

BOYS & GIRLS CLUB

Futures Shining Bright: Youth of the Year Goes to Regionals

This past February, BGDC hosted its Youth of the Year event at the Concourse Hotel. 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 ages 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. This year's Dane County winner was Riyaaq Ahmed, a 17-year old student who attended Memorial High School at the time of her winning.

As the winner of Dane County's Youth of the Year, Riyaaq went to compete in the State of Wisconsin Youth of the Year held in Green Bay, Wisconsin in March. The State's competition is comprised of winners of 142 Clubs statewide. **For the first time in the 19-year history of BGDC, one of our members, Riyaaq, won Wisconsin's Youth of the Year!** This was an amazing achievement and Dane County was honored to have one of its finest members representing not only Dane County, but the State of Wisconsin in the Regional Youth of the Year competition in Chicago, Illinois in July. She did not advance in the competition, but we could not have been prouder of her accomplishments.

Riyaaq became a member of BGDC through our AVID/TOPS program. She graduated James Madison Memorial High School as co-valedictorian and is currently a Freshman at Edgewood College studying nursing. While a member of BGDC, Riyaaq participated in our academic tutoring, career exploration, and internship program at University of Wisconsin Hospital & Clinics. While in high school, she founded the Muslim Student Association and volunteered at St. Mary's Care Center and the Islamic Center of Madison.

Riyaaq exemplifies how great futures start at Boys & Girls Club!



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Making a Difference: Our CEO is Recognized for His Commitment to the Community

On September 19, 2017, John Stofflet of NBC 15 surprised our CEO, Michael Johnson, with the presentation of the prestigious "Making a Difference" award. This award is presented every month to someone who is making a difference in the lives of others. Johnson helps to make a difference, every day, in the lives of Club kids through his leadership, advocacy, and passion for the Club. His nomination, however, was for going above and beyond with the Hurricane Harvey relief efforts and the subsequent support efforts for Hurricane Irma. Johnson was honored and humbly accepted the award with his wife, Toya, at his side. We are fortunate to have such a great leader for our organization.

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BOYS & GIRLS CLUB Transforming Lives: 100% of AVID/TOPS Seniors Graduate

On May 18, 2017, in partnership with Madison Metropolitan School District, more than 300 family members and guests attended our AVID/TOPS College Signing Event to celebrate the graduation of 162 seniors and to witness the signing of their commitment letters to college. Not only was this a record number of AVID/TOPS graduates, this represented 100% of our seniors. These students are currently attending 25 colleges and universities with two graduates joining the military. Additionally, more than \$100,000 in grants and scholarships were awarded to help them achieve continued success.



BOYS & GIRLS CLUB Membership at an All Time High

We are proud to report that we are serving more children than ever before – more than 6,500 youth were served this year. Additionally, Summer Camp daily attendance increased by 37%. Our goal is to serve 10,000 members by 2020 and we are on our way!

Serving 6,500 kids



BOYS & GIRLS CLUB Peddling to Empower Lives at Record Numbers

Club members, employees, riders, volunteers, and community partners helped to make this year's Bike for Boys & Girls Club a record-breaking event! We had more than 1,200 riders participating and exceeded our fundraising goal to support Club programs.



BOYS & GIRLS CLUB Riding 2,750 Miles for BGDC

This year, Tyler Ubinger of Palmer Johnson Power Systems, rode in the Tour Divide Race, a self-supported race, from Banff, Canada to Antelope Well, New Mexico to raise money for our Boys & Girls Club. Not only did he exceed his goal, but his employer, Palmer Johnson, became one of the largest corporate sponsors of our Bike for Boys & Girls Club. Thank you Tyler and Palmer Johnson!



BOYS & GIRLS CLUB Free Bikes 4 Kidz at BGDC

Free Bikes 4 Kidz, with its partner SSM Dean Health, gave away more than 400 refurbished bikes and helmets to Club kids and their families with a special guest appearance from UW Madison's very own Nigel Hayes.

BOYS & GIRLS CLUB Fun-filled & Educational Summer

More than 350 youth participated in our Summer Camp Program, making it another amazing summer here at BGDC. Camp activities included swimming lessons, the reading program, Garden Club, basketball games, Badges for Baseball, the Gilbert Brown Football Camp, golf, CAPA music making and dance-offs, a mini-Olympics, Unity Club, Beading Club, STEM workshops, and the taping of "Club Survival," a three-part teen show about the everyday lives of our Club teens and the joys and stresses they face. Additionally, the kids went on numerous field trips and enjoyed a summer full of fun-filled activities and continued education.



Our graduation rate was
100%
for AVID/TOPS students

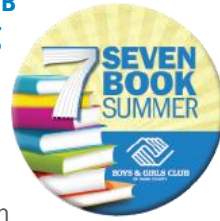
BOYS & GIRLS CLUB Preparing Kids for Back2School

This year, our annual Back2School Bash and Backpack Giveaway event partnered with the City of Madison's Wetfest at Elver Park to provide a day of fun-filled activities, a free community meal, and entertainment for families and the community to enjoy. We gave away 3,000 backpacks filled with supplies making this the largest backpack giveaway event in the history of Dane County!



BOYS & GIRLS CLUB Drop Everything and Read

Across our Clubs, we had more than 150 kids participate in the Seven Book Summer event which included "Drop Everything and Read" (DEAR). Club members spent the first portion of daily programming reading, either by themselves or with a teacher. We gave away a number of books to students as they expressed their interests in specific subjects or genres.



Healthy Eating

We served more than **60,000** meals to more than **6,500** Kids.



BOYS & GIRLS CLUB Game Time with the Bucks

Thanks to our amazing relationship with the Milwaukee Bucks, our AVID/TOPS students were able to enjoy courtside seats to 10 Bucks home games, and the Bucks donated 30 additional lower level tickets for each of those games, along with merchandise and concession vouchers. The tickets are used as an incentive for our AVID/TOPS students who demonstrate significant improvement in areas of literacy, behavior, and attendance.



BOYS & GIRLS CLUB Preparing Kids for Careers

Our Internship Program provided 75 paid internships to high school and college students with the opportunity to earn wages and receive career exposure through our partnerships with 33 employers. This year's program focused on rotating internships where students rotated between two or three different departments within the organizations during their six-week internship to give them varied experiences. We are thankful to companies such as UW Health, BMO Harris Bank, MG&E, Madison Sewer, and Applied Tech, to name a few.



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BOYS & GIRLS CLUB Creating More Smiles for Our Kids

Poor dental care is one of the leading causes of children missing school every day. This year we have been working hard to ensure this is no longer an issue for our Club members. We started the construction in late 2017, and in early 2018, More Smiles Wisconsin will open a new three-chair dental clinic in our Allied Family Center thanks to a generous grant from Delta Dental and funds raised by More Smiles Wisconsin and Boys & Girls Club of Dane County. Dr. Neema Jahdi and hygienist Chelsey Kilmer will provide cleanings, fillings, extractions, and preventative services like fluoride varnish on all teeth and sealants on cavity-prone molars. We look forward to making more smiles in our community.

BOYS & GIRLS CLUB Giving Back: BGDC Helps Hurricane Victims

Hurricane Harvey in Texas and Hurricane Irma in Florida brought vast devastation to those areas and their citizens. Boys & Girls Club of Dane County took action to help where they could. More than 1,000 people donated to this effort and more than 200 volunteers helped organize all of the donated items and get them onto six trucks and vans. Our community stepped up and donated items worth more than \$350,000 and an upwards of \$40,000 in monetary donations to support a number of families affected.



This effort was made possible through a partnership with Boys & Girls Club of the Austin Area and our efforts were able to be directed to areas with the most need such as La Grange, Texas. Some of our staff and volunteers traveled to Austin where they were greeted by more than 300 volunteers to unload and reload trucks. We then visited La Grange where we were able to see the devastation, first-hand. We took six families who lost their homes and all their possessions on shopping sprees purchasing them food, clothing, household items, and short-term support for their families.



BOYS & GIRLS CLUB The Perfect Combination: Health, Beauty, and Money

This summer, Peter Kraus, a local personal trainer and a former contestant on ABC's hit television series "The Bachelorette," approached us with an idea for a fundraiser to support our efforts. On August 12, 2017, he held a personal training session for 350 people at Breese Stevens Field. After the training, he hosted a lavish VIP brunch with a few friends at The Lyric Apartments nearby. Peter is much more than a pretty face and a fit body - he has a huge heart! Peter donated a portion of the proceeds from the registration fees for the Boot Camp and 100% of the proceeds from the VIP event.



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