



# DARRELL POLLACK DP9 FOUNDATION NEWSLETTER

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*Providing support for children who have lost a parent*

## DP9 Foundation Co-Sponsors Family Weekend

A record number of more than 100 children, teens, parents and volunteers participated in the annual autumn Willow House Family Camp. Held from September 9th-11th at the beautiful Williams Bay campus of Aurora University in Wisconsin, the camp was co-sponsored by the Darrell Pollack DP9 Foundation and included twenty-five families. The camp served as a comforting experience for those profoundly affected by the deaths of their moms, dads, sisters and brothers.



The DP9 Foundation's commitment to the Willow House Family Camp allows families to attend the weekend for only a nominal fee.

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The theme of this year's camp was "Branching Out," which encouraged the participants to find different ways of reaching out and supporting one another during the challenging days of grief.

While the families enjoyed many fun activities, they also engaged in poignant and meaningful activities that provided opportunities to share stories, feelings, and commemorate their loved ones in a safe and nurturing environment.

One particularly powerful activity was the "Empty Chair" project. The chair was a physical reminder of the empty space left by their loved one's death. Each child and teen was given a wooden chair to decorate with photos, clothing and other special objects brought from home that reminded them of their family member.

These beautiful "empty" chairs were brought home and will provide the children with a very personal memorial.



Other weekend activities included team-building games, tie-dye, a take-off on "The Amazing Race", and a campfire complete with s'mores, and movies. The weekend provided an opportunity for adults and families to connect with each other, openly discuss their grief, and to spend time as a family in a beautiful setting.

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The annual Willow House Family Camp is always a favorite event for Willow House children and families. Thanks to the DP9 Foundation, this year's camp was especially successful. It brought tears, laughter, memories, and growing friendships in a challenging time. ❖



**In the Gross Division, the winning teams were**

64 Steve Miller, Ben Miller, Doug Laney and Steve Schaumberger

65 Irv Mangurten, Tony Caine, Mike Lach and Walt Bollinger

**In the Net Division, the winning teams were**

*(Using the Peoria scoring system)*

68 Fran Deisinger, Neil Ament, Steve Olken and Joel Rosenstein

69 Ross Gordon, John Jarger and Greg Minor

**Lowest cost per stroke**

78 Steve Altman, Neil Cablk, Tony Dattomo, and Marc Stookal

## Golf Outing Tees Off to Benefit Children

The inaugural DP9 Foundation Golf Outing was held on the beautiful day of September 12, 2005 at Bittersweet Golf Club in Gurnee.



Almost 70 golfers participated in the festivities and dozens more joined us for dinner, raffle and the Monday Night Football game after golf.

The event brought in over \$8,400 for the DP9 Foundation and established a strong base of support for future years. While everyone had a terrific time at the outing, certain groups were able to translate their performance into greater success on the course.



The event featured many on-course contests. Perhaps the highlight of the day, in terms of shot performance, was Doug Laney's 625 yard drive. Okay, maybe it was only 325 yards, but from the stories that were being told at dinner it sounded much longer.

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| Long Drive #9          | Doug Laney       |
| Long Drive #14         | Brian Fishman    |
| Long Putt #1           | Tim Treger       |
| Long Putt #11          | Neil Cohen       |
| Closest to the Pin #3  | Scott Kleinstein |
| Closest to the Pin #6  | Scott Weinstein  |
| Closest to the Pin #13 | Brad Steinbach   |
| Closest to the Pin #17 | Roy Kessel       |

As a result of our sponsors and the other generous donations that we received, almost everyone at the dinner was able to leave with something to take home.



Golfers enjoyed a grill lunch and an Italian Buffet dinner. Each golfer also received a Nike hat with the DP9 logo, as well as a very nice golf umbrella. Each member of the winning team (in each division) received either a travel bag or a duffel bag.

We hope that you will join us for the 2006 Golf Outing. Currently, it is scheduled to be held at Bittersweet on Monday, September 18, 2006. ❖

## DP9 Foundation Thanks Sponsors

The DP9 Foundation would like to thank the following sponsors for their continued support throughout the year.



# family bowling benefit



Bowling  
Laser Tag  
Batting Cages

Pizza Buffet  
Silent Auction  
Raffle

Please join us,  
for an afternoon  
of family fun.

Sunday,  
February 26, 2006  
3:30pm - 6:30pm



We will attend, \$35 per person [4 and over] \_\_\_ x \$35 = \_\_\_\_\_  
[\$50 at the door]

Sorry, we cannot attend, donation enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

We wish to buy raffle tickets \$ \_\_\_\_\_

one, \$10    three, \$25    eight, \$50  
*We'll fill them out for you*

**Total enclosed** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Fax or mail this form to:**

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support for children who have lost a parent."

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