

WELLS FARGO HOME MORTGAGE COMPANY YBL TEAM

The YMCA is fortunate to have many wonderful volunteers and donors such as the coaches in the team picture. Our sports leagues could not exist without them. We would like to feature Earl Dell who has served both as a Youth Basketball league coach and team sponsor for the last several years.

Earl and his wife are the proud parents of three sons. Jason is 10, Emerson is 7 and Ryan is 3. Family time is extremely important to them. Hence they are very involved in their children's lives. Earl also helps with baseball and football leagues run by other organizations.

When asked why Earl and his boys keep coming back to the YMCA his reply was very thoughtful. "The YMCA brings to the table a culture where our kids not only learn the fundamentals of the game, they learn to love the game. The focus is not on winning. Everyone gets to play and we work as a unit. If children have a strong foundation they are more likely to stay in the sport. So often, they lose interest because there is just too much pressure. I love the diversity that the Y offers too. We have coed teams, children of all color and backgrounds, foster children and kids from different school systems. Great friendships are made because of this opportunity."

Earl and his family live in Frankfort. He has worked in the mortgage business for the last 18 years. He is currently with Cherry Creek Mortgage Company, working out of Schaumburg. He hopes to open an office in the Joliet area within the next year. Earl is a true believer of his corporate philosophy; "Our purpose is to build and become a great company. In this process we aspire to positively impact the lives of those individuals who come into contact with our organization, and to honor God in all that we do." No wonder Earl makes such a great partner for the YMCA in fulfilling its mission to put Christian principle into practice by developing relationships among all persons and providing programs that build healthy spirits, minds and bodies. Thank you Earl! We couldn't do it without you!



**Smith Family YMCA
2009 Basketball Season**

Team sponsor and Coach Earl Dell is pictured in the right upper hand corner with his son Weston. Assistant Coach Wayne Szara is in the left upper hand corner with son Jason. (not pictured is Assistant Coach Mike Herlihy - Mike Jr. is also on the team.)

YMCA Facts

- 1,092 Kids Participated in our Youth Basketball League in 2008
- Leagues are offered for Kindergarten - High School Levels
- In YMCA Youth Sports... Everybody Wins & Everybody Plays
- 144 Volunteer Coaches Donate Their Time to the 7 Week Program
- 33 Local Businesses were Sponsors for the 2009 Season



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We build strong kids,
strong families, strong communities.