



Clubhouse News

Summer 2014

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The mission of the Boys & Girls Club is to enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens.

This summer, like so many others, has been filled with laughter, play, games, opportunity, and much, much more. As you read through this edition of the Clubhouse News, know that you have been a part of making the countless programs, services and opportunities possible for the thousands of children we serve. From gardening to open swim, summer literacy programs to field trips, community service to community events, our Club members have been guided by the positive influence of staff, mentors, and volunteers and, each day, they are finding their way toward their own GREAT FUTURES. I cannot thank you enough for your part in making this possible. Enjoy this report of the “goings on” at the Club and please come by for a visit so we can show you, in person, the difference YOU helped to make here.

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2014 Scholarship Dinner Awards Nearly \$30k



The Boys & Girls Club of Greater Nashua is committed to ensuring that our members have the programs and opportunities they need to achieve Academic Success and to be successful in life. As part of that commitment, each year we offer members and alumni the chance to realize their dreams of earning a college degree. At our annual scholarship dinner, we awarded \$27,000+ in scholarships to 24 current members and alumni for post-secondary education. Privately endowed scholarship funds or designated scholarship donations make this possible and the Club reinforces works with and encourages all members to graduate from high school and pursue post-secondary education opportunities. The 2014 Scholarship Dinner was sponsored by the **St. Laurent Mentoring Fund** and the **Ninety-Nine Restaurant** of Nashua.

Receiving scholarships this year were alumni, **Randy Alejo (UNH)**, **Lauren Bistany (University of New England)**, **DaShawna Bourgault (Keene State College)**, **Haley Bowen (Regis College)**, **Rocio Camacho (SNHU)**, **Anwar Clark (SNHU)**, **Hector Collazo (UNH)**, **Lonnie Davis (Nashua Community College)**, **Brenda Flores (Rivier University)**, **Kristen Mungai (UNH)**, **Kaylee Murray (Fitchburg State University)**, **Jahquel Pagan (Keene State College)**, **Amber Rak (Bay Path College)**, **Meaghan Turcotte (Clemson University)**, and **JW Williams (Rivier University)**. 2013-14 Youth of the Month recipients were also awarded scholarships for future educational expenses.

We are grateful to the donors who make this special opportunity possible including the **Goulder Scholarship Fund**, the **Klisz Scholarship**, the **LeDoux Family Scholarship Fund**, the **McCartney-Walsh Family Scholarship Fund**, the **Moheban Family Scholarship Fund**, **Roedel Scholarship Fund**; and the **Ce Ce Romano Scholarship**. For more information about supporting the Club's scholarship opportunities or to apply for scholarship support, please contact Bridget Cooley at (603) 883-0523 x228 or bcooley@bgcn.com.

Fun & Games Get Youth Active at 2nd Annual REYES Family Field Day



The second annual REYES Family Field Day was held on a beautiful first day of summer, June 21, 2014, at the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Nashua. Club alumnus Kendall Reyes, and his family, hosted the event which benefited youth at the Boys & Girls Club and Nashua Police Athletic League. The day was supported by many volunteers including Club alumni, the Reyes family, and plenty of friends of the Club. There was one noticeable absence though. Kendall lost his dad, Gerald Reyes, earlier this year so this year the field day was celebrated in his memory and spirit. Gerald would have been pleased that his family helped so many young people and their families get active and enjoy a day filled with laughter and fun.

The REYES Family Field Day event is one of positive activity. Youth competed in events including relays and an obstacle course. Other activities included a slap shot game hosted by the Manchester Monarchs, water games, musical chairs, and dancing. The primary focus of this event is Re-Engaging Youth through Exercise and Sport and getting kids and their families to make physical activity a habit. In giving back to youth development programs in Nashua, Kendall has recognized that youth development organizations, like P.A.L. and the Boys & Girls Club, *“play pivotal roles in the mental and physical development of our community’s most prized possessions—our youth.”*



Special thanks to all of the volunteers who helped to make the day so



successful. We are grateful to the sponsors and those who made in-kind donations to support the second annual REYES Family Field Day. The event would not have been possible without the support of the Nashua Parks & Recreation Department and Department of Public Works. Thank you for helping support youth activities in Nashua!



REYES Family Field Day Sponsors

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Gracias! Danke! Merci! Arigato! Spacibo! Mahalo! Thank You!

Throughout the year, many companies and individuals take the time to donate items that help us to reach our mission and provide opportunities for members to enjoy new activities and experiences. Please join us in thanking them for making a difference!

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A Simple Two-Step to Save Taxes

Even though taxes have risen, there are a few simple things you can do to reduce your overall tax bill this year. Consider this:

REDUCE INVESTMENT TAXES

The 3.8% Medicare surtax applies to almost any money you earn from investments. But you could lower your taxable investment income by shifting some of it to family members – such as a child who is not subject to the surcharge – or our Club, for which you'd actually receive an income tax deduction.

REDUCE OVERALL INCOME TO A LOWER BRACKET

Lower your income below the healthcare tax threshold (\$200,000 for individuals and \$250,000 for married couples) and you will avoid the 3.8% surtax. Consider reducing your income by making a gift of income producing property to family or our Club – or transferring your income-producing property to a charitable remainder trust that can help you control your income.

We can help you lower your tax bill this year. If you are interested in learning about how a life income gift could lower your taxes and even give money back to you, we can provide you with an illustration of your benefits. And, if you simply want to make an outright gift to lower your taxes, we can help with that too. For more information or for a confidential conversation about options that meet your needs and which also support the Club, please contact Tricia Casey, Chief Development Officer, at 603-883-0523 ext. 211 or pcasey@bgcn.com and THANK YOU!



Grants

The hundreds of Club programs enjoyed by thousands of local youth would not be possible without generous grant awards by organizations and foundations such as those who have awarded grants to the Club in recent months.

Our **Diplomas 2 Degrees (D2D)** and **College Preparation** programs were generously supported by **Comcast** this spring. Hundreds of teen Club members from across the country participated in the D2D Conference on Higher Education at Rivier University in Nashua which offered a unique college-like experience. Participants slept in dorms, ate in the dining hall, attended workshops on campus, interacted with students, alumni and admissions counselors of various colleges, and learned about nontraditional paths toward a college degree. **People's United Community Foundation** awarded the Club a grant for **Project Learn** to help Club members progress academically, complete high school on time, prepare for college and careers, and become self-sufficient, productive citizens. The **Madelaine Von Weber Trust** has awarded a generous grant that will allow us to update technology equipment in our two computer labs.



Graduate from high school ready for college, trade school, military or employment



Adopt a healthy diet, practice healthy lifestyle choices and make a lifelong commitment to fitness

The **Boys & Girls Clubs of America**, along with the **WellPoint Foundation**, provided a grant that will make possible a fun **Gamesroom Festival** in October. A grant from the **Bishop's Charitable Assistance Fund** is supporting our **Food and Nutrition Program** which, last year, served more than 47,000 nutritious meals and nearly 29,000 snacks, free of charge, to our members. **Conway Arena** awarded a grant which enables at-risk youth to participate in the Club's **Soccer** and **Basketball** programs including travel, intramural and clinics without paying

the prohibitive fees required to participate in most other youth sports leagues.

Funds awarded by Nashua's **Disproportionate Minority Contact Committee** are helping to assure that low-income youth who are members of racial and ethnic minorities have the opportunity to attend the Club's offsite summer program at **Camp Doucet** in Nashua. Finally, a grant from the **Rotary Club of Nashua** is helping us provide Club members safe transportation home at night. Without the **Evening Transportation Program**, many of our Club members wouldn't have the option of coming to the Club after school or they might have to walk home through unsafe neighborhoods.



Be an engaged citizen involved in the community, register to vote and model strong character

On behalf of all of the children and youth who benefit from these diverse opportunities, we extend our deep appreciation to these generous organizations and foundations.

We Need Your Help!



2014 Boys & Girls Club of Greater Nashua Annual Campaign

A teen who grew up at the Club, the first in his family to graduate high school, is heading to college. He said *"There were times when I thought college wasn't for me...it just wasn't in my stars. But I had people who believed in me, pushed me, and expected the best from me. I wouldn't have made it this far if it wasn't for my mentor at the Club."*

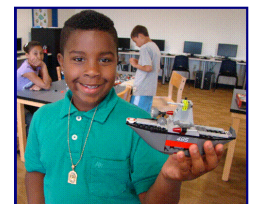
A boy whose family fled to the US in hopes of a better life for their children found his passion in the Club's STEM activities, helping lead his team to a 1st place finish in a science fair as they tackled life's daily challenges through math and science.

Sisters whose parents are struggling to keep a roof over their heads express themselves through the Club's cultural arts programs, including their stage debut in a recent production of *Aladdin* at the Club.

There are hundreds of kids just like these at our Club, kids we need to reach and serve...**with your help**. You make our award-winning programs possible and ensure that our members have hope and opportunity. Gifts to our **Annual Campaign** are an investment in the work we do with the youth in our community, directly

supporting the Club's Academic Success, Healthy Living, and Character & Citizenship programs.

Come visit the Club and see, firsthand, how we invest your support and, please, make a gift to the **2014 Annual Campaign** today. Use the **enclosed envelope**, visit our website at <http://www.bgcn.com/how-to-help/donate-now/> or call **603-883-0523 ext. 211** to make a pledge or a gift over the phone. Thank you!



Great Programs + Dedicated Staff + Hundreds of Kids = Summer Success!

Summer is a time for fun, warm weather, adventures and long days. Thanks to our generous donors, dedicated staff and volunteers, and our many collaborating partners, the Club provides programs and activities that help members build great futures while engaging in our exceptionally fun summer programming.

During the summer, it is important that our members keep their minds active and engaged, continuing their learning even though school is out. In our state-licensed childcare program for children 5-8 years, **Kids Club**, members created their own science fair experiments to share with friends and family. Demonstrations included self-made volcanoes, bubble experiments and celery science. Kids Club members worked on their reading skills all throughout the summer and participated in a storytelling event with a children's author sponsored by the **Children's Literacy Foundation (CLiF)**. Our clubhouse and teen members make regular use of two gazebos we were gifted courtesy of our friends at **Fidelity Investments**. They make wonderful quiet reading areas throughout the day and are used by our book clubs, music groups and members taking advantage of the serenity to write original poetry.



Clubhouse members explored the fun of using electronic circuits to build their own motorized vehicles, flying objects and lamps. Our **Sea Perch** team started the summer with a special underwater remote operated vehicle (ROV) competition at UNH where they placed in first or second in all three competitions as first year participants! Our teen members worked on career and college preparation skills over the summer months, with the **Career Launch** program and college field trips to local schools like UMass Lowell and Plymouth State University. Members in our clubhouse and at Camp Doucet worked with **UNH Cooperative Extension** as part of an outreach project to strengthen science and engineering in the state through a program called "**Stream Safari**". Members performed field work as they tested water samples from Mines

Falls and Salmon Brook, collected macro invertebrates, classified and identified floral and fauna found around the water sources, analyzed data and participated in indoor and outdoor activities related to conservation. Members learned about the stages of insect development, which is now helping the gardening group identify those bugs that help or hinder the plant growth in our garden. A raised bed garden built by **Fidelity Investments** volunteers earlier in the summer was planted and cared for by members of our **Gorilla Gardeners** group and has provided a bounty of beautiful tomatoes, peppers, radishes, watermelon, pumpkins and more, all of which are used in the Club's food program.

Teaching our members the importance of adding fruits and vegetables to meals is part of our **Healthy Habits** program. Another component of Healthy Habits is the **im Healthy** program (part of the **im Swim** water safety program offered at the Club through the **Michael Phelps Foundation**) for Kids Club members. These programs stress the importance of making healthy food choices and staying active, while having fun. Beyond these classes, members can swim each day, play inside and out, visit nearby playgrounds, take nature walks, enjoy field trips to state parks, and participate in sports leagues all summer long.



On July 31, 2014, our Club was one of 20 stops on Boys & Girls Clubs of America's **Triple Play Tour**, an initiative to log one million minutes of activity with Club members throughout the country. Our Club hosted members from Boys & Girls Clubs in Concord, Waltham, Lynn and Lowell and, together, we logged 108,000 minutes of play as members competed in gamesroom tournaments, daily challenges, went swimming, and enjoyed special Triple Play Tour activities. Members were active throughout the day, starting around 10:30 am until mid-afternoon. Healthy snacks and a nutritious lunch of sandwich wraps, corn salsa and watermelon were provided to all. Members enjoyed playing and had a great day staying "fit."

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Summer Fun (continued)

Working with our members to help them achieve Academic Success and make choices which lead to a Healthy Lifestyle are complemented with programs and activities which develop our youth into people of Good Character & Citizenship and this strengthens our community. Members have been working with other age groups as reading buddies to practice their skills, performing Club clean-ups and helping at events. Our teen members were invited to participate in a special teen only **Community Emergency Response Training (CERT)** by the **City of Nashua's Office of Emergency Management**. In what was the first Teen CERT program in the state, members learned emergency safety techniques, what to do in response to an emergency, and how they can help.



Our teen leadership group, the **Keystone Club**, has been encouraging members to give back through activities all summer long as part of their national project, "**United We Serve**". Members of all ages have written letters to soldiers, improved the Club's playground equipment areas, created and taken a new internet safety pledge to be safe, created a mural about the community and filled 400 bags of food to be distributed to Club families courtesy of the **NH Food Bank**. Two of our teen members, Brayan Gomez and Dakeem Campbell, were selected to participate in Boys & Girls Clubs of America's Triple Play conference in Denver, CO where they learned skills such as how to be a leader while playing, emulating good teamwork and sportsmanship, and how to instruct a large group when initiating activities. Since their return they have shared new games with younger members and demonstrated exceptional leadership during a number of Club events.

Throughout the summer, we encourage members to join various activities and try new things. With the launch of our new **Cultural Arts** program earlier this year, the Club has significantly increased its cultural arts program to give our members access to new opportunities. Art classes now offered include watercolors, ceramics, painting and mixed media. In late June, our drum corps, taught by Club partner the **Spartans Drum & Bugle Corps**, performed at a pre-Independence Day celebration at Stellos Stadium. Through our partnership with North Main Music, members have been taking music lessons and we are working together to coach Club members in our choral groups. Our friends at **VouliDance** in Amherst deliver ballet workshops for members and we also offer salsa and step dance classes while our teen members enjoy yoga. Members of all ages are participating in digital photography and videography, including editing and presentation. Lastly, our clubhouse members performed "**Follow the Rabbit**", a stage adaptation of *Alice in Wonderland* and Kids Club members hosted their a talent show.

As you can see, our members have been very busy this summer! At the Club, we use the summer months to help members to access their talents, work together, and develop skills for success in the future. Through a variety of programs, exceptional staff and volunteers, and a safe, fun environment, we see **GREAT FUTURES START HERE** every day!



Partners 4 Kids

"I have been on the board of the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Nashua for about 15 years. The Club, and everyone who supports it, does so much for our community. Parents have a safe place for their children to go where they are fed, get help with their homework, develop their leadership skills, and are mentored and groomed to become positive contributors in our community. I can imagine what Nashua would be like without the Club and what would happen to these kids' lives. I am willing to bet we'd have more gang activity and crime and that kids who come from tough circumstances would struggle even more to find a way out of them. The Club affects every aspect of our community, making a difference in everyone's lives as our community's most at-risk youth achieve academically, make good and healthy choices and become good citizens. We are proud to support the Club through the Partners 4 Kids program and urge other businesses and individuals to do the same. It is so easy—once a year we evaluate our sponsorship levels and, for the rest of the year, we are proud of the work being done with the youth of our community. Together we are changing the lives of kids who will go on to have great futures!" - Linda Lovering, Lovering Auto Group

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Thank you to our new and returning Partners 4 Kids for 2014.

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For information about the Partners 4 Kids program, contact Bridget Cooley at 603-883-0523 ext. 228 or bcooley@bgcn.com.

Upcoming Special Events

The Boys & Girls Club of Greater Nashua offers three signature annual events. Mark your calendars!

For more information, to get involved, or to sponsor any of our events, contact Bridget Cooley,

Director of Development at (603) 883-0523 x228 or bcooley@bgcn.com.

**28th Annual "Bids for Kids"
Holiday Auction**

*Bid on over 200 items to
benefit Club members!
Both silent and live items offered.*

Saturday, December 6, 2014
Silent auction begins at 5:30 pm
Sky Meadow Country Club
Nashua, NH

**4th Annual Youth of the Year Dinner
& Hall of Fame Ceremony**

*Celebrate with us as we announce
the 2015 Youth of the Year and
celebrate our Hall of Fame inductees!*

Wednesday, March 25, 2015
6:00 pm
Boys & Girls Club of Greater Nashua
Nashua, NH

**37th Annual Friel Memorial
Golf Tournament**

*Enjoy scramble or tournament
format on 2 courses. We sell out
so don't miss your chance to play!*

Wednesday, September 2, 2015
8:15 am
Green Meadow Country Club
Hudson, NH

Boys & Girls Club of Greater Nashua Charitable Foundation Update

A Message from Foundation Chairman, David Brassard



As many of you are aware, from time to time, the Club receives gifts made in memory of those who have passed on, leaving indelible impressions on those they leave behind. We place these gifts into our endowment. Gifts were made in memory of **Vincent F. Tulley, Wilfrid J. Piekarski, Lucille Kozlowski, Katherine Clancy O'Neill, and Patrick Terrin** over the last few months. These individuals, each with their unique ties to our Club, will touch the lives of all our members, forever, as our endowment provides sustainable, perpetual support of the Club—a matter of great importance when we consider and plan for the long term sustainability of the Club. As our endowment grows, so to does the Club's financial security.

The Club's endowment, now closing in on the \$4 million mark, is managed by the Trustees of the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Nashua's Charitable Foundation oversee the investment, and growth, of the Club's endowment so that, year after year, we are able to grant 5% for annual Club operations. It is made up of funds for the food program, health and nutrition, scholarships, and education as well as unrestricted endowed funds which support the Club's day to day operations. Our goal is to grow the endowment to \$15 million by 2020 partly through the establishment of funds which support programs and services within the Club's three impact areas: Academic Success, Healthy Lifestyles and Good Character & Citizenship. When we reach this goal, our most important work-the mission critical programs and services we offer-will be assured the funding they need to continue even when the fiscal world around us proves "unreliable".



A gift to the Club's endowment is the ultimate commitment to our kids, to the Club and this community. I urge you to consider including the Club in your estate plans. It is one of the smartest investments you will make in your lifetime and beyond. One way to show your support is by joining our **Heritage Club**. Through planned gifts such as a provision in an estate plan for a bequest or making the Club a beneficiary of a retirement vehicle or insurance policy, **Heritage Club members** ensure the future of the Club and the thousands of youth we serve today and those who come through our doors for many years to come.



We invite you to visit the Club to meet our members and witness the impact we have on our community by improving the lives of youth. Please consider becoming a part of the GREAT FUTURES that start here by joining the **Heritage Club**. If you are considering including the Club in your plans, or already have, please contact our Chief Development Officer, Tricia Casey, for a confidential conversation about the work we do that you are most passionate about so we can ensure we invest your gift where it means the most.

The Trustees of the Foundation are Dave Brassard (Chairman), Jim Conway, David Heath, T.C. Liakos, Sal Magnano, Robert Moheban, Tom Monahan, Terry Romano, Martha O'Neill, Fred Roedel, James Stellos, Sam Tamposi, and Norman Bouthilette (Club CEO).

For questions about the Heritage Club or the Club's endowment growth initiative, please contact Tricia Casey, Chief Development Officer, at 603-883-0523 ext. 211 or pcasey@bgcn.com or Norman Bouthilette, Chief Executive Officer at ext. 231 or nbouthilette@bgcn.com . Thank you.

Have a question, concern, or need more information? Please contact the Boys & Girls Club's Resource Development team:

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