



## NEWSLETTER

WINTER 2011



Janet Allison, THPF Chair

**I am truly delighted** to have been elected once again as Chair of the Park Foundation Board of Trustees for the 2010/2011 year. Our Trustees, our Executive Director, Lynda Myers, and our Director of Development, Bob Schulz, will continue to build a stronger Park Foundation to serve our district patrons and our community.

Our Foundation will focus on raising funds for specific projects such as our “Who Should Play” program. Families face tough choices every day on where to spend their hard earned money. We want to make sure children get the opportunity to participate in programs that will help them become happier, healthier and more successful. Through our program, families who need our help don’t have to ask the question, “Who Should Play?”

Partnering with THPRD, our Park Foundation also is raising money to build a sports field specially designed for children and adults with disabilities. Primarily, “Champions Too” field will be a baseball field, but easily can be redesigned for other sports. Standard sports fields present formidable challenges for kids and adults with special needs. With your help, we can build a field that is accessible for all to help us realize our vision, “Everyone’s life enriched through recreation.” For additional information, please visit our website [www.thpf.org](http://www.thpf.org).

### Champions Too Field

You can share in the anticipation of our proposed Champions Too Field, a facility specially designed to provide the thrill of athletic competition to those with developmental and physical challenges.

You can rest assured that, with the help of the Park Foundation, special attention is being devoted to make sure that your friends, family members and all persons with developmental and physical disabilities and special needs can fully enjoy our award-winning park and recreation district.



Please donate to the Tualatin Hills Park Foundation. Visit the website: [www.thpf.org](http://www.thpf.org) or send your donation to: Tualatin Hills Park Foundation / 15707 SW Walker Road / Beaverton, OR 97006. If you have questions, contact Lynda Myers [lyndam@thprd.org](mailto:lyndam@thprd.org) or Bob Schulz @ [bschulz@thprd.org](mailto:bschulz@thprd.org) Thank you! Your contribution will make a difference.

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## Who Should Play?

You can help ensure that all children get the chance to participate in the wonderful programs at Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District. As our economy in Oregon continues to struggle, families are facing tough choices on where to spend their hard earned money. In many cases, this means that children don't get the opportunity to participate in programs that will help them become more successful, happy and healthy. At the Tualatin Hills Park Foundation, we believe that everyone deserves the right to participate and we know you feel the same way. Your donation will ensure that a child can play. Please send your check or visit our website to donate online, so families who need our help don't have to ask the question, "Who Should Play?"



## NIKE Provides Scholarships and clinics for THPRD Youth Basketball Players



Nike and the Tualatin Hills Park Foundation have teamed up to ensure that all boys and girls in grades 5-12 in the Beaverton area who want to play basketball this season can do so. ***"Thanks to a cash grant from Nike, we'll provide scholarships that enable children to participate regardless of their economic circumstances,"*** said Janet Allison, THPF chair, ***"Its part of an initiative our Foundation adopted this year called "Who Should Play?"***

Nike's overall gift is valued at \$85,000. In addition to the scholarship money, it includes game jerseys and equipment and coaching clinics offered by the Positive Coaching Alliance, a Stanford University group. The alliance kicked off its training for youth coaches on November 9, at Cedar Hills Recreation Center.

***"Nike is proud to support THPRD's youth basketball program,"*** said Kathy Webb, Nike employee engagement manager based at the company's Beaverton world headquarters. ***"We understand the benefits of sport in young people's lives."***

***"With many people struggling economically, Nike's remarkable support for youth athletes couldn't come at a better time,"*** said Doug Menke, THPRD general manager. ***"This gift will help keep boys and girls active and healthy. And they'll get better coaching as a result of the Nike-funded clinics."*** More than 2,000 boys and girls in grades 5-12 participate in THPRD's youth basketball program. Play begins in December and runs through March.

**Interested in Joining the Tualatin Hills Park Foundation Board?** We need a few more good people. Contact Kathy Christy at 503-336-6016 or email [Kathy@kathychristy.com](mailto:Kathy@kathychristy.com) for more information and a description of the role. It's a rewarding position where you can make a difference.

*Happy Holidays To You and Yours*

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