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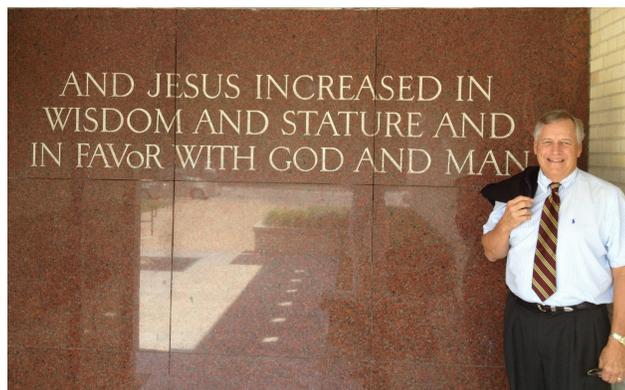
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A CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE FOR DONORS AND CLOSE FRIENDS OF THE YMCA AND THE RISE SCHOOL — SEPTEMBER 2014

## DONOR NEWS & HIGHLIGHTS...

### Mr. Don Bowles

A BIG Thank You goes to Mr. Don Bowles and his family for making a meaningful donation to the Pathways Capital Campaign. Mr. Bowles became a member at the Park Cities YMCA in 1952 at 7 years of age playing in checkers tournaments, youth sports, and ping pong along with being a part of the Jr. Leaders Program. When asked what made him a passionate donor, his answer was that there was nothing short of family that has impacted him more than the YMCA.



Mr. Bowles spent 13 years at Camp Grady Spruce as a camper and served in staff capacities along with his wife, Janie. Both Bowles children attended CGS spending more years at camp than either of their parents. There is a solid belief in their family that the Y has the capacity to change lives by putting Christian values into practice through programs that build spirit, mind and body for all!

Due to his earliest memories at the Y relating the Luke 2:52 scripture quote to real life, Don has said nothing would make him happier than to see those engraved words in the new Moody Family YMCA dedicated to the work of three great Dallas Y gentlemen; Jack Semones, Ron Kinnamon, and Ray Bean.

### Park Cities YMCA Welcomes Director of Capital Campaign



The Park Cities YMCA is pleased to announce the addition of Steve Neuhoff to our fund raising team. Steve has been on the Board of Management at Park Cities Y for three years and has been heavily involved in the Annual Campaign among other committees. His primary responsibility will be to assist in raising the funds needed to complete the Pathways Campaign.

Steve has an experienced background in development. He spent 10 years in the development office at Jesuit College Preparatory School of Dallas filling many capacities such as Director of Alumni, Director of Development, and Director of Major Gifts.

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## Rise School Success Story

"Our oldest son, Matthew, started Rise in September 2008. Like most parents, we were nervous about how he would adapt to his new environment, but we were quickly reassured with detailed daily updates, weekly written communications, and being able to take a peek at what he was doing via the web camera.

Over the years, many parents have asked us why we have both of our typical children enrolled at Rise, and our answer has always been "because it's the best preschool for ALL children." Rise is exceptional with its small class sizes, top notch teachers and assistants, and incredibly caring and supportive environment. The teachers know how to teach to children of all abilities, so when Matthew needed extra support, he received it. When he was ready for the next challenge, he was provided the tools to reach his potential and beyond.

At a parent/teacher meeting, his teacher told us that we should consider St. Mark's School of Texas for Matthew. After taking her advice to heart, we applied and found out that Matthew was accepted to be in the St. Mark's Class of 2026. Thank you Rise for giving Matthew the best start possible, for making learning fun, for taking the time to know Matthew for his strengths and weaknesses, and for always going above and beyond in everything you do for the children and their families."

With much appreciation,

The Martinelli Family

## DONOR NEWS & HIGHLIGHTS...CONTD.

### Mrs. Honey Rothermel

"My son, Reed, and I, along with our extended family, support the Park Cities Family YMCA because of it's unique opportunity to join with The Rise School of Dallas. Partnering with The Rise School will eventually change the way in which children with special needs are educated throughout the country.



We are so pleased that the Park Cities Y has taken a leadership role within the YMCA organization to serve the underserved special needs population through programs such as Adaptive Gymnastics and Adaptive Aquatics. Joining with The Rise School of Dallas places the Park Cities Y at the forefront of a global movement, while still serving our local children and families. As a passionate special needs advocate, I could not be more proud to support the Park Cities Family YMCA and a community that supports an organization so dedicated to including ALL of its members."

### WARM WATER THERAPY FINDS A NEW HOME IN THE MOODY FAMILY YMCA!

Aquatic Therapy at the Park Cities YMCA is a very sought after form of exercise. With the number of participants in water aerobic classes soaring, the need for continued and specialized attention in the new Moody Family YMCA is very important. It is happily announced that in the new Moody Family YMCA there will be a 25 yard lap pool with a specialized Warm Water Therapy pool.



The benefits of Warm Water Therapy are immense in being the best environment to achieve full function regardless of injury improving motion and flexibility. The warmth of the water being at 94 degrees allows muscles to relax while stimulating body awareness, balance and trunk stability. Providing this for our members will have a positive impact on their health!

