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### BOYS & GIRLS CLUB Our New Home!

During January of 2015, the Boys & Girls Club administrative office moved into a new space. We are so appreciative of John Livesey and the Livesey Corporation for providing us with our new administrative office space for \$1 per year for the next five years. By providing this space, we have been able to expand our Taft Street location to provide more services to more members. A huge thank you to all of the donors who helped provide the furniture, technology equipment, electrical support and more!

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## Transforming Lives: High School Student Receives \$100,000 Scholarship for College

Thanks to the generosity of John and Jo Ellen McKenzie, Al Toon and Steve and Aaron Olsen, 3 high school students were awarded \$115,000 in scholarship funds. The third place finalist received \$5,000, the second place finalist received \$10,000 and the first place finalist (Cristhabel Martinez, a senior at West High School), was awarded \$100,000. Martinez current works two jobs to help support her family due to both her parents suffering from major illnesses. "This is really going to open up a lot of opportunities in the future for my family, especially my younger sister, and I'll be able to set an example for her and be a role model," Martinez said. She plans to go to the University of Wisconsin- Madison and study social work, later becoming a lawyer.



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## BOYS & GIRLS CLUB Making Waves!

Thanks to the partnership of the Shelley Glover Foundation, the Boys and Girls Club of Dane County, the Irwin A. and Robert D. Goodman Foundation and Madison Parks, Goodman Pool had another successful summer swim program. By working together, the organizations have helped remove barriers of transportation and cost to provide swim lessons to a more racial and socio-economic diverse group of children. The program is designed to teach children to swim and to be safe and confident around water. Through this program, staff at Goodman Pool provided swim lessons to over 200 participants from the Boys and Girls Club of Dane County this summer.

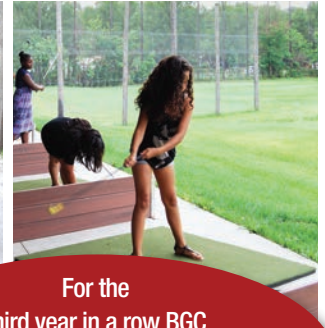


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### Hole in One! Exploring Our First Tee Partnership

Teens from the Boys & Girls Club of Dane County participated year round with the First Tee program. Teens participated in the DRIVE program, which is designed to provide a fun, engaging program that introduces youth to golf and exposes them to the behaviors associated with The First Tee's Nine Core Values (respect, courtesy, responsibility, honesty, sportsmanship, confidence, judgment, perseverance, and integrity). Using modified golf equipment, kids are exposed to these core value behaviors through games and sports they may already be familiar with, such as baseball, football, bowling and tennis; however, these games are modified to incorporate the four basic golf shots – putt, chip, pitch, and full swing.



For the  
third year in a row BGC  
received the National Boys & Girls Clubs  
of America Gateway Award for program  
innovation

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### Take Me Out to Ballgame... Badges for Baseball

Boys & Girls Club of Dane County celebrated our fourth year of Badges for Baseball through the Cal Ripken Sr. Foundation. Badges for Baseball was created in collaboration with the U.S. Department of Justice as a juvenile crime prevention initiative. It's a simple concept: pair cops and kids together to play and learn. Boys & Girls Club of Dane County has worked to enhance the relationship between law enforcement and kids in Dane County using baseball as the hook. Law enforcement officers become guest coaches/instructors, using team sports and our Healthy Choices Healthy Children curriculum to teach important lessons about teamwork, communication, respect, and leadership that can be used both on and off the field. The season culminates with a final game played at the Duck Pond at Warner Park and four youth are chosen to fly to Maryland to participate in the Cal Ripken Sr. Foundation's Summer Baseball Camp.

In addition to our Summer Program, members of Badges for Baseball participated in a college day experience. This one-day event provided BG CDC members with their first exposure to college life and all that it has to offer. Important elements of each college day include: a tour on campus; interaction with student athletes, educational and athletic activities; guest speakers and special presentations, opportunity for youth to discuss avenues toward higher education; and exposure to life-long opportunities.

In 2015 BGC  
expanded from 4,400 members to  
over 5,000 members served, a 13% increase  
over the previous year.

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### 2015 Youth and Unity Summit

On Sunday April 26th, The Boys and Girls Club (as well as the African-American Council of Churches of Greater Madison, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, and Umoja Magazine and many others) hosted a youth summit in response to the fatal shooting of Tony Robinson here in Madison. The summit served to address concerns of youth as well as serving as a platform to educate and empower students in the Madison community.

The event, hosted at Memorial high school, gathered more than 1,000 students from all over Madison. Throughout the afternoon, the summit featured a pep rally and concert (with acts like rapper Bow Wow, Damon Williams, Michael Alexander, and Big Whiskey) as well as a town hall discussion. The discussions covered topics from the justice system to equity. Students came from Middleton, Verona, Sun Prairie, Madison Memorial and East high schools.



## BOYS & GIRLS CLUB Youth of the Year

This past January, BGDC hosted its Youth of the Year Event. Youth of the Year is a Boys & Girls Club of America Program designed to showcase the best and brightest youth each club, state and region has. Youth of the Year finalists are teens aged 14-18 with regular Club attendance for at least two years and must exhibit exemplary qualities in the areas of Leadership, Character and Service, Academic Excellence and Healthy Lifestyles. Candidates complete an extensive application process including writing personal essays on his/her Club Experience, Vision for America's Youth and Personal Brand in addition to collecting letters of recommendation.

Our youth represented the Club, College Club Verona, and TOPS (Teens of Promise) East, West, LaFollette and Memorial. The judges had their work cut out for them as each youth nominated was deserving of the award. After considering personal interviews and public speeches delivered in front of Youth of the Year attendees, the judges named Ayanna Wilnewic as the Youth of the Year. Ayanna is a junior at West High School. In addition to the award, Ayanna was given a \$1000 college scholarship and advanced to the State level Youth of the Year held in Madison on March 2nd and March 3rd.

Each candidate earned his/her nomination and demonstrated that s/he is an exceptional youth in our community. Thien Huong Thi Vuong was named first-runner up and awarded a \$250 scholarship. Jonathon F. Lemos Castillo was named second-runner up and awarded a \$250 scholarship. The additional candidates were each awarded \$100 scholarship. The following are the additional candidates: Alyssa Ivy, Sarah Burns-Cruz, and Tatiana Jefferson.



99 % of  
our seniors in our college-  
prep program graduated and 85% are in  
college this semester

## BOYS & GIRLS CLUB Exploring the Working World

With the goal helping our Club members explore a variety of careers, make sound educational decisions and prepare for the world of work, BGDC has dedicated much of 2015 to CareerLaunch, BGCA's premier career development program. Providing a range of services to help Club members develop the skills essential for workforce success. This includes not only getting and keeping a job, but also finding a career that fits each member's interests and talents. Over 50 teens participated and completed the Career Launch program in 2015.

## BOYS & GIRLS CLUB Exploring Careers: Behind the Scenes

Through our partnerships with Madison Public Schools, The Dane County Executive's Office, and over 30 businesses, over 200 high school teens and college enrolled students had the opportunity to earn wages and experience through summer internships and career exposure within our community. We are thankful to companies such as BMO Harris Bank, Culvers, CUNA Mutual Group, Dane County Government, Epic, Madison Museum of Contemporary Art, UW Athletics, UW Hospitals and Clinics, Wegner CPAs, and Wipfli.



## BOYS & GIRLS CLUB Gardening 1:0:1

Starting back in 2011 BGDC has partnered with UW Slow Foods focusing on exposing members to a healthier lifestyles. This past year Slow Food UW and the Club have partnered to put on composting lessons, sourced food from the gardens for teen cooking nights, planted the garden, and grew seedlings for the gardens.

## BOYS & GIRLS CLUB Celebrating Our Seniors

On May 12, 2015, in partnership with the Madison Metropolitan School District, over 150 family members and guest, attend the AVID/ TOPS Senior Celebration as we celebrated the graduation of 112 seniors. The class of 2015 was admitted to over 30 College and Universities, including Madison College, the Universities of Wisconsin-Madison, Milwaukee and Parkside, Marquette and Alverno to name a few.

## BOYS & GIRLS CLUB SCIENCountErs

SCIENCountErs is an outreach program developed by UW-Madison's Nanoscale Science and Engineering Center (NSEC) and Institute for Chemical Education (ICE). Initially started in 2005 with the Boys & Girls Clubs (BGC) of Dane County, this successful program now partners colleges, universities and science museums across the country with their local BGC. Through this program undergraduate and graduate students have volunteered hundreds of hours to help build a pipeline of STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) students from underrepresented groups. This work helps:

- Improve BGC members' attitudes towards science and scientists
- Build students' confidence about their scientific abilities
- Increase their ability to communicate science

During 2015, over 200 BGDC youth members at both club locations participated in these amazing 10-week programs with a focus on weather and geological phenomena. A 3:1 mentor to member ratio was maintained to ensure that our members received the one-on-one attention necessary to fully participate in the activities and experiments. SCIENCountErs is an on-going partnership and will resume programming in 2016.



BGC was  
able to serve over 40,000 meals  
to over 4,000 kids in 2015



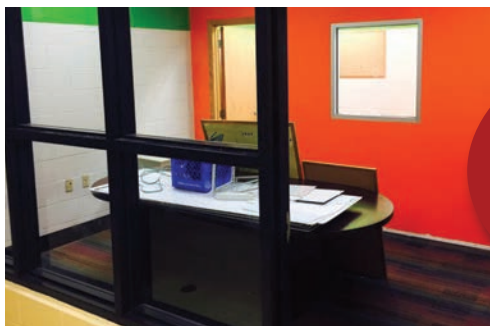


## BOYS & GIRLS CLUB LAKE EXPLORERS AT LAKE WINGRA The Return of Lake Explorers!!!

Lake Explorer Camp is a partnership program between the Clean Lakes Alliance, the Boys & Girls Club of Dane County, Wingra Boats, and the generous support of Downtown Madison Rotary and the Wingra Boats' Duck Dash. The program was designed to increase understanding and appreciation of our lakes, and teach valuable lake recreation and investigation skills.

Our second year of the Lake Explorer camp included an increase of bilingual instructors to accommodate our increase in Latino youth being served in our summer camps. As part of the camp, Boys & Girls Club students learned about and experienced Lake Wingra with professional staff. Students investigated fish biology, read topography maps, and identified lake macroinvertebrates with a microscope, and gained paddling, boating, and fishing skills.

When asked about what's next for the Lake Explorer Camp, AJ Kriha, Sr. Director of Programs stated: "We'd like to always involve more kids, and increase frequency. The more kids that we can expose to the program, the better. Any time we can increase frequency, we increase child engagement, retention of information, and further the actual connection with these locations."



Also new  
in 2015 we opened a new  
Star Credit Union location at our Allied  
Family Center location. A huge thank you to  
Cobb, Strecker, Dunphy & Zimmerman, Inc.  
and Summit Credit Union for sponsoring  
this opportunity.



## BOYS & GIRLS CLUB Continuously Breaking the Barriers: Summer Learning Loss

Our **Drop Everything And Read (DEAR)** program fostered an atmosphere where kids, ages 7 – 12, at Allied and Taft sites read more than 10,000 books during the 2015 summer camp program. This effort was our way of accomplishing the 7 Book Summer reading goals. We also initiated our first "Summer Brain Gain" curriculum. "Summer Brain Gain" is a Boys & Girls Club of America curriculum that engages youth in lesson plans that are specifically aimed at using academic skills throughout the summer camp experience. Club members completed reading, writing and arts & crafts activities, three days a week over five weeks.



## BOYS & GIRLS CLUB The Big Reveal: Our New Community and Teen Center

Through the gracious support of many donors we were able to transform the upper level of our Taft Street location into our new Community and Teen Center (CAT). Our new CAT center features an amazing STEM lab, study hall, fitness center and teen lounge space. We are so grateful for the many supporters who helped make this possible. These supporters include American Family Insurance, Best Buy, Dean & St. Mary's, Hovde Foundation, J.H. Findorff & Son, Inc., John H. (Jack) Lussier, Karen & Craig Christianson, Kraft Lunchables, Specialized Electric, Strang, Inc. and Rhyme.



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