



Celebrating the Stars of Bug Juice!



Aaralyn with her sister Jordin and Barion with his sister Diamond

Last year, Club members Barion and Aaralyn were selected to appear on Disney's reboot of *Bug Juice* after producers toured the New England area for potential participants.

For the series, they spent their summer at Camp Waziyatah in Waterford, Maine, where they went on outdoor adventures, developed new friendships, and adapted to a new environment away from home. To celebrate Club members Barion and Aaralyn's feature roles in the popular Disney show, the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Nashua held a red carpet event attended by over 150 of their fellow Club members and parents.

During the launch party, they viewed episode eight titled "Later, Taters!" and episode ten titled "Everyday I'm Paddlin'." Everyone enjoyed s'mores brownies, took photographs with the Disney stars and participated in a Q & A session about the starring members experience being on the show.

Stahl Teen Center Education Director Bree Cosgrove who served as Aaralyn's mentor this past year said, "It has been amazing watching Aaralyn grow. When I first met her she was quieter and would never dream of being in the spotlight. Since participating in *Bug Juice*, she has found her voice and has been participating in more school activities and trying new sports. I love the fact that she feels more comfortable trying new things!"

As a Club member, Aaralyn participates in SMART Girls, Healthy Habits, SMART Moves, Positive Action, and Girls Basketball. Barion similarly engages in many programs at the Club including Torch Club, Triple Play Leadership Club, and Soccer. In 2017, he was recognized as the Torch of the Year.

Barion's mentor and the Club's Athletic Director Tim Davidian expressed, "It has been a pleasure to mentor Barion. He's a standout Club member, always getting his homework done during Power Hour and always setting a good example for our younger Club members."

To celebrate their achievements, the Club presented both of them with custom-designed silver framed Hollywood stars signed by their fellow Club and staff members.





Over 250 players loaded up their golf carts and took to the course to compete in the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Nashua's 40th Annual Friel Memorial Golf Tournament at the Hudson, NH Green Meadow Golf Club on September 5th. Following the lively game of golf, players gathered for lunch and to celebrate the tournament's forty year milestone!

The Club established the Phil Friel Golf Tournament in 1978 in honor of the owner of the Green Meadow Golf Course who donated the use of the course for the Club's charity golf tournament. Over the years, three generations of Friel Family members have continued to make this event possible. Following the passing of their parents Phil and Jeanne, their sons, Philip, David, and Tom, and now their grandchildren, Liz and Ryan, have graciously continued the tradition of hosting the tournament, preserving Phil and Jeanne's charitable vision.

CEO Norman Bouthilette said, "Just like the Club has transformed over these past forty years, so has the tournament. This tournament has grown to over 260 golfers and has **raised \$4,250,000 over the last forty years**. None of this growth would be possible without everyone who came out in support and our hard working committee members who help to organize it every year."

The Golf Tournament was made possible thanks to support of the tournament's the premier sponsors: the Friel Family, Tulley Automotive, and the Demoulas Foundation.



Friel Family and Tulleys standing with CEO Norm Bouthilette behind check displaying amount raised over forty years

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Be Ready: Workforce Development Program

A group of teens visited Access Nashua to learn about the skills required to run a local television station.

Ardella, age 14, said, "The trip was fun and interesting. We learned a lot of things like how the camera view changes. Controlling the cameras was my favorite part because I liked being in charge of what was on the screen."

A Trip to Access Nashua



Apple Store Adventure



At the Apple Store, teens learned how to use Apple devices to produce stunning photography and videos.

Jennelle, age 15, said, "The small details really make the difference in the photograph. Something as small as hand placement or the subject's body angle changes the picture completely."

Nursing Camp Graduation



13 of our members attended and graduated from nursing camp at Nashua Community College with First Aid/CPR certifications!

Mikayla, age 14, said, "After Nursing Camp, I'm considering either becoming a surgical nurse or an Army nurse."

Learning About Loving Volvo



12 teens took a trip to the Loving Volvo Dealership where they toured the facility and learned about the sales and service operations of car dealership.

Luis D., age 14, said, "Learning about how cars work and how to update the software for the cars was interesting and was the best part of the field trip for me."

For six consecutive years, Club Alumnus and NFL Player Kendall Reyes has organized and invited kids throughout the community to take part in the R.E.Y.E.S Family Field Day at the Boys & Girls Club of Great Nashua. An acronym for Reengaging Youth in Exercise and Sport, R.E.Y.E.S Field Day is an opportunity for the community's youth to engage in a wide array of fitness and sports activities. This year, kids participated in relay races, obstacle courses, fitness camp, dodge ball, bouncy house games, raffles, and enjoyed a cookout catered by the Ninety-Nine.

Kendall and his wife Kristin also held a fundraising event for adults at the Holiday Inn which included dinner, music, magic, and raffle prizes. Proceeds from the event went to support the Club and provide scholarship awards to members pursuing secondary education. These scholarship funds are awarded to seniors who have been actively involved in their community and in promoting a healthy lifestyle including athletics, nutrition, and positive life habits. Over \$24,000 was raised during this year's R.E.Y.E.S Field Day!

Kendall Reyes commented, "I'm a Club Alum so I know the Club's programs play pivotal roles in the mental and physical development of Nashua's most prized investment: our youth. This is, and will continue to be, a monumental event to further the development and the welfare of our youth!"

R.E.Y.E.S Family Field Day



Thank You to BAE Systems



Guy Montminy speaking at the 2018 Youth of the Year Dinner

Through its continuous support as a global organization, BAE Systems has made an extraordinary impact on the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Nashua this year. We are especially grateful for the leadership of Guy Montminy who has served on the Club's Board for the past two years. Guy is the Senior Vice President and Deputy General Manager of BAE Systems' Platforms & Services sector. Guy has championed financial support of the Club and has helped improve efficiencies by sharing his business expertise. Fully integrating BAE Systems' vision for corporate responsibility, he has advocated for other employees to become involved at the Club in the areas of technology, safety, workforce development, and digital marketing. Together, they are strengthening the programs offered to the young people of Greater Nashua who need it most.

Guy stated, "As individuals we each have responsibilities to ourselves, to those around us, and to the communities we serve—especially our youth. To secure our future workforce, it's imperative that every child is afforded the opportunity to grow and be successful. I'm proud to support a program that fosters this growth and promotes a brighter future for young people throughout the greater Nashua area."



Alongside every plant our Garden Club grows, the members are growing too as they learn about where their food comes from and how fun it can be to produce the herbs and vegetables needed to create a healthy and nutritious meal.

Three days a week this summer, our members tended the garden and learned about differentiating qualities of fruits and vegetables, the process of photosynthesis, the various parts of the plant, how plants reproduce, and more!

In addition to caring for the garden, they engaged in fun building projects like making bird houses, bird feeders, and sundials which they then used to decorate their garden.

Come harvest time, members are able to sample their hard-earned produce and even have the opportunity to transform their produce into fresh healthy snacks with the help of our Kitchen Staff. From start to finish, they learn the complete process of growing, caring, harvesting, and preparing their own food! These are skills that will help nourish their minds and bodies for years to come.



Dance Synergy Shares Their Skills with the Community

With the gusto of a professional dance troupe, the members of the recently created Dance Synergy group have performed non-stop for large crowds at the Club's signature events including the Great Futures Dinner, the Youth of the Year Dinner, and, as of late, for the hundreds of community members, police official, and firefighters and first responders who participated in the annual National Night Out.

Led by Club Dance Instructor Vanessa Hart, Dance Synergy is an audition-only jazz/modern dance group. The group is split between a varsity team and junior team with the varsity team committing to 6 hours of dance rehearsal a week spent on choreography and technique.

Vanessa said, "Dance is all about consistency. These ladies are young but that means it's an especially great time to build these skills. Dance Synergy invites Club members who are motivated, respectful, eager to learn, and who uphold the culture of the Boys & Girls Club. These are young ladies who have been chosen to be leaders."





Alumni Spotlight: Janail's Journey from Club to Staff Member

Janail Archer's journey from Club member to Clubhouse Individual Services Director has been one of tremendous resiliency and growth. Though she faced unstable times in her early years after being separated from her sisters due to her birth mother's struggles with addiction, the Club served as a constant. After she and her sisters were adopted by the same family a few years later, she became a regular at the Club and was involved in a number of cultural arts and leadership programs such as Keystone Club and Toastmasters. She also developed strong relationships with the Club's staff members who helped her through hard times.

"There were a lot of staff members that really had a big impact on me," said Janail. "One staff member who had the biggest impact on me was Kurt. Kurt helped me think long-term about problem solving and picking and choosing battles."

Through the support of her staff mentors, she went on to win a Nashua-wide art contest which led to her painting being displayed as a mural along the Nashua River Rail Trail, and was named Youth of the Year at the local and state level. She also graduated with her Bachelor's degree in Human Services and is currently working on her Master's in Organizational Leadership.

Initially, Janail went to college to pursue a degree in Early Childhood Education with the goal of becoming a second grade teacher. She later changed her focus to Human Service with a concentration in Community Services after realizing that she would have more of an impact working at the Boys & Girls Club. A few years later, she received a call from Kurt offering her the job of Individual Services Director for Clubhouse.

"With the position I have now, my journey goes full circle," said Janail. "It gives me a sense of purpose knowing that if I didn't have the staff members helping me when I was a member, I probably wouldn't be where I am now. This is the perfect job for me. I love the Boys & Girls Club whole-heartedly. I wake up excited to go to work. A lot of kids say the Boys & Girls Club is their second home. It's definitely a true story for me."

Thank You Marc and Hilary for Supporting the Club on your Wedding Day!

To celebrate their special day, Marc and Hilary Laquerre requested that their wedding guests make a donation to the Club in lieu of gifts. All funds collected were included into a basic needs fund as per Marc and Hilary's request. The fund will help provide emergency resources to Club members who are most in need including clothing, school related costs, dental and medical assistance.



The couple's connection to the Club is rooted in Marc's previous involvement in the Club's Academy of Learning program for teens. After seeing the Club's impact firsthand, Marc and Hilary decided to help other kids have the same great experience. To date, Marc and Hilary have raised over \$2,800 for the Club.

"We are big advocates for the youth of Nashua and have witnessed the incredible work the Club does for the young people of our community," said Marc and Hilary.

Thoughtful Words from Heritage Club Members Mike and Rosemary Jeans

There are many organizations that provide services to youth who are in need. We know that the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Nashua is special among these organizations. When we moved back east and I began working in Nashua, I was introduced to Dominic Giovanazzo who encouraged me to join the Nashua Club board. This started a 22 year "love affair" with the Nashua Club.



Beyond the great leadership in the Club, beyond its very dedicated and talented staff, and beyond the many awards the Club has won for excellence among its peers in the Boys and Girls Club of America, is the plain fact that we have affected countless young lives for the better...and continue to do this every day.

Wandering the halls of the Club, chatting with young members, or helping to select the Youth of the Year are all ways that we have seen first-hand the good that the Club is doing for our youth. As regular attendees of our annual "Bids for Kids" auction, we have also come to understand that there is a broad and committed community of donors that hold our same belief in the Club's good work and support this by sharing their treasure year after year.

For all these reasons, Rosemary and I happily make our annual donations to our Club. Just as important is our long-term commitment as Heritage Club members who have included "the Club" in our estate plans. We cannot think of a better investment in today's youth and in our future leaders...and we actually get the chance to see first-hand the results of our contributions! This is a special place.

For more information or to join the Heritage Club contact Sally Stanton at sstanton@bgcn.com

The new Kids Club playground is officially open!



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Board Leadership

Meet our New Board Members



Welcome Fernand Martin!

Retiree Ferd Martin worked at RCA Electrical Services for an impressive 30 years. He has demonstrated a strong commitment to the Club by creating scholarship fund for Club members pursuing higher education in either STEAM or in the Tradesman fields, becoming a Partner 4 Kids, Heritage Club member, and volunteering with homework help.



Welcome John Parker!

As CFO and Vice President for Finance & Administration at Rivier University, John Parker has proven to be a strategic leader and entrepreneur in the field of Finance. His high-level skills are matched with his passionate belief in the Boys & Girls Club mission.

Thank you Fidelity Workplace Associates for buying 163 Club members brand new shoes for the start of the school year!



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