



Club Connections

Welcome to Club Connections, our quarterly newsletter to share what has been going on at the Club the last few months! Enjoy!

Inspiring Impacts

Targeted Programming creates our premier Club experience!



Academic Success

S.T.E.A.M was in full swing this past quarter! A highlight for youth was learning to use a microscope. Club members learned how mirrors and light were combined to magnify an object. They looked at wool, an onion bulb and even learned about different parts of a cell by looking at frog's blood inspiring many to consider a future in biology. The Club is happy to encourage career exploration in the sciences.

Good Character & Citizenship

Club members give back each month through our Torch Club and Keystone Programs. One service project organized this past quarter was a visit to Pavilion of Waukegan Nursing Home. Youth spent time with the residents, learning about their lives and decorating cupcakes with them. Youth learned to interact with those in a different stage of life and brought joy to all the residents!



Healthy Lifestyles

Our Cooking Matters program with Rosalind Franklin University has been a hit! Youth learned to make things like Pita Pizzas, Orange Chicken with Broccoli, Black Bean Burritos, Fruit Smoothies and even had a full farm-to-table experience using vegetables from our Club garden to make Turkey, Lettuce and Tomato Sandwiches with avocado! Some of the Club members had never tried some of the food items before these classes. Our volunteers, Isabel and Alicia, really expanded the cooking skills of our youth, and their taste buds too!

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Youth of the Year

Our candidates for the 2019 Youth of the Year (YOY) and Junior Youth of the Year competitions are busy at work on their essays and speeches! This year each YOY candidate has been assigned an individual mentor to assist them with their presentation and writing skills. The youth are very appreciative of having a special mentor to help them succeed. There are many great candidates and it is going to be a tough competition on February 18!



You Care, We Share

Our Club family wouldn't be complete without our donors and volunteers!

Our Club youth are so grateful for this past holiday season!



Gabriel Viti, owner of Miramar Bistro in Highwood, graciously provided 14 of our youth a holiday experience they will never forget. Their special day included a shopping spree, lunch and holiday movie! Our youth were so grateful for new clothes and the wonderful, memorable day! Thank you, Mr. Viti and family, for impacting our youth with this great holiday experience and much needed gifts of clothing.

Oakdale Club Site celebrated one of our very special volunteers, Mr. Chris, by presenting him with a certificate for completing over 200 hours of service to youth at our Club! There is no question the impact Chris has made on our youth and the excitement they feel when he walks into the Club! Thank you, Mr. Chris, for being a part of our Club family and helping our youth succeed in school!



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Our Alumni are living Great Futures!



Giselle (far left) and some of her teammates of the Wheeling Jesuit Cheer Team

My name is Giselle Baca and I was Youth of the Year 2016 for Boys & Girls Club of Lake County. I'm currently a junior attending Wheeling Jesuit University in Wheeling, West Virginia. Some of the important roles I play at the University is help get freshmen accustomed to school as a Student Ambassador, and during Football and Basketball season I cheer for my fellow peers and friends. I study business management and minor in psychology, hoping to start or work for a non-profit just like Boys & Girls Club. It's crazy to think that at one time I thought college wasn't a possibility considering the fact that my parents never completed their education and money was tight. However, the Club reassured me that everything would be okay. They helped me apply for scholarships and look into schools that would benefit me and what I wanted to study. I'm glad to have met so many wonderful people at the Club that allowed me to ask questions and even helped me choose the college that I go to now. Being surrounded by a group of diverse, positive and driven people exposed me to different opportunities at school, like cheerleading, trying to play rugby and even becoming the President of the Spanish Club my freshman year of college. I have no words to explain how much the Club has supported me and continues to support me through my college career. Fortunately, my time at the Club hasn't come to an end. During my school breaks and summers, I continue to volunteer and visit my Club, hoping to make the same impact on other people because great futures really do start here.

Club Corner

Building a Great Future for our Club!



BGCLC and LEARN Charter School Network were thrilled to partner in opening an After School program in North Chicago this past September at the LEARN 6 School site. The Club is excited to serve more youth in North Chicago. BGCLC was awarded a 21st Century Community Learning Center grant by the Illinois State Board of Education to operate After School and Summer Programs, in alignment with the missions of both BGCLC and LEARN 6. This Club program will help support learning and promote the success of North Chicago youth.

Club Corner (continued)

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Our Holiday Season was definitely Merry and Bright thanks to the generosity of our donor community! We were able to distribute 918 gifts, 257 pieces of outerwear (coats, hoodies and winter gear), snacks, pizza parties and priceless holiday cheer to our youth who might not have had a wonderful holiday season otherwise! From donations to wrapping and party planning, thank you to all of our generous Club friends and volunteers who made this holiday season one our youth will always remember!



Don't forget to reserve your seat at our Annual Benefit "A Marvelous Affair"! Our benefit will take place on Saturday, March 9th at the Deer Path Inn, Lake Forest. As our Club's "superhero" you will enjoy cocktails, dinner, auction, dancing and live music by Final Say! Reserve a seat (or table) after January 22nd by visiting hero2019.givesmart.com

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