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Chicago Training Center Benefit for At-Risk Inner City Youth Thursday, November 16 at The Webster Wine Bar

Enjoyable Event Helps Build Rowing Center For Chicago's At-Risk Youth

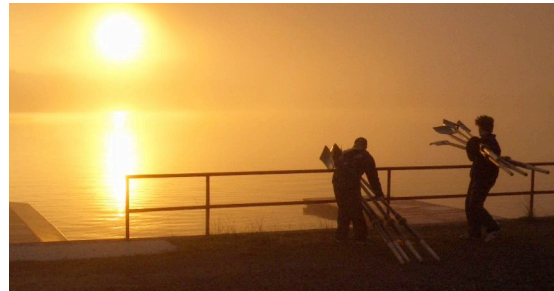
CHICAGO, IL – November 13, 2006 – The Chicago Training Center (CTC), a non-profit organization, will host a wine-tasting fund raiser (including hors d'oeuvres) at The Webster Wine Bar–1480 West Webster Avenue, Chicago, on Thursday, November 16th from 7-10:00 PM.

The first of a series of benefits for the Chicago Training Center, the wine-tasting event features a great venue to enjoy wine tasting, gourmand antipasti and hearty hors d'oeuvres. The Thursday-night fundraiser also offers liked-minded people concerned with creating opportunities for at-risk youth the chance to mingle and to be part of a worthy cause. Anticipated attendees will include local Chicagoans, Training Center members and rowing enthusiasts, along with alumni and philanthropists.

To access your invitation, click: http://www.chicagotrainingcenter.org/ctc_events.html

Serving Chicago Youth

The Center's goal is to establish a community-rowing center that will provide opportunities and experiences to enhance the daily lives of inner-city youth. Through the non-confrontational sport of rowing the CTC will promote personal growth through teamwork, discipline, physical fitness and educational excellence. The Chicago



Training Center works with local community organizations to provide needed access and resources to support its ongoing mission of positively impacting families in the greater Chicago area. CTC's Executive Director Montana Butsch – with help from the office of the Lieutenant Governor of the State of Illinois and After School Matters – has enlisted the support of various other community stakeholders. These encompass the rowing community in Chicago, as well as their national and international affiliates, and interested businesses in the area.

“The discipline of rowing is all about teamwork. Teamwork creates a can-do, success attitude, as the collective team is always greater than the sum of its parts and creates relationships that will stay with you for your lifetime. What better way to instill the

values and benefits of discipline, cooperation, and commitment than through rowing, which requires all of these attributes. Exposing at-risk youth to this competitive sport provides both athletic and academic opportunities,” says Montana Butsch, CTC executive director. (For more on Mr. Butsch, click:

http://www.chicagotrainingcenter.org/ctc_coachbutsch.html)

Community participation is the basis of this model, volunteerism is encouraged –learn how to volunteer, click: http://www.chicagotrainingcenter.org/ctc_volunteer.html

About Chicago Training Center (CTC)

The Chicago Training Center (CTC) is an Illinois not-for-profit corporation begun by Chicago native and competitive rower Montana Butsch. The University of Pennsylvania and Oxford University (UK) trained athlete reached out to Chicago’s inner city youth for the



express purpose of making accessible the vast resources and influence of the sport of rowing. Butsch based the Center on the belief that the discipline of rowing serves as a catalyst for at-risk youth to further their athletic development and education. CTC’s current objective is to create an inner city community-rowing center with access to the Chicago River where local youth can learn and enjoy the benefits from the sport of rowing competitively. Supported by the at-large community, the Center is based on existing successful models abroad as well as in US cities: Boston, New York, Oakland and Wilmington. For more information: <http://www.chicagotrainingcenter.org>

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