



HOPEWORKS

Second Annual HopeWorks Breakfast

A MORNING OF
HOPE

WITH SEAN TUOHY

ENTREPRENEUR, NBA BROADCASTER AND SUBJECT OF "THE BLIND SIDE"

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JOIN US

SATURDAY, FEB. 20, 2010

WOODLAND HILLS EVENT CENTER

8:30 - 10:30 AM

A Gourmet Breakfast

by Sysco Memphis

Musical Entertainment

by The Buddy Youth Symphony Quartet

Tickets: \$50 each

Reserve a table for 10: \$500

**Tickets may be purchased online at www.WhyHopeWorks.org
or by calling Ron Wade at 272-3700 Ext. 107.**

Deadline for all ticket purchases is Sunday, Feb. 14.

The Connection:

The Tuohy Story Seen in HopeWorks

Millions of Americans have read or watched the incredible story of Michael Oher, a homeless teenager turned football star, who achieved greatness largely through the help of Sean Tuohy and his family. Not only did the Tuohys support Michael's education through high school and college, they brought him into their home and eventually adopted Michael as their son. Now a first-round draft pick with the NFL's Baltimore Ravens, Michael Oher is a successful professional athlete and worlds away from the inner city streets of Memphis.

What the Tuohy family witnessed in their home is what HopeWorks strives to do every day in the lives of men and women in the city of Memphis. This inspirational and uplifting story is echoed through the transformed lives of HopeWorks' graduates. Just as the Tuohy family showed compassion to Michael Oher by bringing him into their home, HopeWorks demonstrates compassion daily by teaching students and connecting them with supportive faith encouragers. In the same way the Tuohys gave Michael a high school and college education, HopeWorks provides students the opportunity for a holistic, 13-week Personal Career Development program, free of charge. And as Michael took advantage of his opportunities, HopeWorks' students build on the foundation they get at HopeWorks to realize their potential in life.

The HopeWorks formula of showing compassion and giving opportunity is one that God has blessed for more than 20 years. We truly believe that the cycle of crime, addiction and irresponsibility can be broken and that all who seek a new life can become hard-working, faith-professing individuals. Our graduates may not be professional athletes like Michael Oher, but they have reached incredible heights – from a 30-year crack cocaine addict and prostitute turned college student to a discouraged and angry rape victim turned national AIDS awareness advocate.

“When Sean Tuohy saw the new kid sitting in the high school gym, he saw a boy with nowhere to go but up. The question was how to take him there.”

The Blind Side

Sean Tuohy, Michael Oher’s adoptive father, knew what it meant to be the poor kid in a private school – he had been one himself. Raised in New Orleans, Sean’s father coached basketball at the prestigious Isidore Newman School. Sean was a record-breaking basketball player for the University of Mississippi, leading the Ole Miss Rebels to their first and only championship.

Drafted by the NBA’s New Jersey Nets in 1982, he opted to continue his career overseas before returning to the United States to be with his father in his final days. Sean became a successful entrepreneur locally, building a company that now owns and operates 70 fast food restaurants, including Taco Bell and Long John Silver’s. He is also in his ninth season as an NBA broadcaster for the Memphis Grizzlies, after several years as an analyst for radio broadcasts at Ole Miss, as well as national broadcasts for Westwood One and CBS radio.

Sean has been married to his college cheerleader sweetheart, the former Leigh Anne Roberts, for 27 years, and they are the proud parents of daughter Collins, 23, and sons Michael Oher, 23, and Sean Jr., 16. In addition to his business, broadcasting, school and church schedules, he is heavily involved in supporting several minority students at Briarcrest Christian School.



Group Sponsorship Opportunities

You Can Help Break the Cycle of Poverty

High school dropouts get an education. Convicted felons receive employment skills for a new start. Fathers and mothers learn how to be responsible, caring parents for their children. All are given spiritual guidance and counseling by a staff who points them to a God who will sustain them wherever life takes them. It's this holistic approach implemented at HopeWorks that we believe can break the cycle of crime, violence and addictions that trap so many in our city. And we believe this is an approach worth supporting.

It costs approximately \$3,000 for a student to go through HopeWorks' 13-week Personal Career Development program. This year we are encouraging church classes or small groups to sponsor a HopeWorks student. Your group can both support a student financially and be the student's faith encourager. Below are the increments that we suggest your group consider when sponsoring a student:

One week - \$250

Two weeks - \$500

Three weeks - \$750

One month - \$1,000

Complete PCD Class - \$3,000

If you are interested in group sponsorship, please contact Ron Wade at rwade@whyhopeworks.org or by calling (901) 272-3700 Ext. 107.

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