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18 SHARP scholarships honor Russ Darrow, Jr.

This past spring, Russ Darrow, Jr. — “The Real Deal” — celebrated a special birthday. Many will remember that Russ was SHARP Literacy’s first official annual campaign chair in 2006–2007, and co-chaired the 2007–2008 annual campaign as well. Both Russ and his wife Sue have been strong supporters of SHARP for many years and held the first fundraiser for the organization in their home. To mark his birthday, many of Russ and Sue’s friends made donations to SHARP in honor of Russ. Thanks to Russ and the generous donors listed below, 18 students from some of Milwaukee’s most challenging neighborhoods will be able to learn to read and write through the SHARP program.

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Jason Allen is a partner with Foley & Lardner LLP, and is a member of the Finance & Financial Institutions and Private Equity & Venture Capital Practices and the Energy Industry Team. His practice focuses in the areas of mergers and acquisitions, private equity, finance and general corporate and commercial law, with a particular emphasis on transactions in the energy industry.

Joel G. Nettesheim, CPA

Joel Nettesheim is a Principal in the Business Advisory Services Group at SVA Certified Public Accountants. He is experienced in financial and tax issues as well as valuation and litigation matters.

Michael P. O’Neil

Michael O’Neil is a partner in the Business Practice Group at Michael Best & Friedrich. He concentrates his practice on matters concerning business and tax law, specializing in mergers and acquisitions, joint ventures, structuring and formation of real estate and operating businesses, business succession planning and general corporate and partnership matters.

Manuel Perez

Manny Perez is president and owner of JNA Staffing, the eighth largest staffing corporation in the Milwaukee area. He possesses 14 years of experience in the HR field and is the former North America Product Manager for Manpower USA Managed Services Solutions. He is a Bravo Innovation Award 2010 Recipient.

We thank them for their time and expertise. They are joining a group of very talented individuals. Each of our board members bring a mix of skills and expertise, and they share a passion for helping the children of our community become better readers, better writers and better citizens. ■