

## KIP HITS IT OUT OF THE PARK FOR THE GOLDEN BEAR BASH!

Upper Arlington High School principal Kip Greenhill and his wife, Katy, have been named honorary chairs of this year's 5<sup>th</sup> annual *Golden Bear Bash!*, the Upper Arlington Education Foundation's big end-of-the-year summer celebration. This year's festive party, in a new location, will be held on Labor Day weekend, Sunday, September 4, at the Huntington Park, home of the Columbus Clippers, in the Arena District.

Community members are invited to come on down to the park and eat great food with friends, dance to the sounds of the Restorables and Good Company, and bid on exceptional live and silent auction items. Please preview these items on the event website [GoldenBearBash.com](http://GoldenBearBash.com). All this fun happens while raising funds to benefit the Upper Arlington Education Foundation (UAEF), a not-for-profit organization that promotes excellence in public education for the school age children of Upper Arlington through a permanent endowment fund. Last year's *Bash!* was a smash, and raised close to \$90,000 in unrestricted funds, to be used for UAEF grants in traditional classroom programs as well as in arts, athletics and special area programs, where costs exceed the school district's budget.

*Bash!* co-chairperson and UAEF Trustee Alice Finley promises that there's something for everyone in both the live and silent auctions, including vacation homes, labor services, sporting event tickets, golf, art and jewelry. This year's *Bash!* has a special raffle where purchasers will have the opportunity to "go to the diamond for a diamond."• Finley said. Purchasers of these raffle tickets will take to Huntington field with a bat and take pitches from the Clippers' staff and also receive a Cracker Jack© box that might hold the lucky ticket for winning a diamond necklace.

Greenhill will be entering his 17th and final year as principal at Upper Arlington High School (UAHS) this year, making him the school's longest serving principal. The foundation is thrilled to have Kip and Katy playing such an important role in the *Bash!* this year, according to Joanie Dugger, Executive Director of the UAEF. "The UAEF works closely with all of the schools in the district and Kip is a great example of our reciprocal relationship," said Dugger.

"I hope I can help let people in our community know how much the Foundation does and support their work in any way possible. In the last few years, they have helped UAHS fund projects that we would not have been able to implement otherwise," Greenhill said. Examples include a pilot math calculator program, stage production lighting, and seed money for the "Upper Arlington High School for Smarties" student guide.

*Bash!* Co-Chairpersons Finley and Nicki Guy say dress for the 7:00 – 11:00 p.m. September 4 event at the ball park, located at 330 Huntington Park Lane in the Arena District, is casual evening wear. General admission *Bash!* tickets are \$50 and are available by downloading a reservation form or via Paypal at [GoldenBearBash.com](http://GoldenBearBash.com). Reservations are requested by August 26th. If you or your company would like to be a

part of the *Bash!*, sponsorships and donations to the silent or live auction are still being accepted. Please contact UAEF Executive Director Joanie Dugger for questions at 487-5007, ext 1120, or [bearalums@aol.com](mailto:bearalums@aol.com). For all details of the event and to make your reservation, please visit [GoldenBearBash.com](http://GoldenBearBash.com).

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