

# Path To Shine®

## August 2015

### Summer Happenings



We hope you had (and perhaps you are still having) a wonderful summer! Several of the children at our various Path To Shine programs were able to enjoy outings and activities thanks to wonderful volunteers, and your donations - donations that enable us to provide funding to our local programs, as needed, to embark on some of these adventures.

Thanks to a generous sponsor, our Executive Director attended a conference put on by the Children's Defense Fund, where she says: "I was simultaneously encouraged and overwhelmed. I heard stories that made me smile as well as stories that broke my heart but by week's end I knew the work that we do at Path To Shine is critical - being a consistent presence for children whose lives may be chaotic, helping them with homework and reading, teaching them social skills and graces." Want to help with this work? Call us and we'll get you started!



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FUN 2015



### From Roswell

Our newest affiliate began last spring, a wonderful collaboration of St. Aidan's and St. David's Episcopal Churches, and the administration at Mimosa Elementary. Last May the program leaders said, "Everyone agreed that the time just flew by! Nine

weeks came and went, relationships were formed, commitments made, and we can't wait to start back up in September." The children in the group were of Hispanic, Caucasian, and African American descent, and were specially chosen by their school counselors. We would love to take on one or two more students

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but we need more volunteers to do that.  
Email Dee at [deegreewood101@gmail.com](mailto:deegreewood101@gmail.com)  
if you can help.



## Summer in Columbus

It makes our hearts sing when we see children learning new skills and demonstrating positive behaviors. This summer four of the boys from Path To Shine Columbus *won awards for good behavior* at a soccer camp. As a reward they went fishing with Coach Greg and Coach Lisa. The program also offered an art camp, and they made sure the children had new books to read. Everyone is ex-



cited about the new school year! With some great speakers lined up, and some new, young volunteers who will serve as excellent role models, the children will continue to be encouraged as they strengthen their academic and life skills.

## You Can Help

- Volunteer: Be a weekly tutor. Teaching experience is *not* necessary.
- Be a Guest Speaker: Share your career path.
- Fund the Gap: Help a promising Path To Shine student attend an independent school.
- Golf: Compete in this year's Ugly Pants Golf Tournament Monday, October 5th.

## Our Educational Consultant

It is wonderful to be part of this great adventure of Path To Shine! I enjoyed this past year, and look forward to this next one. The importance of relationships is very clear to me. The close bond between student and mentor that is the model for our program is a crucial one for a child's success in school and in the larger community. Children come to know that there is someone who cares deeply about his/her well-being and looks forward to seeing them each week. Children develop a deep sense of trust and confidence as they go through our program, and know there is someone they can rely on as they go on to Middle School. (You can read more about the Rev. Edith Woodling on our website.)



## Ugly Pants 2015



Join us for our 7th Annual Ugly Pants tournament. A 2-day event, we start with a Sunday community brunch (made-to-order omelets, grits, fruit, muffins and more yummy goodness!), and silent auction, followed by a golf tournament on Monday. There are lots of ways to

be involved so check out our website for options. Thank you Nuestros Niños, Jonquil Sporting Goods & Carolina Lumber for your early support!

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