

Michael Koenen 2011 All-Star NFL Football Kids Camp - A Huge Success!

Multop Financial is pleased to announce that over 300 kids participated in this year's Michael Koenen All-Star NFL Football Kids Camp, held at Ferndale High School on Saturday, June 25th, 2011.

The winning factors; beautiful weather, a huge turnout, incredible community support and some big name NFL All-Stars – all contributed to the success of the Camp. The Ferndale High School athletics department, under the direction of Vic Randall and Jamie Plenkovich, played a vital role by providing resources and coaching talent. Several high school football players were also on the field to help.

Michael Koenen, #9 Atlanta Falcons punter and Ferndale graduate, lead the camp, with assistance from current and former NFL stars; Former Seahawks Alex Bannister, Boone Stutz, Paul Moyer, Sam Adkins and Dennis Boyd. Also in attendance were former Cowboys cornerback Clayton Holmes, former Redskins quarterback and Super Bowl XXVI MVP Mark Rypien, and current Bears offensive tackle Frank Omiyale. New Titans quarterback and fellow hometown idol Jake Locker made an appearance, adding to the joy of over 300 star-struck 3rd-8th graders. Michael Koenen gave out awards for 40-yard Dash & Longest Kick in each grade level. After learning skills, drills, and playing practice games on the field, the kids ended their camp experience with a motivational talk by Clayton Holmes, as he discussed staying in school, working hard, and keeping a positive attitude.

The camp, free to all Whatcom County kids in grades 3 through 8, was made possible with grants from the

NFL and the Whatcom Community Foundation's Walton Beverage Community Fund, as well as title sponsorship from Multop Financial. All participants received a free camp T-Shirt and snacks. Lunch was sponsored by BP Cherry Point, Hempler Foods, Walton Beverage, Lynden Ice, and Kelly's O'Deli Catering. A camp photo is available by download at www.multop.com to all participants, compliments of David Willoughby of NWCathletics.

The Michael Koenen All-Star NFL Football Kids Camp was just one component of the weekend's NFL community events. On Friday, June 24th, Phil & Melanie Multop hosted a Leadership Breakfast at their home for all players, key contributors, and volunteers whose dedication and support made the camp possible. Later that day, a golf tournament and charity auction dinner was put on by the Michael Koenen Foundation in collaboration with the Chelsey Rae Ebert Trust. Over 150 golfers participated in this event at Shuksan Golf Course, which raised over \$20,000 with proceeds to support youth athletics in our community. Immediately following the Kids Camp on Saturday, NFL Players and corporate sponsors were invited to a private dinner at Koenen's home as a way to wrap up the weekend.

To learn more about the mission statement for the Michael Koenen Foundation, please visit www.michaelkoenenfoundation.org. Any individuals or businesses interested in sponsorship opportunities for 2012 should contact Tyler Ryan at Multop Financial (360) 671-7891.

For photos, visit www.multop.com

