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The Home of RARE Everyday Heroes



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### BOARD MEMBER HIGHLIGHT



**Scott Hiipakka (Chairman)** is the **Chief Service Officer and Co-Owner of [Patriot Services Corporation](#)**, a national provider of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness solutions headquartered in Commerce Township, Michigan. A veteran-owned small business enterprise, Patriot Services has earned its reputation as a nationwide leader in homeland security, homeland defense, and emergency preparedness services. Scott has over 17 years of



## Free Lunch at Hockeytown – Mentors Needed



We are recruiting 40 mentors for the Winning Futures Program at **Cass Tech High School** in Detroit and 20 mentors for **Harper Woods High School**. Attend our **mentor recruitment lunch** to learn about mentoring and how to get involved.

- Friday, September 30th
- 11:00am ~ Doors Open & Lunch Served
- 11:30am-12:30pm ~ Program
- **Complimentary lunch at Hockeytown Cafe in Detroit**
- Park in the Hockeytown Parking Deck and bring your ticket in to be validated
- Invite others who are interested in mentoring!

Click [here](#) to register for the lunch.

## New Mentoring Program for Pierce Elementary in Birmingham

A new leadership and character education program will empower fourth and fifth graders at Pierce Elementary after school this fall. Winning Futures is partnering with [iMatter for Kids](#) to implement this innovative program.



This is a unique partnership with iMatter for Kids

serving in the Michigan Army National Guard where he holds the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

Scott serves as the **Chairman of the Board for Winning Futures**, is on the Board for **Leadership Oakland**, and on the State Board of Directors for **Michigan InfraGard**. Scott is a graduate of Michigan State University, holds a Graduate Certificate of Bioterrorism from Penn State University College of Medicine, and is a Master's of Homeland Security in Public Health Candidate from Penn State University.

#### **RARE EVERYDAY HERO HIGHLIGHT**



**RARE Everyday Hero, Jeff Grysen**, is a **Deputy Sheriff in Ottawa County**. Prior to that, he worked as a paramedic at the **North Ottawa Community Hospital**, where he ran ambulance calls for accidents and medical emergencies. Jeff is a loving family man and a community leader. He has organized many blood drives for the community and helped out at several pancake breakfasts to raise funds to purchase new equipment for the local fire department. Jeff puts his life on the line everyday to protect, serve and rescue. Jeff's tireless, proven commitment to his family and community makes him a **RARE Everyday Hero**.

because after each mentoring session at the school, they will host Family Workshops with the students and their parents. This is an ideal structure to bring students, parents, schools, and businesses together in the best interest of children.

**Funders are needed for this program – accepting donations large and small from individuals and companies. Donate [here](#) or contact Kris Marshall at [kris@winningfutures.org](mailto:kris@winningfutures.org).**

## **Corks & Forks**

***Tickets are now on sale for the annual Corks & Forks Wine Tasting event being held, Saturday, November 12th, 7:00pm-10:00pm at The Reserve at [Big Rock Chop House](#), in Birmingham.***



General Admission is \$85. **Over 80 wines** will be available to sample!

\*A VIP Pre-Party will be held from 5:00pm-7:00pm. VIP admission is \$125 (and includes the general admission).

**[Buy Tickets Here](#) (soon) - LAST YEAR WAS SOLD OUT!**

**For questions about the event call 586-294-8449 or click [here](#).** If you are interested in a sponsorship call Kris Marshall at 248-709-4488.



## **CRAIN'S DETROIT BUSINESS**

### **Welcome Bryan Howard to the Team!**



Winning Futures welcomes **Bryan Howard** as the program facilitator for Harper Woods and Cass Tech high schools!

Bryan, a graduate of Detroit Central High School, had an exciting 20 year career as a Hospital Corpsman in the

Navy and later transitioned into the role of Career Information Program Manager for all medical facilities in the state of Washington. His Navy highlights include willingly jumping out of helicopters, having personally met two presidents, visiting 20 countries, living in Japan, and being the first Sailor in history to win the 1st Medical Brigade, Army "Silver Knight" Senior Non-Commissioned Officer award while deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom with the Expeditionary Medical Facility Kuwait.

Bryan brings a wealth of experience and education to the Winning Futures team. He has a BS in Information Technology Management from the University of Phoenix, and an MBA from Trident University in Entrepreneurship. Prior to joining Winning Futures Bryan worked as the Process Excellence Manager for Powerlink Facilities Management Services for 4 years. During his tenure he specialized in organizational development, employee relations and training.

## A Mentor's Story



I've been a mentor for over 11 years with Winning Futures. I have had a few students who just go through the motions, working only to get the half credit for graduation. I've also seen students that already know their

path and there is very little that I need to do to help them on their way, other than to help them find the open door. **Then, there are those students that have their epiphany with you; the light comes to their eyes.** The coaching a mentor does, the stories you tell, the actions you ask them to take, and even the simple act of being there with them opens their mind and heart to a positive change. You think, my God, I been a positive influence for them; I helped them understand; I made a difference in their life. What a wonderful feeling of success!

Being a mentor made me a better parent, a better person. What more can you ask for?

**~David Fernholz – 11 Year Winning Futures Mentor**

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