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Scholarship Presentation at Country Club of Louisiana

The Louisiana Bar Foundation (LBF) Kids' Chance Scholarship Program presented a mock check to McNeese student Jennifer Powers-Trombatore at the 6th Annual Louisiana Workers' Compensation Corporation (LWCC) Kids' Chance Invitational Golf Tournament at the Country Club of Louisiana in Baton Rouge last week.

The LBF Kids' Chance program provides scholarships to the children of Louisiana workers who have been killed or permanently and totally disabled in an accident compensable under a state or federal Workers' Compensation Act or law. Since 2004, the program has awarded 109 scholarship totaling \$188,500. The LBF Kids' Chance Scholarship Program is helping these kids achieve their dreams.

This year it is estimated that more than 100 Louisiana workers will die on the job. More than 45,000 will be injured, leaving half of those injured disabled. Families of these individuals will face difficult challenges as they struggle to overcome the financial burden of these losses. Often a child's dream of going to college is crushed because of unexpected income loss and/or the necessity to forfeit an education for work to financially support other family members. To these children, the future can appear frightening. Already confronting difficult emotions, they often have to confront the hurdle of funding their education beyond high school.

Jennifer is a nursing student at McNeese State University. 21 scholarships were awarded statewide by the LBF Kids' Chance for the 2009-10 school year. For more information on LBF Kids' Chance go

to <http://www.raisingthebar.org/ProgramsAndProjects/KidsChanceProgram.asp>.



Photo caption-left to right, Kids' Chance co-chair Gary Knoepfler from Metairie, Kids' Chance scholarship recipient Jennifer Powers-Trombatore from Oberlin, LBF Board Member Patricia Krebs of New Orleans, and Kids' Chance co-chair Paul Buffone from Baton Rouge.

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