The Faces of Kids’ Chance - Savannah S.

“My name is Savannah, and I just finished my sophomore year at the University of Pittsburgh in Johnstown.

Back in 2011, my dad was working as a service technician in Florida. He was actually in a freak accident and he didn’t make it. That’s been hard on our family. I wasn’t going to have the opportunity to get loans and I was really scared for a little bit that I wouldn’t get to go to school.

I heard about Kids’ Chance through a family friend who knew about my situation and knew there was a scholarship out there for children of injured workers.

Aside from the grief, financially, losing my dad was a burden on our family, but thankfully the Kids’ Chance scholarship has helped with that.”

Our Faces of Kids’ Chance community continues to grow. Please encourage any Kids’ Chance scholarship recipient to share their story through our online form, which can be found on the Share Your Story page. We can’t wait to meet them.

Meet the Kids’ Chance of America Team!

As some of you may know, the staff supporting Kids’ Chance of America has grown. Let’s introduce you to the team!

Amanda Dever, Executive Assistant, provides administration and general support for Kids’ Chance of America and is the “voice on the phone” for almost every meeting and conference call! Rita Fredericksen, Data Manager will oversee all of our data needs, including Planning for College. Katie Burkhart, Communications Director, handles all of the communications outreach for Kids’ Chance of America in conjunction with the KCOA Marketing Committee. Cheryl Doucette, Program Director, will be responsible for launching, supporting, and advancing member states.

Vicki Burkhart, Executive Director, will continue to lead this incredible team of professionals as they serve Kids’ Chance of America and its growing number of state members.
Donate to the Lynn Forbush Scholarship Fund

Dear Friends,

Those of you who attended the annual meeting in Little Rock and those of you from Arkansas know that shortly before the annual meeting, Kids’ Chance lost a long-time, loyal supporter when Lynn Forbush succumbed to cancer. In memory of Lynn, a scholarship fund was established. Thanks to Kids’ Chance of Pennsylvania and Doug McCoy, we have raised $8,500.00 toward the scholarship. I am sending my gift today, and encourage others to join me. We hope to reach $10,000 in scholarship funds given in Lynn’s memory by the end of 2016. Donations can be sent directly to

Kids’ Chance of America
PO Box 543
Pottstown, PA 19464
Attn: Forbush Scholarship

Lynn, a wonderful person and terrific friend to Kids’ Chance, will be missed, but not forgotten.

Fondly,
Ann Bishop
Past President
Kids’ Chance of America

In Remembrance: Virginia Insurance Commissioner Roger Williams

WILLIAMS, Roger L. Esq., left his earthly bonds on October 11, 2016. We have lost a star in the sky, but heaven is a brighter place with his arrival. He was preceded in death by his parents, Dr. Louis H. and Eloise Williams; and his brother, David H. Williams. He leaves behind his wife of 28 years, Annie; his daughter, Lauren; and his son, Matt, all of whom provided great comfort to him during his courageous battle with brain cancer. Roger lived for their happiness and was truly loved in return. He also leaves behind brothers, Dr. Steven D. Williams (Caroline) and Van C. Williams (Beth); sister, Wendy W. Jones (Steve); and numerous nieces, nephews and extended family. Mr. Williams was appointed by the 2008 Virginia General Assembly as Commissioner and began his position with the Virginia Workers’ Compensation Commission on May 1, 2008, until his passing. From May 1980 to May 2008, Mr. Williams was engaged in the private practice of law almost exclusively in the area of insurance defense litigation, with emphasis on the law of workers’ compensation. He represented employers and insurers in thousands of cases before the Virginia Workers’ Compensation Commission. Mr. Williams received his B.S. from Washington and Lee University in 1975 and his J.D. from University of Richmond in 1980. Mr. Williams was the recipient of the Charles T. Norman Award, a member of the McNeill Law Society and a Member of the University of Richmond Law Review. His sense of humor and dry wit will be sorely missed. A dedicated husband and father, Roger always threw every ounce of his being into the things he loved; family, friends, his career, the beach and his faith. He was passionate about his golf and his sleight of hand magic, but could never seem to combine those two pursuits for that perfect round of golf. It’s all fairways and greens for him now. Roger was always the model of sartorial splendor, whether headed to the courtroom or his children’s soccer games. That it took him hours of preparation time was a constant source of frustration and humor for the family. The family wishes to extend its thanks to the staffs at Duke University Hospital and Henrico Doctors’ Hospital for the aid and comfort that they provided to Roger during his illness. The family would also like to thank the many prayer groups, former law partners, SAWCA family and employees of the VWC for the constant support, love and encouragement throughout Roger’s illness. Annie would also like to extend special wishes to Holly Williams, who provided so much comfort to her and Roger in a trying time. A celebration of his life will be held at 2 p.m. on Friday, October 14, at Welbourne United Methodist Church, 920 Maybeury Drive, Richmond, Va. 23229. A reception will follow at the Richmond Country Club, 12950 Patterson Ave., Henrico, Va. 23238. In lieu of flowers, the family requests contributions be made to Kid’s Chance of Virginia, 12701 Marblestone Dr., Suite 250. Woodbridge, Va. 22192 or Gayton Kirk Church, 11421 Gayton Rd., Henrico, Va. 23238.
News and Events

Submit Your Kids’ Chance Awareness Week Activities!
Our first Awareness Week was a huge success and we look forward to making this year even better. Please mark your calendar for November 14-18, 2016 and add the 2016 Awareness Week button to your website to show your support. You can also submit your events and activities on our website so that we can add them to our map.

SFM Foundation - ‘Ladies Night Out’-Shop for a Cause on November 4
Attend SFM Foundation’s 5th annual Ladies’ Night Out — Shopping for Scholarships fundraiser for a night of shopping and fun activities that supports education for local students.

All proceeds directly fund post-secondary scholarships for Minnesota, Wisconsin and Iowa students whose parents were killed or severely injured in workplace accidents.

Join us for an evening of shopping, silent auction, raffles, wine pull, massages, salon services, photo booth, desserts, cash bar and more.

Vendors will be there to sell jewelry, purses, clothing, accessories, skincare, spa products, salon services, cooking oils, spices, kitchen gadgets, homemade goods and other gifts. It’s the perfect opportunity to get your holiday shopping done early and find unique items for that hard-to-buy for person on your list.

Read the full story on the SFM website here: www.sfmfoundation.com

Kids’ Chance of Maryland - 20th Anniversary Reunion Gala
Please make plans to join us for our Reunion Gala Fundraiser, as we celebrate 20 years of building an educational future for past, present and future inspiring scholarship recipients.

The event will be held at the Boston Museum of Industry, with sponsorship opportunities still available. There will be a guest speaker, and you can get to know two of our current “kids” whom you have helped by making a dierence in her education.

Read the full story on the Kids’ Chance of Maryland website here: www.kidschance-md.org.