



#### 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 Bazzell, 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.



BGC  
was able to serve over  
43,000 meals to nearly 3,000  
kids in 2013



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



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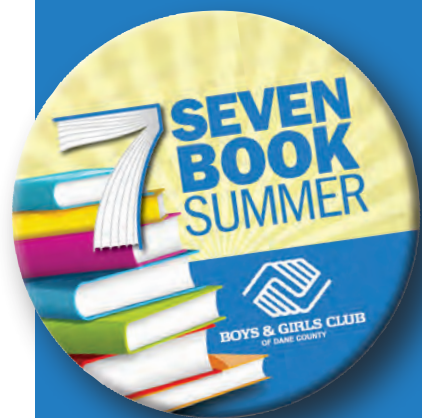
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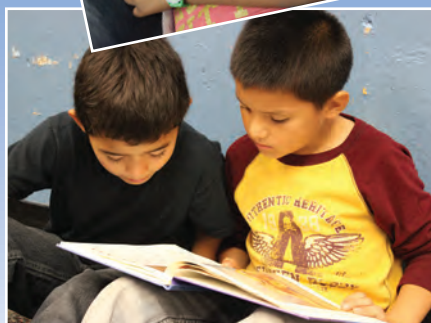
**2013 YEAR END REVIEW**





## BOYS & GIRLS CLUB 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.



## BOYS & GIRLS CLUB Serves Over 650 Youth in 2013 Summer Camp Program

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.

**BGC**  
Received the National  
Boys & Girls Clubs of America  
Gateway Award for Program  
Innovation

## BOYS & GIRLS CLUB Provides Opportunities for Teens to Experience Paid Internships and Career Exploration

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 Guaranty Corporation, Hiebing, 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 our 6-week Career Exploration Program. Teens were able to engage in fields such as law, health care, retail, criminal justice, and performing arts. In addition, the teens toured several workplaces including the Filament Games, Isthmus Publishing, Madison Environmental, Madison Police Department, and The Overture Center for the Arts, UW libraries, and UW Hospitals and Clinics.

Boys & Girls Club, in partnership with the Madison Metropolitan School District, received an independent assessment from the Wisconsin Center for the Advancement of Postsecondary Education (WISCAPE). The assessment shows strong gains and improvements made in the areas of academic performance, attendance, and behavior for Boys & Girls Club high school students enrolled in the AVID/TOPS program. Findings of the assessment will be released in early December.

Our  
College Preparatory  
program has continued to see  
great results in our kids! 98% of  
our AVID/TOPS Class of 2013  
graduated from high  
school.

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

BGC 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/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%.

BGC presented "Promising Practices from  
Boys & Girls Club of Dane County Educational Programming" to the  
Department of Education in Washington, D.C. BGC lead a delegation which  
included Dean Gorrell, Verona High School Superintendent and Joe Gothard,  
Former Madison Metropolitan School District Assistant  
Superintendent.

## BOYS & GIRLS CLUB Provides Hundreds of Back Packs for Dane County Youth



Our Ready, Set, Go Back to School Event was a great success. BGC in partnership with many community groups including Fiskars, First Business Rosenberry Society, National Guardian Life Insurance, CUNA Mutual Group, Madison Dental Initiative, KIDSGIVE, and many more helped us provide hundreds of backpacks filled with supplies to Boys & Girls Club members in order to ensure they were excited and ready to go back to school with everything needed to make this a successful school year.



## BOYS & GIRLS CLUB Learning Through Sustainable Gardening

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.



## BOYS & GIRLS CLUB Making a Difference through Miles

Many of our Club campers and their families were given the opportunity to participate in our record-breaking 2013 Bike for Boys & Girls Club event! Kids cheered riders on, and performed at our post-ride party. Club members, riders, volunteers and community partners helped make this year's Bike for BGC the most successful in the history of the Club with over 1,000+ rider participation, raising over \$390,000!



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**TODAY!**