

Alumni, Family & Friends

NEWSLETTER FOR THE DFRC BLUE-GOLD ALL★STAR FOOTBALL GAME

May 2006

Greetings from the Game Chair

Remember the time when you were involved in the DFRC Blue-Gold All★Star Football program? You were participating in giving a child with a cognitive disability the opportunity to share a life moment as you experienced it. However, before you even became involved, I'll bet you didn't realize the opportunities this program had for you. Today, these same opportunities continue to be offered to new participants; however, there are others for you, as well.

To sense the emotions of giving a person with cognitive disabilities a chance to experience life the way a participant does continues through the Hand-in-Hand program. In addition, another opportunity this program offers to each new participant is the chance to discover characteristics about themselves that they never knew they had, like leadership abilities that will last a lifetime and... being a part of a football game that is an honored Delaware tradition.

After the fireworks have ended, the opportunities that DFRC offers are always available to the alumni. Such opportunities are to relive the DFRC Blue-Gold experience each year by attending the DFRC Blue-Gold All★Star

Football Game. Alumni can also give back to DFRC by volunteering on game day or as a committee member.

Finally, you can share your experience with today's participants by taking part in our sponsorship program as offered inside this newsletter.

Making opportunities is what DFRC does, especially for children with cognitive disabilities. As we offer these enrichment experiences, we share a mutual exchange of talents and gifts with each other, because we all deserve that chance. For me, it has provided an opportunity to give back to the community and utilize the gifts within me for a wonderful cause. Which opportunity offered by DFRC will you make your very own?

Sincerely,
Will Kelly
2006 Game Chair

**51st Blue-Gold All★Star
Football Game
Saturday, June 24th**

**Ticket Order and
Sponsorship Forms inside**

Blue-Gold All★Star
Football Player and Buddy, 1962



Here's how you can continue to participate in 2006:

- Sponsor a 2006 All★Star Buddy or Participant
- Order Blue-Gold Merchandise from the offerings in this mailing
- Participate in the 3rd Annual Blue-Gold All★Star Run/Walk in Lewes on June 17th
- Buy tickets and attend the game on June 24th with your family, friends, and alumni

Information on how you can renew your participation is all inside this mailing — take a look and act today!

Thank you!



blue-gold all★star football game

A Note from the Alumni Chair

As we head into the second fifty years of the Blue-Gold All★Star Football Game, we hope you take time to reflect on the memories from your involvement in the game. Whatever your color, be it Blue or Gold, whatever your school and role (Hand-in-Hand buddy, band member, player, cheerleader, ambassador, or queen from years ago), it really makes no difference. If you were involved in some way, you undoubtedly have some special memories from that time, whether they were of the game itself, the months leading up to the game, your interaction with your buddy, or the friends you made.

The 50th anniversary last year was quite a splash with many alumni on hand, and it made for a very special game. Hopefully we will have a similar turnout this year. The Alumni Tent on game day is a special place for people to meet with old friends, renew acquaintances, or you may even want to organize a post-game reunion at a nearby restaurant. Please make sure to stop by the Alumni Tent on your way to see the game.



Last year, the 50th anniversary game produced an amazing check for \$5000 donated by the alumni of the first Blue-Gold All★Star Football game, the Class of '56. That group is now challenging the Class of '57 to match that amount this year and continue the tradition that was begun last June. So much has changed over the years with Blue-Gold, but our goal remains the same — to involve people throughout the state of Delaware for the benefit of those with cognitive disabilities.

In this newsletter you will find various order forms and information about this year's game. There are opportunities to sponsor and contribute that you may not have realized. Attending the game and continuing your participation supports the DFRC cause, and we hope that as you become involved, you will create new and even better memories.

Best Regards,
John Pierson, Blue-Gold Alumni Chair
Football Player-1959

Dear Alumni, Family & Friends,

What a special year! The celebration of DFRC's 50 years of caring was one that will never be forgotten! The final culmination of the efforts of many, led by **Kurt Landgraf** and **Jamie Murray**, produced an outstanding event of the highest level. Their experience and wisdom in leading this anniversary committee will always be appreciated! The 50th celebration started on May 3rd with the *Long-time Legends, First-time Callers Dinner*, held in the Gold Ballroom of the Hotel duPont. The first ever sports talk-radio show dinner was held with **Harry Kalas** and **Al Meltzer** at the microphones and DFRC founders' sons, **Ruly Carpenter** and **Pat Williams**, in the "hot seat." A sell-out crowd of 400 joined Phillies' celebrities from the 1980 championship team, including manager **Dallas Green**, and players **Larry Christenson**, **Greg Luzinski**, **Garry Maddox**, and **Dickie Noles**. **Dave Raymond** revived his Phillie Phanatic costume from retirement, and **Tubby Raymond** and **Bill Bergey** added to the laughs. The success of the night was just the beginning of a magical year for DFRC!

The Golf Classics were held the week before the Blue-Gold Game in each of our

three counties. The New Castle County Classic was held at Delaware National Country Club, Kent County's event was at Maple Dale Country Club, and Baywood Greens hosted the Sussex County Blue-Gold Classic. All three events were sold-out and celebrated their greatest year ever! Game week events also included the 5K Run/1M Walk, beginning and ending at Irish Eyes in Lewes. As contestants proceeded across the streets of Lewes, the message of DFRC was spread throughout.

The 50th DFRC Blue-Gold Game set a new attendance record of over 14,300. Game Chair **Lynne Sklar** recalls exceptional elation of having many alumni return to participate in the pre-game ceremonies. Everyone was deeply touched by the charter members who played in the first Game back in 1956 and returned to honor DFRC for the 50th year celebration! The alumni parade of participants from 50 years was an emotional sight as they marched across Raymond Field at the University of Delaware Stadium with fellow participants from each decade. Alumni and the 2005 participants joined ranks as remarkable folks who honored the 50-year history of DFRC.

Holidazzle returned to its roots at Longwood Gardens with a vintage fashion show, followed by dinner and dancing. November 11th was a magical night, as the Holidazzle committee members dedicated their efforts to an event that would convey the past 50 years in the life of DFRC, and tell the story of persons with cognitive disabilities in our country.

The DFRC family continues to strive for excellence as we move into the 51st year and build on the success of our history. We have added three new Trustees to our Board as we continue to plan our future. DFRC welcomes **Robert Russel**, 1995 Game Chair, **Lynne Sklar**, last year's Game Chair, and **Daniel Kimmel** of Lincoln, Delaware, who will lead DFRC's cause in Sussex County. We all look forward to the future of DFRC and invite you to become an active part of this honored Delaware tradition.

Sincerely,

Anthony T. Glenn, Ed.D
Executive Director
Football Player-1973

Gerard M. McNesby
President, Board of Trustees
Football Player-1970

DFRC BENEFICIARIES

Each year, DFRC distributes proceeds from their fundraising events to programs that enrich the lives of Delawareans with cognitive disabilities. Since 1956, DFRC has awarded over \$5 million in grants to agencies and organizations providing services ranging from educational and recreational to residential and support for vocational rehabilitation.

DFRC supported the following organizations in 2005:

- ARC of Delaware (Statewide)
- ARC of Delaware (Mid-Del Chapter)
- Art Therapy Express
- Autism Society of Delaware (Statewide)
- Bible School for Special People, Christ Lutheran Church (Seaford)
- C.E.R.T.S., Inc.
- Center for Disabilities Studies, University of Delaware (Statewide)
- Center for Therapeutic & Educational Riding (Townsend)
- Children's Beach House (Lewes)
- Delaware Program for Deafblind Children - Christina School District (Newark)
- Delaware Theatre Company - Totally Awesome Kids
- Down Syndrome Association (DSA) of Delaware (Statewide)
- Easter Seals Delaware and Maryland's Eastern Shore (Statewide)
- Elwyn, Inc. (Statewide)
- Exceptional Care for Children
- John S. Charlton School (Camden-Wyoming)
- Kent County Community School (Dover)
- Practice Without Pressure
- Richardson Park Learning Center (Wilmington)
- Special Olympics Delaware (Statewide)
- VSA arts of Delaware (Dover)
- Wilmington Area One Rotary Clubs Community Fund - Can Do Playground

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Blue-Gold All★Star Alumni Information Update Form

First Name _____ Middle Initial _____ Maiden Name _____ Last Name _____

High School _____ Game Year _____

Ambassador Band Member Buddy Cheerleader Football Player Queen Candidate Manager Coach

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Home Phone (____) _____

E-mail address _____

Tell us about any members of your family who have also been participants in the Blue-Gold All★Star Program:

Name _____ Relationship _____ Game Year _____

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Name _____ Relationship _____ Game Year _____

(If there are more family members — please list on a separate sheet of paper with your name and attach to this form.)

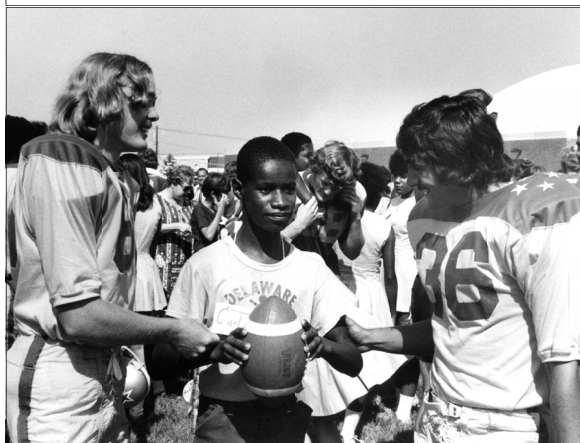
☐ I will attend this year's Blue-Gold All★Star Football Game on Saturday, June 24th — see you at the Alumni Tent.

☐ Sorry, I can't make this year's game, but do keep me on the Blue-Gold All★Star Alumni mailing lists.

☐ No, thank you. Do not send me any future Blue-Gold All★Star Alumni information.

Please return Alumni Information Form in the envelope provided or FAX to DFRC at (302) 454-2755.

Blue-Gold All★Star
Football Players and Buddy, 1973



*Every contribution gives again and again.
again and again.
again and again.*

**Gifts of endowment keep on giving.
Turn a gift to DFRC into a lasting legacy.**

DFRC has established an endowment fund through the Delaware Community Foundation (DCF) to make us stronger, now and in the future. Please call us to learn how you can support DFRC forever. Additional information is available from the DCF at 302-571-8004 or on the web at www.delcf.org.



3rd Annual DFRC Blue-Gold All★Star 5K Run/1 Mile Walk

This event is the newest qualifier in the Seashore Striders Racing Series!

WHEN: Saturday, June 17, 2006 at 8:00 am (Rain or Shine)

WHERE: Irish Eyes, 213 Anglers Road, Lewes

FEES: \$15 Pre-Registration through June 10th
\$20 Race Day Registration (6:45 - 7:55 am)

T-shirts to first 125 registrants • Awards in Multiple Brackets
Water stops and Post-Race Party hosted by Irish Eyes

For event applications:

www.dfrcfoundation.org or call the DFRC Office at (302) 454-2730.

4th ANNUAL RONNIE WILLIAMS MEMORIAL MOTORCYCLE RUN

Sponsored by Delaware Musicians for Charity (DMC)

WHEN: Saturday, September 30, 2006 at 1 pm

WHERE: New Castle Moose Lodge 1578

The Motorcycle Run is followed by Beef & Beer
with live bands and silent auction.

Through these events, DMC has given the DFRC Blue-Gold All★Star Program more than \$25,000. Many DMC members are former Delaware State Troopers and alumni of the All★Star Program. Keep checking the DFRC website at www.dfrcfoundation.org for updated information on 2006 events.

Paul Ruggerio, President – DMC
Player – Brandywine, 1977

Kelly Kutchever Burns, Secretary – DMC
Queen Candidate – Padua, 1980

SAVE THE DATE

June 12th

New Castle County Golf Classic
Delaware National Country Club,
Wilmington
Kent County Golf Classic
Maple Dale Country Club, Dover

June 17th

**Blue-Gold All★Star
5K Run/1 Mile Walk**
Irish Eyes Restaurant,
Anglers Road, Lewes

June 21st

Gold Scrimmage
Cape Henlopen H.S., Lewes
Blue Scrimmage
Salesianum H.S., Wilmington

June 22nd

Sussex County Golf Classic
Baywood Greens Country Club,
Long Neck

June 24th

**51st Annual DFRC
Blue-Gold All★Star
Football Game**
University of Delaware Stadium,
Newark

Blue-Gold All★Star Sponsorship/Ticket/Merchandise Order Form

Name _____
(Ladies—Please include your maiden name so we may update your Alumni Mailing record)
High School _____ Game Year _____ Role _____
Street Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
Home Phone (____) _____ Work Phone (____) _____
E-mail address _____

SPONSORSHIPS Yes, I would like to sponsor one or more of the Blue-Gold All★Star Football Game Participants.

Sponsorship	Qty.	Gift	Total
Support one Football Player's jersey		x \$ 50.00 ea. =	
Support one Cheerleader's uniform		x \$ 50.00 ea. =	
Support one Ambassador		x \$ 25.00 ea. =	
Support one Band Member		x \$ 25.00 ea. =	
Support one Hand-in-Hand Buddy		x \$ 25.00 ea. =	

All★Star Participant Sponsorship TOTAL → \$ _____

☐ Check here if a Gift Acknowledgement is requested
Sponsoring Buddies and/or Participants is Tax Deductible as a gift to DFRC, Inc.

ALL★STAR GAME TICKETS To order Reserved (Box) seats, please call the DFRC office at (302) 454-2730.

Tickets	Qty.	Price	Total
General Admission Tickets (1-24)		x \$ 8.00 ea. =	
Group Tickets (25-49)		x \$ 7.00 ea. =	
Group Tickets (50 or More)		x \$ 6.00 ea. =	

Game Tickets TOTAL → \$ _____

All ticket orders received after Friday, June 9, 2006 will be held for pick-up at the Will Call Window on Game Day.

Purchasing tickets for the 2006 Blue-Gold All★Star Game is not Tax Deductible as a gift to the DFRC, Inc.

ALL★STAR MERCHANDISE ORDER (See reverse side for order form)

Total Merchandise (from reverse side)	\$
Total Shipping (from reverse side)	\$

Merchandise and Shipping TOTAL → \$ _____

Purchasing All★Star Merchandise is not Tax Deductible as a gift to the DFRC, Inc.

PAYMENT INFORMATION

Sponsorships, Tickets, and Merchandise - TOTAL ENCLOSED → \$ _____

Method of Payment (circle one): Check payable to DFRC VISA Mastercard

Card Number:

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Expiration Date:
(MM/YY)

PRINT NAME as it appears on card _____

Cardholder's Signature _____

Please return order form in envelope provided or mail to: DFRC, 640 Plaza Drive, Newark, DE 19702.

Credit Card orders may also be sent by FAX to (302) 454-2755. If you are ordering merchandise, please be sure to send BOTH sides of this form when sending by FAX. Thank you for supporting the All★Star Programs.

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2006 Blue-Gold All★Star Merchandise Selections

Gold 2006 Game Day T-Shirt –
Short Sleeve – Adult Sizes
S – M – L – XL – 2X – 3X **\$10**



Blue-Gold All★Star Cap
Embroidered – Blue with Gold Trim
Adjustable snap band **\$20**



Gold “Hoodie” Sweat Shirt
with DFRC logo on sleeve
M – L – XL – 2X – 3X **\$25**



Hand-In-Hand Logo Cinch Bag
Blue with Gold Buddy-Player
Screen Print **\$10**



6th Annual Blue-Gold Collectible
Basket with cloth liner and
engraved brass plate **\$50**



Blue-Gold All★Star Football Game
Car Flag – clips on side window **\$ 5**



Blue 2006 Game Day T-Shirt –
Short Sleeve – Adult Sizes
S – M – L – XL – 2X – 3X **\$10**



Embroidered Fleece Stadium
Blanket with Carry Strap **\$25**



Blue “Hoodie” Sweat Shirt
with DFRC logo on sleeve
M – L – XL – 2X – 3X **\$25**



“Hometown” Hand-In-Hand
collectible – All wood with Buddy-
Player graphic **\$ 5**



5th Annual Blue-Gold Collectible
Basket with cloth liner and
engraved brass plate **\$50**



2006 Game Day Yearbook **\$ 5**



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Item	S	M	L	XL	2X	3X	Total Qty.	Price Each	Total \$
2006 Game Day T-Shirt - Gold								\$ 10.00	
2006 Game Day T-Shirt - Blue								\$ 10.00	
Embroidered Hat – Blue w/Gold Trim								\$ 20.00	
Embroidered Fleece Blanket								\$ 25.00	
Gold “Hoodie” Sweatshirt								\$ 25.00	
Blue “Hoodie” Sweatshirt								\$ 25.00	
Hand-In-Hand Logo Cinch Bag								\$ 10.00	
“Hometown” Hand-In-Hand Collectible								\$ 5.00	
6 th Collectible Basket								\$ 50.00	
5 th Collectible Basket								\$ 50.00	
All★Star Football Game Car Flag								\$ 5.00	
2006 Game Day Yearbook								\$ 5.00	
Total for Merchandise - Enter Delivery and Payment information on the back of this sheet →									
Total Shipping (add total number of items) \$3.00 per item shipped →								x \$ 3.00	
Total Enclosed for Merchandise and Shipping →									

Please fill out the delivery and payment information on the reverse side.

Merchandise Purchases are NOT tax deductible as gifts to DFRC. Merchandise purchased with a credit card (MasterCard or VISA only) can be ordered by telephone at (302) 454-2730. Orders paid by check (payable to DFRC, Inc.) or credit card can be mailed to **DFRC, 640 Plaza Drive, Newark, DE 19702.**

THE BEST BUDDY EVER!

By Barb & Jim Ashmead, for Brittni

(Reprinted with permission from the Down Syndrome Association (DSA) of Delaware)

It's that time again, time to register for the Hand-in-Hand program that goes along with the Blue-Gold Game. Steve Cleary finally met Brittni's 1st buddy, Anne (Hatcher) Reese from 1993 at the Special Olympic Bowling Tournament in New Castle and since I talk about Annie so much to many of you, he told me I had to write this.

We have had some good buddies, some not so good buddies, two extremely special buddies, and then there's Annie who is the best buddy! Brittni was 3 (at that time the kids only needed to be 3 yrs. old), still in diapers, wearing huge Medicaid-approved eyeglasses, and pretty much non-understandably verbal! And most of all, she was a runner! Annie was a shy, at first, senior. She had the patience of Job and quickly became very active! After all the "Instructions" it was only minutes till we all became comfortable with each other and we let Brittni go with trust and a little worry – for Anne!

As the years went by, Anne still called to take Brittni out with the children for whom she was a nanny. She had her spend the night, attend family functions, and her parents became "grandma and grandpa". Even Anne's dates had to pass "the Brittni test". If the guy didn't get along with Brittni or if Brittni didn't like him or sensed something about him, Anne didn't go out with him again. Which led to Anne and Lee's wedding in 1997. Brittni was 8, if I remember correctly. She was so much a part of Anne's family's life that at the wedding, during the prayer by the deacon Brittni moved into "her" position BETWEEN Anne and Lee! Then she got tired of being up there and CALLED out for her dad. No one even blinked – it's just Brittni and everyone knew her and it was no big deal, not even in the middle of a wedding!

Brittni would often spend the night with Anne and Lee, sleeping in her sleeping bag next to Anne on the floor, and in the middle of the night climb in between them telling Lee "my Annie" and kicking him onto the couch. After Emma, their first child, came along, there was some jealousy there, but that soon subsided when Brittni understood that she was older now and could help and teach Emma lots of things. To this day, Brittni is boss but also loves to play with and entertain Emma and Luke; she is quite the mature "sitter" while Anne is busy making dinner or doing things.

So now, after 13 years (so far) we have come full circle. Anne — or Ms. Reese as Britt now calls her at "appropriate" times — is one of her teachers at Middletown High School in the Career Foundations Class! Anne and Lee also have 2 children whom our other daughter, Amanda, has babysat so far. As we see it, we are just one big happy family – all due to the Hand-in-Hand program and Blue-Gold – "GO GOLD"! Brittni says. Anne and her family still attend the game when they can.

THANKS, ANNIE, FOR MAKING THIS PROGRAM A SUCCESSFUL BEGINNING FOR US. WE LOVE HAVING YOU, LEE, EMMA, AND LUKE AS PART OF OUR FAMILY AND WELCOMING BRITTNI SO GENEROUSLY INTO YOURS!



*Anne Hatcher and Brittni Ashmead,
1993 Blue-Gold Football Game*



*Anne (Hatcher) Reese and
2006 Gold All ★Star Buddy,
Brittni Ashmead*

1959 Delaware All ★Star Gold Cheerleading Team



Here's the latest....Wachovia has awarded DFRC \$15,000 as the proud sponsor of our 2006 Blue-Gold All ★Star Banquet and has initiated a long-term partnership to support the mission of DFRC.



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**Celebrating 51 years of
DFRC Blue-Gold!**

Join us on Saturday, June 24, 2006

**University of Delaware Stadium
Newark, Delaware**

**Alumni Tent opens at 4 PM
Pre-Game starts at 6 PM**

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