



# TEAMMATE TIMES

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**TeamMates—  
Where Your  
Heart Is?!**

With four students unmatched, the need for mentors is greater than ever. Experience has shown that matches need a minimum of three months to make a connection that can withstand the summer break.

We are in need of mentors for two high school students and two middle school students, a boy and a girl at each school.

I find that people feel more comfortable with youth of certain ages. If you have a heart for kids in either the middle school or high school, TeamMates needs you now.

If you've ever wondered about whether TeamMates is for you, maybe now is the time to find out.

The commitment you make is for a minimum of one year, but the impact you make is forever.

Contact Keri West for more information.



## Children's Carnival Sponsored by TeamMates Coming Soon

April 22nd—28th is the Week of the Young Child and Lexington TeamMates is supporting the young children of our community with a Children's Carnival on Sunday, April 22nd from 12:30pm—2:00pm. This year's Carnival will be followed by the 4th Annual TeamMates Walk-a-thon from 2:00pm—3:00pm. Children & TeamMates have been selected to lead this year's walk.

This year's Children's Carnival and Walk-a-thon will be held at the Lexington High School Ray Ehlers Stadium. Families with children of all ages are encouraged to enjoy the games and activities provided by TeamMates

matches as well as other local agencies that are involved with youth.

Families will find games and activities that teach concepts as well as entertain. The event is intended to give families in Lexington and the surrounding communities something fun and inexpensive to do together in a safe, local location.

Concessions will be available so make plans to come for lunch and enjoy the festivities.

If you are interested in sponsoring the event or having a booth, please contact Keri West. TeamMates hopes to involve as much of the Lexington com-

munity as possible in its celebration of children and the power of mentoring.

Admission tickets will go on sale in early April. Watch the area newspapers and listen to KRVN for more information! Hope to see all of you there!



## Spotlight on TeamMates Sponsor-Lexington Community Foundation

### *Magic of Mentoring*

*The Lexington Community Foundation (LCF) support of the Lexington TeamMates program began in 1995, with a seed grant to get the Lexington Chapter started. Our support of the Lexington TeamMates program today continues with match grants, but also as*

*non-profit resource and a source for mentors—many of our board members and their spouses are TeamMates mentors.*

*The Foundation believes that mentoring is a powerful tool for helping kids succeed in life. TeamMates connects kids with the power of mentoring. We are*

*proud of the strength and growth in the Lexington TeamMates program over the past twelve years. You are making a difference in the lives of these children. The Foundation is pleased to be a partner with you.*

*Written by Jackie Berke, Executive Director LCF*

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"A lot of people have gone further than they thought they could because someone else thought they could."

~ Unknown

## TeamMates Funds Scholarship

TeamMates supports youth by matching them with an additional caring adult through graduation from High School. Now TeamMates is supporting our students after graduation.

TeamMates started the TeamMates scholarship fund in 2004 with \$5000 for a start up investment. That investment has grown over the past several years with significant interest reinvestment. In addition, TeamMates has recently invested an additional \$5000 in the scholarship fund.

The oldest class of TeamMates will graduate in May of 2008 with 10 students and will have the first opportunity to benefit from the scholarship money TeamMates has invested. Many of these students are the first I had the privilege of working with when I started with TeamMates over 4 years ago.

We are proud of our TeamMates

and proud to support them not only in school, but in their efforts to further their education beyond graduation. Our students work hard and deserve to have the people around them working hard for them as well.



Even though next year's class is only 10 strong, there are 85 students coming after them. We hope the funding needs for continuing education for our TeamMates will be great in the upcoming years as we see more and more of our students going onto college.

Although we have a significant start to our scholarship fund, it falls significantly short of the needs of the nearly 95 students currently in our program. And this number is con-

stantly growing.

If you would like to contribute to the TeamMates scholarship fund please send contributions to TeamMates LCF C/O Lexington Community Foundation. All contributions are used solely to support the scholarship fund.



Three of our high school girls enjoy the Husker game with other TeamMates at our 1st Quarter Celebration