

# DIGGING FOR DRAGONS FOUNDATION, Inc.

## Celebrity Sports Jamboree 2006

### Sponsor letter



#### FUNDRASING BENEFITING CISD STUDENTS

Welcome to the Digging For Dragons Foundation (DFD)! As many of you know, DFD was started by concerned Carroll Independent School District (CISD) parents as a means of reinstating programs or services that have been lost because of "Robin Hood," the state's public education funding program. The mission of DFD is simple: *to raise and distribute funds to reinstate or expand programs or services that will ensure all CISD students attain a world-class education.*

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Thanks to the success of its 2005 fundraising efforts, DFD contributed \$100,000 towards the reinstatement of the Art program in grades K-4 and the Art and Music programs in grades 5-6 in the Carroll Independent School District. That wouldn't have been possible without the generous support of businesses like yours throughout this community!

Although it's clear that DFD is already working, there's still much to do! For instance, we'd like to continue raising funds for the Art programs and reinstate the Music programs K-4 full time (both programs approximately \$275,000 per year). As funds allow, we'd like to implement other programs such as a new and improved K-6 Spanish program (estimated at about \$325,000 per year) and an International Baccalaureate program for our high school students (estimated at about \$115,000 per year). So you see, we need to continue our fundraising efforts for great programs at CISD.

Did you know that CISD has paid over \$26 million to Robin Hood over the past four years? The budget deficits caused by such payments have resulted in the loss or reduction of many programs throughout the district, including Art and Music Programs K-8, Intermediate Band, High School Block Scheduling, Middle School Choir, Gifted and Talented, K-6 Spanish, Reading Recovery and Technology. Many believe that the loss of such programs has already contributed to the loss of CISD's exemplary rating for 2005! Many also feel that the effects of these cuts will not be reflected in SAT/ACT scores until the first class of students directly affected by these cuts takes those tests.

On April 22, 2006, DFD will present our **2nd Annual Celebrity Sports Jamboree**. Among other things, this year's Jamboree will include Russell Maryland's sports clinic, NFL/ MLB celebrity autograph signings, 5K and 1-mile fun runs, guest appearances by State Championship Carroll Dragon football players, and a car raffle with Sewell Cadillac. It has been reformatted around the dinner hour with live entertainment at the Grand Stage. The Jamboree, which will be held at

**Dragon Stadium once again, will provide a fun-filled day of activities for the entire family with free admission!**

**DFD is looking for businesses like yours to become sponsors of this event. As a sponsor, your business will receive media recognition on all event fliers, programs, and advertising. In return, your sponsorship dollars will allow DFD to expand and restore vital educational programs and services. And remember, your sponsorship dollars are completely tax deductible!\* Best of all, Robin Hood can't touch it!**

**This year, sponsors also will have an opportunity to select a specific location at Dragon Stadium. Space is filling up, so act fast to get the best locations; the earlier you sign on, the more advertising you'll receive on our event fliers and other advertising programs. Your sponsorship of the Celebrity Sports Jamboree is vital to the continued success of our community! So please, complete the enclosed sponsor contract and send it in today.**

**Join Digging for Dragons as we make a difference in our children's lives and in CISD's continued success!**

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**Thank you for supporting Digging for Dragons!**

*\*Once your donation is received, you'll receive a tax receipt by December 2006.*