July 25th-29th. It will be hosted in day-camp style; the day will begin with 2 hours of jazz instruction by professional jazz musicians. Campers will then have lunch and participate in one of the many cool activities offered on the Camp Berachah retreat site. Activities include; horseback riding, zip-lining, go-carts, hiking, climbing wall, mountain biking, swimming and an adventure ropes course. After the lunch and activity time, students will return to the classroom for another 1.5 hours of instruction. Our goal is to keep the cost of the camp at \$150 per participant. Our fundraising efforts during the spring will focus on a “send a kid to camp” theme. The last day of camp coincides with the Seattle SeaFair Parade. Our summer marching band will be applying to be in the parade and we will offer marching spots to all of the camp participants as well.



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