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Introducing Youth Ambassador Frederick Wells

The Cultural Enrichment Program (CE) is extraordinarily pleased to present Fred Wells. Fred was selected Youth Ambassador by the 2001 **People to People Student Ambassador Program** and had an opportunity to go to Australia and New Zealand for three weeks. The foundation's CE Program donated \$500 to help defray some of the cost of this rich cultural experience. While in Sydney, he climbed to the top of the Sydney Harbor Bridge, visited an opal jewelry manufacturer and the Opera House, and snorkeled among tropical fish on the southern tip of the Great Barrier Reef. He then traveled south to Brisbane where he received a civic welcome at the Queen's Land Parliament House. In New Zealand, he experienced a two-day stay with a very nice family that had an eight hundred-acre farm where he helped with daily chores of herding sheep for shearing and milking cows. While there, he witnessed a calf being born on the farm and enjoyed a "Hangi" dinner that was cooked in an underground pit using hot stones. Upon his return home, in a letter expressing profound gratitude to the foundation for its assistance, Fred said, "Thank you for your generous contribution this past summer." "I'll never forget this once in a lifetime trip to Australia and New Zealand as a youth ambassador." In his young life, Fred has demonstrated the epitome of remarkable leadership and service to the community. In 2000, he was selected **Youth of the Year** by the Boys & Girls Club of Dane County. The annual award recognizes a student who has contributed to the club and the community and is a role model for other youth. Moreover, he received the **Outstanding Young Person Martin**

Luther King, Jr. Award in 2001. He has attended youth leadership conferences in Houston, TX, Kansas City, MO, Toledo, OH, and Anaheim, CA. He is a member of the Arts Are Prevention Band and has performed at Martin Luther King Day, Juneteenth Day and the James C. Wright Middle School Family Fun Day for the last three years, and at the 2001 Wisconsin Association for Black and Public Sector Employees (WABPSE) Annual Conference. Fred is also a member of the 401K's Financial Group that sings and raps about saving and investing money wisely. He attends West High School, will graduate in June 2002, and plans to attend college and major in psychology. He also just recently received acceptance to participate in the Summer Bridge Program at Hampton University in Virginia. This opportunity will give him a head start on what to expect as he will soon be experiencing college life. Congratulations, Fred!! The foundation is proud of Fred's leadership accomplishments and congratulates him on this outstanding and important work he continues to do thereby inspiring other youth to follow his lead. The CE Program promotes cultural opportunities for disadvantaged youth who lack access to major arts and cultural institutions. For more information, contact Chair Anthony Wade at 249-8905.



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Tutoring Program Still Active



On January 15, the Tutoring/Supervised Reading Program, along with other Boys & Girls Club volunteers, jointly sponsored the Open House for students, parents, tutors, and B & G staff. Approximately 30 children attended the event. The students and parents got a chance to meet the tutors and B & G staff members. Tutoring is provided to elementary and middle school students in reading, writing, math, and content areas Monday – Thursday. Refreshments were available, and there was a Reading Is

Fundamental (RIF) book distribution for all the children who attended. Moreover, on March 8, the Tutoring Program sponsored another RIF book distribution at the B & G Dr. Sues Read-In. **The program has been RIF-approved for the last six years.** This RIF approval status allows the Tutoring Program to purchase books

at discounts up to 70% from selected publishers. RIF also gives assistance and ideas for fundraising, effective motivational activities, and parental involvement. It was a big year for the program in terms of the number of books made available to students. First Book, a national nonprofit organization that distributes new books to children served by community-based tutoring, mentoring, and activity programs, awarded a 390-book grant to the foundation. With these books, we were able to increase the amount of

interactive reading among students and tutors. In addition, RIF/Coca-Cola Company donated a classroom collection of K-3 multicultural, award winning and classical books. The library was donated to the B & G Club of Dane County. The Tutoring Program was selected to receive the portable library based on the percentage of at-risk children served, successful book distributions and motivational activities and responsible annual reporting to RIF. The Tutoring Program is now considering changing its focus from

elementary students to high school readiness for middle school students. Since the inception of the program seven years ago, the urgent need for more volunteer tutors continues. If you are interested in tutoring or know someone who is, contact Charles Brown, Chair of the Tutoring/Supervised Reading Program, at 274-0311.



Social Action Program Expands Role

The Social Action Program (SA) engages in multi-faceted community service projects of a charitable nature, such as providing food for the needy at Thanksgiving. In November, it made food, including turkeys, hams, and canned goods, available at three sites. Approximately 60 families and individuals received Thanksgiving baskets. Super\$aver, Whole Foods, and Woodman's are local grocery stores that donated canned goods. American Family Insurance was also a major contributor to the food drive. In the past, the primary mission of the SA Program has been sponsoring the Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive. However, in FY 2001-02, it made donations to other worthy causes. It donated \$300 to Lorna Longmire to participate in the Annual Leukemia/ Lymphoma Society Marathon in



Portland, OR. After receiving the donation, Lorna expressed sincere gratitude to the foundation for its donation and reported that she had walked 26.2 miles and that the gift of life will exceed the miles. In addition, the SA Program donated \$1,000 to the Capital City Keystone Club that sponsored a number of youth to go to

attend a three-day youth leadership conference that included a four-hour college resource fair, sessions on racism and cultural competence among others. However, the conference was not all work. The participants visited Disneyland and Universal Studios in Hollywood. In attendance were Ashley Moncrief, Fred Wells, Jamaal Eubanks, Dominique Smith, Laron House and Kimberly Simmons. Also pictured is foundation Parliamentarian Percy Brown, Jr., who is advisor to the Capital Keystone Club. For more information about the SA Program, contact Chair Atiba Dilday at 270-9757.

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Scholarships Awarded

The Scholarship Program makes scholarships available to Madison-area high school graduating seniors who enroll full time in accredited post-secondary educational institutions. Recipients must attend schools that grant baccalaureate degrees, vocational/technical associate degrees, and vocational diplomas/certificates. In 2001, there were eight applicants with GPA's ranging from 2.14 to 3.93 on a four-point scale. Upon careful review and consideration to all applicants, the committee awarded three scholarships in the amounts of \$1,000; \$500; and \$300. Louise Michele Gnomou of West High School received \$1,000 and is attending UW-Madison. Sharta McIntosh of East High School received \$500 and attends UW-Milwaukee. Peter Saengmany of East High School received \$300 and is attending UW-Madison. Recipients are awarded scholarships based on a satisfactory GPA and a demonstration of both outstanding community service and financial need. The Scholarship Committee is currently considering a recommendation to offer an award to students who are already enrolled in post-secondary education.

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