

ZIPPERQ BENEFITS LOCAL BOY WITH GENETIC DISORDER

The Gordon family is working hard to raise awareness for their son, who is battling a rare genetic disorder called Fibrodysplasia Ossificans Progressiva (FOP) or "Stone Man Disease."

Zip Gordon was diagnosed with FOP in 2011 at age 4. Friends and family are hosting the second annual ZipperQ event to raise money for the International FOP Association (IFOPA) which funds FOP Research while supporting children like Zip and their families through education, advocacy and public awareness.

FOP is a rare, disabling genetic condition that affects 1 in 2 million with only 800 confirmed cases worldwide. The FOP gene mutation causes muscles to gradually turn into bone. Those affected with FOP can potentially become enclosed in a second skeleton.

The Second Annual ZipperQ will be held Oct. 5, 2013 at The Nut House on historic Route 66 in Claremore. All proceeds will go directly to the IFOPA.

At the event, Zip will draw the winning ticket for a 2013 Jeep Wrangler. To purchase a \$25 ticket, go to ZipperQ.com. Teams can also sign up to participate in the barbecue competition. To learn more, go to www.ifopa.org.

ARTCORE STUDIO STARTS IN OCTOBER

Middle school and high schools students who are interested in the creative arts, including art, installation, performance, video art and music are invited to participate in a FREE series of classes held at Living Arts, 3017 E. Brady.

ArtCore encourages students to broaden their creative horizons and create works that will culminate in a presentation in the Living Arts space. A brainstorming session will be held on Sunday, Oct. 6 at 2 p.m. at Living Arts. Classes are every Tuesday and Thursday, Oct. 8 – Nov. 15, 2013, from 4:30 – 6 p.m.

For more information about how to be involved, contact Mery McNett, ArtCore Studio coordinator at mery@livingarts.org.

"CHAPTERS" BENEFITS LITERACY LIBRARY LITERACY SERVICE

In conjunction with National Literacy Awareness Month, Tulsa City-County Library and the Tulsa Library Trust present "Chapters: A Casual Evening of Books, Bards and Bites" on Friday, Sept. 6, 6:30 p.m. at Hardesty Regional Library, 8316 E. 93rd St. The cost is \$50 per person and tickets may be reserved or are available at the door.

Attendees will enjoy food and wine, followed by coffee, from some of the area's favorite restaurants while listening to authors Deborah Crombie, Russell Lawson and Jay Jennings.

Crombie is the author of the best-selling mystery series featuring Scotland Yard Detective Inspector Duncan Kincaid and Sergeant Gemma James. Her 15th novel, "*The Sound of Broken Glass*," was on the New York Times Best Seller list in March of this year.

Lawson is a local historian and Professor of History at Bacone College in Muskogee. Lawson's 12 published books focus on exploration, science, local history and American Indian studies.

Jennings is a freelance writer whose journalism, book reviews and humor appear in many national magazines, including the New York Times, the Wall Street Journal, the Los Angeles Times, The Oxford American, and Travel & Leisure.

Authors' books will be available for purchasing with a portion of the proceeds benefiting the Ruth G. Hardman Adult Literacy Service. Call 918.549.7364 for more information or to make a reservation.

KIDS DAY OF SERVICE

Global Gardens, a non-profit organization dedicated to empowering students and communities through hands-on science education, and Whole Foods Market Tulsa are teaming up to offer kids a volunteer opportunity. The Kids Day of Service event will be held Saturday, September 14 from 9:30-11:30 a.m., at the Eugene Field Elementary School Global Gardens site, 2249 S. Phoenix Ave. Children ages 2 and up and their families are invited to help prepare the garden for the school year. Volunteers will assist with watering, weeding, pruning, mulching and painting.

In addition, a kids' zone will be available where kids can enjoy a craft, snacks and drinks. Whole Foods will provide lunch for participants.

Global Gardens serves 1,300 students at three schools in Tulsa with during-school, after-school and summer programs. They also facilitate two on-site community gardens specifically for families. Part of the goal of Global Gardens is to offer low-income students the opportunity to break the cycle of poverty by empowering them to become agents of change in their communities through inquiry-based science and peace education.

Whole Foods Market will also be donating 5 percent of their sales on that day to Global Gardens.

Pre-registration for the event is preferred. For more information and/or to register, visit <http://bit.ly/168RWSF> or call Whole Foods Market at 918-712-7555.

UTICA SQUARE HOME TOUR BENEFITS FOOD FOR KIDS

The 2013 News On 6 Concept Home by BMI Next Generation Homes has selected the Community Food Bank of Eastern Oklahoma's Food For Kids program as its beneficiary.

The home, located near Utica Square will be open for tours September 12th through September 29th, Thursdays through Saturdays from 10am - 5pm and Sundays from noon – 5pm. Tickets are \$10 and all funds raised will go to the Food for Kids program.

Tour guests are asked to park in the Utica Square lot at East 22nd Place & South Yorktown Ave where they can either walk or be shuttled to the home.

For more information, visit www.NewsOn6.com/ConceptHome