2013 YEAR END REVIEW

BOYS & GIRLS CLUB
Premieres “The Club” Movie at the Overture Center featuring Club members and Community Supporters

In May we rolled out the red carpet to premiere our collaborative film, “The Club” in Overture Hall at the Overture Center for the Arts. The movie focuses on eleven teenagers from Dane County who are joined together by the bonds and friendship of “The Club”, however, they are faced with the everyday struggles that go beyond the doors of the Boys & Girls Club. In the film they are faced with challenges and tough decisions as they pursue their dreams to go to college and become successful adults.

Our Club kids put a lot of work into this film and we were honored that over 1,000 people from the community graced us with their presence at the premiere. Guests were able to meet and mingle with the starring cast that featured members of the Boys & Girls Club of Dane County. The supporting cast included Mayor Soglin, Captain Joe Balles, Tim Metcalfe, Darrell Buzzell, Rebecca St. James, Oscar Mireles and Sonya Forsythe.

Since the premiere the movie has been featured at other local Boys & Girls Clubs in Wisconsin in conjunction with a study guide to encourage discussion.

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Campers Train and Compete in All-Star Baseball Tournaments

This year our Club campers were given the opportunity to create and build two baseball teams through our Badges for Baseball program partnered with the Cal Ripken Foundation and the Madison Police Department. Campers were challenged not only athletically, but also socially. Both teams were able to play in an all-star game at the Mallards ballpark, in addition, four of our campers had the opportunity to be flown to Baltimore, Maryland to compete nationally.

According to WISCAPe, Students who have participated in our AVID/TOPS program for a minimum of three years have a 96% likely hood of graduating on time.

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Kids Read Over 110,000 Pages Over the Summer

100% of our summer camp attendees participated in our Seven Book Summer reading challenge, in which each camper was encouraged to read at least 7 books. Our members read over 110,000 pages and over 2,400 books! Every member read at least 7 books each and over half read 10 or more. Our members took trips to the library and had the opportunity to check out their own books. More than 70% of the students self-reported that they felt good about reading and about 60% reported that they liked reading more than they expected. In addition, we also gave away over 1,300 books.

Serves Over 650 Youth in 2013 Summer Camp Program

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It was an amazing summer for more than 650 youth at the Boys & Girls Club. Because of supporters like you, we were able to keep our doors open 460 hours during the summer and expand our summer camp programming to serve the Theresa Terrace Community, which has undergone significant changes in the last five years. We partnered with the City of Madison and Prairie Hills Neighborhood Association to offer the youth of this community programming such as summer learning loss prevention, healthy lifestyle choices and activities, arts, and positive relationship building between both peers and adults. In addition, over 190 Club campers were able to partake in our Creative and Performing Arts (CAPA) Program, including drama, media arts, choir, drum line, dance, music production, and spoken word. CAPA participants performed over 18 times at various venues across the state, including the Wisconsin State Fair, Brat Fest, the Madison Children’s Museum’s Summer Palooza, and the Wisconsin Dells Festivals.

Provides Opportunities for Teens to Experience Paid Internships and Career Exploration

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Summer proved to be a productive and educational experience for 32 teens in the AVID/TOPS program who received the opportunity to participate in paid summer internships. The teens earned valuable real-world work experience at local businesses such as BMO Harris Bank, City of Madison, Fiskars, Great Lakes Higher Education Guarantee Corporation, Heiberg, Madison Gas & Electric, Madison Metropolitan School District, Saris Cycling Group, St. Mary’s Hospital, United Way of Dane County, UW Hospital and Clinics, Wisconsin Institutes for Discovery, and more. An additional 26 teens were given the opportunity to participate in paid summer internships. In addition, over 190 Club campers were able to integrate this knowledge into implementing a healthier lifestyle for them and their families.

College Club Program is 1 of 3 Club Programs in the Nation Recognized for Improvements in Reading & Math Scores

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BG was one of three Clubs in the nation to receive the National Merit Award for Education Programming from Boys & Girls Clubs of America. For the 2012/2013 academic year 82% of our middle school College Club members improved their reading and math scores by .5 points or more. Our Verona High School College Club members’ cumulative GPA’s rose by an average of .25 points and reading/m math scores increased by over .3 points on a 1-4 point scale. In addition, student attendance increased by an average of 1% and students maintained an attendance rate of 96%.

Learning Through Sustainable Gardening

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Our campers were given the opportunity to learn about sustainable urban gardening. In partnership with organizations like Growing Power Madison and Black Hawk Church, campers learned how to grow nutritious food, learned about food systems through cooking education, and the value and intricacies of gardening. Overall, campers were able to integrate this knowledge into implementing a healthier lifestyle for them and their families.