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BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF GREATER ST. LOUIS

2nd Quarter News 2016

Academic Success | Good Character & Citizenship | Healthy Lifestyles

Member Wins New Award

To honor her extraordinary leadership, the brother and sister-in-law of one of our most dedicated board members and supporters, Joan Silber, celebrated her recent birthday by giving back to the community she serves. Joan's family contacted BGCSTL to establish the Joan Ellyn Silber Award for Volunteerism and Leadership, an endowment gift that will provide an award to a deserving young woman who demonstrates outstanding volunteerism and leadership each year. The FIRST and 2016 award recipient is Jennifer Stanford from our Herbert Hoover Club! She was one of four Club applicants who wrote an essay and presented before a panel of judges how their involvement with the Club, volunteerism and leadership helped them overcome life's challenges. She will receive a \$1,000 scholarship.

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

[Jim Butler Golf Tournament](#)
Monday, June 20, 2016
Country Club of St. Albans



Annual Recognition Event

Wednesday, June 1, 2016
Third Degree Glass Factory

Youth Tackle Football

Registration begins May 16th
Call for details 335.8000.

Soccer Smash

Adams Park Club
May 14, 2016
Call for details 335.8204.

Summer Camps full of Fun!

Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater St. Louis offers one of the most affordable, comprehensive, extended, high quality summer day camp programs in the St. Louis area. Our summer campers, ages 6-18, are exposed to a variety of learning and participate in educational, recreational, and social activities as well as field trips, social recreation, and cultural activities on-site and in the community. Day camp will be held across seven Clubs this summer at a St. Louis City or County location near you. Start dates and times vary by location, REGISTER NOW, [here](#).



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50 Years of Building Great Futures
1967-2017

Summer Camps

GREAT FUTURES START HERE.

"What first drew me in about the Boys & Girls Club was that I could finally be myself...It was okay to start being myself."

Jyra Robinson
Club Member

Summer Program at Riverview Gardens Club

Thanks to the generosity of the Regional Business Council, United Way and St. Louis Social Venture Partners, the Boys

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& Girls Clubs of Greater St. Louis will operate a summer program to serve youth attending Glasgow and Highland Elementary schools in the Riverview School District. The camp location, known as Riverview Gardens Club, will be held at 174 Shepley Drive. If your child attends one of the two mentioned elementary schools, community partners have made it possible for students to attend the 2016 summer camp for a membership fee of \$25 only. For more information, call 314.335.8275.

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SUMMER CAMPS ENROLLING NOW!
Swim • Sports • Activities • STEM

The summer camp season is here and the Boys & Girls Clubs will be offering day camp at a St. Louis City and County location near you. Our summer camp offers youth ages 6-11 a fun and dynamic experience that will spark creativity, engagement, and exploration through learning activities mixed with tons of fun, swimming, teen and STEM programs as well as field trips.

GREAT FUTURES START HERE.

Riverview Gardens Club
314.335.8275
Highland Elementary School
174 Shepley Drive
St. Louis, MO 63137
June 8, 2016 - July 29, 2016
7:30 AM - 5:30 PM

Register TODAY!
For more information, visit www.bgcestl.org or call the CLUB closest to you.

Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater St. Louis (314) 335.8000 www.bgcestl.org

Grammy Award Winner Offers Music Studio

New this year to three of the Clubs (Herbert Hoover Club in north St. Louis City, Southeast Middle School Club in Hazelwood, and Ferguson Middle School Club) is an innovative songwriter residency with Grammy Award-winning producer/songwriter Alonzo "Zo" Lee. The residency is a mentorship program that will work in conjunction with the Boys & Girls Clubs "Music Studio" initiative to provide a platform for students to collaborate with professional songwriters and producers. Students will also be fully engaged in the songwriting/recording process and create a song from start to finish. Community partner, Ex'treme

JOIN THE CLUB

LOCATIONS

Adams Park Club
314.633.7900
4317 Vista Avenue
St. Louis, MO 63110

Ferguson Middle School Club
314.335.8330
701 January Avenue
St. Louis, MO 63135

Hebert Hoover Club
314.335.8000
2901 N. Grand Ave.
St. Louis, MO 63107

O'Fallon Park Club
314.932.1371
4343 West Florissant
St. Louis, MO 63115

Southeast Middle School Club
314.953.7795
918 Prigge Road
St. Louis, MO 63138

Twillman Elem. School Club
314.335.8350
11831 Bellefontaine Road
St. Louis, MO 63138

Special Initiatives:

Mentor St. Louis
Be Great Graduate
Normandy & Roosevelt High Schools
314.335.8140

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For more information or with questions, contact Shuntae Shields Ryan, VP, Marketing & Communications via phone 314.335.8009 or [email](mailto:shuntae@bgcestl.org).

Institute by Nelly will host the students for a tour and a recording session in their state-of-the-art recording facility, Studio X.



Volunteer Opportunity

OASIS is looking for CATCH Healthy Habits volunteers to help reduce the childhood obesity rate by serving a healthy snack, teaching a nutrition lesson and leading active games. For one hour per week for eight weeks, join a team of OASIS CATCH Healthy Habits volunteers to encourage children to lead healthier lifestyles. Training and all supplies provided. For more information, contact Shelby at 314.653.4092.



Fund Helps Keep Youth on Track to Graduate

In 2014, St. Louis County Children's Service Fund awarded \$350,000 for the launch of the "BE GREAT: Graduate" program at Normandy High School. This initiative targets high school students most vulnerable for dropping out of school

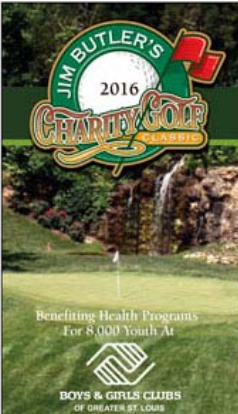
with the goal of providing the support needed to make a successful transition from middle to high school, and keeping them on track to graduate, one of the areas Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater St. Louis specializes in. As a result of the program's success, the investment was renewed for another year making it possible for the program to continue. BE GREAT: Graduate also operates at Roosevelt High School and together serves a total of 309 students.



Jim Butler Golf Tournament

The annual Jim Butler Golf Tournament is June 20, 2016 at the Country Club of St. Albans. The event will be fun-filled and include afternoon tee times, lunch, live and silent auctions, dinner and awards program. Both courses will be available for the tournament. One of the most anticipated Club events of the year, the tournament has helped increase Club awareness and raise funds for Health and Life Skills programs. There's still time to support by sponsoring, purchasing a foursome or donating items for the auction. For more information, call Jawana Reid-Lesch at 314.335.8011 or click [here](#).

Save The Date



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All of us at the Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater St. Louis look forward to your continued support as you play in the

Jim Butler's Charity Golf Classic 2016

Four Player - Scramble
Monday, June 20, 2016

Country Club of St. Albans
(3165 St. Albans Road, St. Albans, MO 63073)

Afternoon Tee Times Available
Includes Golf, Lunch, Auction, Dinner & Awards Program

For Information Contact Ruth Lederman At:
314-335-8008 or Email: ruth@bgcstl.org

Both Courses Are Available For This Event,
Twice As Many Tee Times, So Invite Your Friends!




Table for Four Recap

More than 300 guests turned out in support of young women at the annual Table for Four luncheon. With “Teens” as the theme of the day, guests heard from BGCSTL Leadership and St. Louis Surge Owner, Khalia Collier, about the importance of teen programming and how to inspire teens. The inaugural Joan Elynn Silber Award for Volunteerism and Leadership was also awarded to a teen, Jennifer Sandford, for her exceptional demonstration of those qualities. A record-breaking \$61,000 was raised in support of teen programs at the Club, including SMART Girls, Keystone and Torch Club, and Junior Staff. A huge thanks to our event chairs Leann Chilton, Nancy Lieberman, and Susan Stith for their leadership.



Casino Night Recap

Thanks to the guests and sponsors who supported the 5th annual Casino Night hosted by the Friends of the Club! The event attracted over 225 young professionals and supporters who enjoyed an evening of casino games, live music from Mirage Entertainment, food and fun. Guests also heard an original song performed by Herbert Hoover Club members and from Sahdiyah who shared her personal Club experience. Nearly \$29,000 was raised to benefit after school programs. Join the Friends of the Club, [here](#).



Partner Spotlight Taco Bell

Five teens from Ferguson Middle School Club, along with four teens from St Charles Boys & Girls Club were selected to participate in a career day event allowing them to interact with Taco Bell management and employees. Our youth were tasked with completing a short bio to present in front of a room of fifty employees providing them with information about who they are and what they would like to accomplish in the future. From the biographies submitted we discovered a future NBA Player, Cosmetologist, Astrophysicist, Veterinarian and Artist. For their participation in the event, Taco Bell surprised each member with backpacks filled with items to assist them in their journey. Items included were a telescope, kindle fire, drawing kit, cosmetology kit, clothing items, and much more!



Member Spotlight

Treasure W., age 10, has been a Club member for three years. Early in the school year, she struggled with completing her classwork and homework as well as verbally expressing herself. This is when she was matched with mentor, Debbie B. who stepped in to help Treasure during her difficult times. Sessions between Treasure and her mentor consisted of math and reading comprehension activities as well as completing her homework and classwork. Consequently, Treasure's third quarter report card shows major improvement. Her Language grade jumped from a "C" to "B" and the progress continues.



Mentor Moment

Kevin P., age 10, has been a participant in our Mentor St. Louis program for over a year. Prior to this school year, Kevin had several incidents with controlling his behavior in class and teachers expressed that he was not completing his homework on time. Knowing this information, he was matched with veteran mentor - Troy Stewart. Kevin and Troy practiced reading and comprehension skills while using our Mentor St. Louis curriculum. During Boys & Girls Club Week, Kevin participated in a group activity where he had to read aloud in front of a group of his peers and due to the hard work he put in with his mentor, did a wonderful job. His teacher's also shared that his success with the activity, combined with his school work is directly connected to his mentor, Troy. Now Kevin is reading at grade level and his report card reflects he's making B's in all of his core classes and an "A" in Science.



Equipping Youth to Become Adults

Over 90 members had a wonderful time at the SMART Girls conference! They participated in a community service project, workshops on internet safety, team building, DJ'ing with DJ Nico and fashion on a dime. During lunch members enjoyed words shared by keynote speaker, Marquita Chapman, Motivational Speaker. Thanks to all parents/guardians who were in attendance who enjoyed talking with Detective Amy Myers of the St. Louis County Police, making homemade body scrubs and sipping fruit infused detox water. The conference is held annually, free to Club members and features sessions that empower and educate girls on how to become successful young women.



New Grants Supporting Programs

BGCSTL is the recipient of multiple grants that will support our efforts to inspire and enable youth to realize their full potential as productive, responsible and caring citizens. The financial support helps drive results in our three priority outcome areas: Academic Success, Good Character & Citizenship, and Healthy Lifestyles. The following recently

made contributions:

- YMCA and the City of St. Louis – Department of Parks, Recreation and Forestry: \$100,000 toward general operations at the O’Fallon Park Club
- St. Louis County: \$30,000 toward general operations at the Southeast Middle School Club
- Boys & Girls Clubs of America and the ZAC Foundation: \$10,000 toward the ZAC Camp swimming program
- Boys & Girls Clubs of America and UPS Foundation: \$17,000 toward the UPS Road Code program
- Boys & Girls Clubs of America and America’s Best Contacts & Eyeglasses through National Vision, Inc.: \$3,000 toward the vision clinic
- The United Way – Combined Federal Campaign: \$5,406 toward general operations
- Suburban Journals/Old Newsboys - \$1,000 toward the dental clinic at the Herbert Hoover Club, and \$1,000 toward Triple Play and sports programming
- Good Sports and the Dr. Pepper Snapple Group: \$20,097.04 toward sports and recreation equipment
- P&G Fund of The Greater Cincinnati Foundation: \$6,500 toward SMART Girls health and life skills programming
- Saigh Foundation: \$10,000 toward SMART Girls health and life skills programming
- Mysun Charitable Foundation: \$50,000 toward summer camp programming at the Ferguson Middle School Club
- InterVarsity Christian Fellowship/USA: \$15,000 toward leadership and character development programs

Thanks to our 2nd Quarter Donors for their generous support!

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