

Join us for the 2010 City Gospel Mission Golf Outing!

Join us on September 18, 2010, for a day of fun, food, fellowship and a round of golf at Bel-Wood Country Club while you help change the lives of at-risk youth and hurting men and women in Greater Cincinnati.

Talk to your friends, get your foursome, and sign up!

Register online at citygospelmission.org or contact Jeannette at jshonkwiler@citygospelmission.org or (513) 345-1028.

Cart, meals, refreshments and gifts, along with a chance to win prizes and awards are all included with your registration.

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Thank you!

Thank you to all who helped make our 2010 Banquet a great success! Nearly 650 guests witnessed powerful testimonies and met many of the at-risk youth whose lives are being changed through the generous support of friends like you. Over \$110,000 was raised in gifts and pledges. In addition to the matching gift of \$110,000 that was given to us by generous donors. These funds will help create better, brighter, and healthier futures for thousands of at-risk youth in the coming year.

Thank you to our 2010 Banquet Sponsors!



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YOUTH MINISTRY NEWSLETTER

Retired broadcaster loves telling Whiz Kids story

Walt Maher has spent over half of his life telling stories for a living.

But it was always someone else's story he was telling. It's the life of a journalist, after all.

Now retired after more than four decades working as a local television and radio broadcaster, 80-year-old Walt still loves telling stories.

There is one in particular he likes to tell a lot — and he's very much a part of this story.

It's the story of Whiz Kids.

For two years, Walt has been investing in Alex, a 9-year-old student at Hopewell Elementary in West Chester. Walt and his wife, Laura, each signed up to be Whiz Kids tutors through City Gospel Mission's partnership with West Chester Church of the Nazarene.

On the first day he met Alex in fall 2008, Walt knew this wasn't just about helping an at-risk kid learn how to read.

"He wouldn't look me in the eye," Walt says. "He had no confidence at all. None. So before we started working on reading, before we started working on math, I wanted to establish a bond. I wanted him to know he could trust me. I wanted him to know there is somebody out there who cares for him and loves him."

That first session set the tone for their relationship.

"I said, 'Alex, I want you to wake up every morning and look at yourself in the mirror and say: I can be anything I want to be.'"

Building trust is something Walt has spent a lifetime doing, both at work and at home.

Thousands throughout the Tri-State came to know Walt as a friend during his 40 years as a newsman and sportscaster for the top two television stations in the Greater Cincinnati market, Channels 9 and 12. Walt was a sportscaster for several years for Channel 12 before retiring in 1999.

Walt has been married to his best friend, Laura, for 57 years, and they have three children and six grandchildren.



Retired broadcaster Walt Maher and his wife, Laura, are both Whiz Kids tutors.

Through Whiz Kids, Walt now has built another lasting relationship in his life. Meanwhile, perhaps Alex has built the first lasting relationship in his.

"Alex comes from a single-parent home, he lives with a grandparent," Walt says. "He doesn't have good direction at home. He has no idea who his father is." How many stories have we heard like that?

"I remember one day this past (school) year, he came to Whiz Kids all downtrodden. I said, 'Alex, what's the matter?' He said, 'I had a bad

day at home, and the kids wouldn't leave me alone at school. To tell you the truth, Walt, I haven't had a good day in my life. I've got one friend — and that's you.'"

While building their friendship, Walt and Alex have found they have a shared interest in war history. To Walt's surprise, Alex started talking about the Revolutionary War one day.

"I said, 'Alex, what do you know about George Washington?'" Walt says. "I just threw it out there to him.

"And Alex said, you know, he was the first president. But he also said (Washington) was around during the Revolutionary War. So I asked Alex who was in Washington's cabinet, and he named Thomas Jefferson. He went on to talk about the Potomac.

"We get into this stuff. He's so smart. I see a kid who can be a difference-maker in society."

Walt and Alex's teachers have noticed a difference in Alex's attitude and manners, Walt says. Walt has kept contact with Alex's teachers, who have reported that Alex has had a more positive attitude at school, smiles more and looks people in the eyes now when talking to them.

Walt is proud to tell that part of the story.

"I feel so close to this kid," says Walt, adding that he has been thinking about signing up to be a Whiz Kids Mentor. "I'd gladly adopt this kid in a heartbeat. He makes me a better person."

Chick-fil-A hosts Whiz Kids Spirit Day Aug. 16

On Aug. 16, ten Greater Cincinnati Chick-fil-A stores are hosting an all-day Whiz Kids Spirit Day.

Present this card when paying for your meal, and 15 percent of your purchase will benefit Whiz Kids.

See participating stores on the card.

Monday, August 16 All Day! Whiz Kids Spirit Day Chick-fil-A near you!

Present this flyer when paying for your meal at any participating Chick-fil-A and 15 percent of your purchase will benefit Whiz Kids!

Distribution of this flyer on Chick-fil-A property or within a half-mile radius of the store will result in a forfeit of funds.

Find a near you!

<p>Anderson 8598 Beechmont Ave Cincinnati, OH 45255 Open: 6:30 a.m.-10 p.m.</p>	<p>Deerfield Crossing 5150 Merten Dr Mason, OH 45040 Open: 6:30 a.m.-10 p.m.</p>	<p>Houston Road 4980 Houston Rd Florence, KY 41042 Open: 6:30 a.m.-10 p.m.</p>	<p>Western Hills 6495 Glenway Ave Cincinnati, OH 45211 Open: 6:30 a.m.-10 p.m.</p>	<p>Tri-County Mall 11700 Princeton Pike Springdale, OH 45246 Open: 9 a.m.-9 p.m.</p>
<p>Tower Place 28 West 4th St Cincinnati, OH 45202 Open: 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m.</p>	<p>Eastgate 874 Eastgate North Dr Cincinnati, OH 45245 Open: 6 a.m.-10 p.m.</p>	<p>Kenwood Towne Centre 7875 Montgomery Rd Cincinnati, OH 45236 Open: 10 a.m.-9 p.m.</p>	<p>Voice of America 7733 Voice Of America Park Dr West Chester, OH 45069 Open: 6:30 a.m.-10 p.m.</p>	<p>Springdale 501 East Kemper Rd Springdale, OH 45246 Open: 6:30 a.m.-10 p.m.</p>

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Sale amount:
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Chick-fil-A Spirt Day
August 16
See back for details!

A Letter from the President

So Long Summer... Hello, Whiz Kids!

Dear Friend,

I hope your summer is going well. It seems to me it's going fast. At my house, that means we'll soon be getting ready for a new school year. It won't be long before my family will be shopping for notebooks, pens, and backpacks.

Here at City Gospel Mission, we're getting ready for the school year, too. We're about to launch another year of our Whiz Kids tutoring and mentoring program.

Over the course of the school year, while helping students grow in knowledge and academic skills, Whiz Kids tutors model positive behavior, offer encouragement, and help the children build self-confidence and discipline that will impact them far beyond their school days.

Last school year, 1,100 adults tutored 1,100 kids in 46 Whiz Kids locations. In the new school year, this will grow to involve more volunteers, churches, and schools. I'm excited because this means we'll be touching the lives of even more youth who need the foundational learning and one-on-one relationships that Whiz Kids provides.

Thank you for making this possible. Youth in Whiz Kids will have a better chance to succeed in school, and in life, because of your generous gifts. As you enjoy the rest of your summer, please remember the children you'll be helping during the school year to come. God bless.

For the children,



Roger Howell
President

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Whiz Kids + YOU = A Foundation for Success

School's still out, but not for long. Soon, notebooks, pens, pencils, and paper will be flying off the shelves and into shopping carts as moms, dads, and kids all prepare for another year of new subjects, new classes, and new challenges.

Here at City Gospel Mission, we're getting ready for school, too. Our Whiz Kids tutoring and mentoring program is gearing up to give more at-risk youth a foundation for success in school, and in life.

Modeled on a program started in Denver, Colorado, Whiz Kids helps youth make significant academic gains. According to research in Denver Public Schools, the average child in Whiz Kids improves by 1-3 grades annually.

This past school year, 1,100 kids from 60 schools paired with volunteer tutors. With your help, even more children will reap the educational and social benefits of Whiz Kids in the 2010-11 school year.

Only through the generosity of you and other caring friends can Whiz Kids have a lifelong impact on at-risk youth. To give the long-term benefits of Whiz Kids tutoring and mentoring to more children who need help, you can send a gift today in the envelope provided, call us at **345-1027**, or visit www.citygospelmission.org.

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Ministry Spotlight

Since 1968, City Gospel Mission Youth Programs have served, supported, and worked with local churches to reach at-risk youth with the love of Jesus Christ and His message of salvation. We are committed to the local church as the center of our ministry. We believe by working together with the church through relationship-based ministries, the Lord can use us to break the cycle of poverty and despair one life at a time.

Internships

Recruits and trains mid-career, recent graduates and current college students for an opportunity to serve in a local church in urban youth ministry for a one year assignment.

X-treme Adventures

This ministry uses dirt motorcycles and other "adventure" based activities like cycling, boating, hiking, camping, canoeing, snow skiing, and horse-bike riding for local churches to reach and develop relationships with youth.



Whiz Kids

Provides the opportunity for a local church to adopt a Cincinnati Public Elementary School in their community by providing students with tutoring and eventually, through the relationships that are developed, the message of Jesus Christ.

Teen Impact

Teen Impact engages, equips and empowers teens through the local church. This unique and creative program uses mentoring, youth groups, clubs and sports to make a difference in the lives of at-risk teens.

Princess Ballet

This ministry uses ballet to teach at-risk youth discipline, grace, and a love for Jesus Christ.

Character Basketball League

This unique basketball league is a fun and exciting way to reach out to at-risk youth with the love of Christ. Designed to build Christ-like character, the League emphasizes personal growth rather than competition.

Summer Camps

We provide opportunities for youth to experience challenges, community, and memories in an "uninterrupted way" that can have a lasting impact on their walk with the Lord. Camps such as the Kings Domain Camp, Kids Across America, or the Niagara Falls Bike trip can make an enormous difference in the life of an at-risk youth.



College Scholarships

Through a partnership with Cincinnati Christian University, City Gospel Mission works with churches to provide full scholarships to CCU for high school graduating seniors.

Urban Connection

We provide customized ministry for a church that will enable them to more effectively reach youth in their community. This ministry often includes providing coaching for direct, one-on-one, or small group ministry from our staff to a local church to reach at-risk youth.

Fit Challenge

An effort to educate and empower children, teens, and families to develop healthy lifestyles. Participants are equipped with weekly Fit Tips, training them in the fundamentals of nutrition and fitness, and Fit Charts, challenging them to apply those fundamentals to their everyday lives. Entire families are encouraged to join the challenge through special workshops and retreats.



Whole Foods Benefits Whiz Kids

Shop at the Rookwood Commons Whole Foods on Tuesday, Aug. 24, and 5% of your purchase will benefit Whiz Kids. The Whiz Kids staff will be at Whole Foods to answer questions about the program. Whole Foods is open 8 a.m.-10 p.m.

