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Wednesday, March 12, 2014 Ritz-Carlton

Friends of the Club Casino Night Saturday, March 22, 2014

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Jim Butler's Charity Golf Classic Monday, June 16, 2014

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Upcoming Club Events

We now have a dedicated section on the website to view each Clubs upcoming events, click <u>here</u>.

BGCSTL Mission

The mission of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater St. Louis (BGCSTL) is to inspire and enable youth ages 6 to 18 to realize their full potential as productive, responsible and caring citizens.

Key Impact Areas:

*Academic Success *Good Character & Citizenship

Welcome our Newest Board Members

Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater St. Louis is pleased to announce the newest members to its Board of Directors. Mark J. Bulanda, Executive Vice President Emerson, Business Leader, Emerson Industrial Automation; Maria Del Carmen Jacob, President of NextGen; Suzie Spence, Community Volunteer;

Jen Call, Asset Manager at U.S. Bancorp Community Development Corporation; and, Peter Lazaroff, Relationship & Portfolio Manager at Acropolis Investment Management. Also, long time board member, Ken Kotiza (pictured), Vice President/Producer of Welsh, Flatness & Lutz, Inc., has been elected to the Cabinet of Life Trustees. We look forward to what each new member will bring to our mission.

Support Young Girls Programs



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The 7th Annual Table for Four event will be held from 11:30 am – 1:00 pm on March 12, 2014 at the Four Seasons Hotel. In its short history, the event has raised over \$120,000 and educated more than 1,000 St. Louis professionals about the Club's mission and the young women aided by its programs. Proceeds from this event support activities and experiences designed to help girls develop healthy lifestyles, positive self-esteem and make good decisions.

Special thanks to St. Louis Airport Director Rhonda

Hamm-Niebruegge and St. Louis Convention & Visitors Commission President, Kitty Ratcliffe and for joining us as this year's event chairs. To register, click here.



*Healthy Lifestyles

Contact

For more information or with questions, contact Shuntae Shields Ryan, VP, Marketing & Communications via phone 314.335.8009 or <u>email</u>.



You Gave the Gift of a Great Future!

Thanks to the generous support of many of you we raised over \$147,000 this past holiday season during our "Give the Gift of a Great Future" campaign.

This amount surpassed our goal of \$65,000! Through your generosity and belief that every child has value and deserves a chance, we can continue serving more kids with greater impact – indeed you made it possible for over 246 more members to join in 2013. Thank you!



Club Kids Receive New Shoes

As part of their annual Dr. Martin Luther King Day of service, ARAMARK and Kwame Building Group (KWAME) employee volunteers hosted a Samaritan's Feet "Shoes of Hope" event at BGCSTL's Herbert Hoover Club location. During the event more than 300 pairs of new athletic shoes were given to children and stations were set up so volunteers could help Club members wash their feet and fit them for new shoes. College students from Washington University and St. Louis University, as well as youth from local churches, joined the ARAMARK and Kwame Building volunteers to help convey a message of hope and caring.



Summer Camp Coming to a Club Near You

The summer camp season is approaching and the BGCSTL will be offering day camp at five locations this year. Our summer camp offers young people what they need and want most: trained professional staff who respect and listen to them; a safe environment where they can have fun and be themselves; and interesting, constructive activities that channel youthful energy into challenging pursuits. Summer will truly be a fun and dynamic experience that will spark creativity, engagement, and exploration through structured learning experiences. Camp begins at all County locations on June 9th and City locations on June 16th. For more information, click here.



New Brochure Available

The new 2014 BGCSTL general information brochure is ready to be distributed. The full color brochure gives information on the Club, its programs and information on how to become a member, volunteer or donate. To download your own printable copy or send the link to someone you know, click <u>here</u>, then go to the "News" box. Or, to receive a printed version, contact Shuntaé Shields Ryan, <u>here</u>.

Pool to Open Soon

The Mel J. Loewenstein Aquatic Center at the BGCSTL Herbert Hoover Club is well on its way to reopening later this year. Phase I has been completed and phase II is underway including renovation of the locker room area,

repairing the showers, painting, lighting, a new hallway door and more. Donors who made this phase of the project a reality include, Emerson Charitable Trust, Dana Brown Charitable Trust, John Stupp, Mont Levy, Alan Henderson and Steve Maritz.



Missouri State Society of D.C. Donates to BGCSTL

During a recent Washington Wizards game, over 50 members of the Missouri State Society of Washington D.C. were in attendance to raise money for the Boys & Girls Club of Greater St. Louis. Following the Wizards victory, the Society attended a post-game reception with Missourian and Washington Wizard's star, Bradley Beal.

"This event is just one of the many reasons why I am proud to be a Missourian living in Washington, D.C.," said Mark Milton, President of the Missouri State Society of Washington D.C. "The volunteer executive board of the Missouri State Society works hard to make events like this possible, and I am pleased to announce that today we will donate \$500 to the Boys & Girls Club of Greater St. Louis. I am also honored to announce that our corporate partner, Monsanto, will match our donation for a total donation of \$1,000 to the Club. We are so grateful to our Honorary Member, Bradley Beal, and our sponsors for their support, and we look forward to continuing our work of service and dedication to the state of Missouri in 2014."

Flint Fowler, President of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater St. Louis, remarked to members of the Missouri State Society at the post-game reception, "I greatly appreciate your work, and the success of the Boys & Girls Club depends on the support that groups like you provide. I couldn't be more thankful. I also want to thank Bradley Beal for the values that he has always lived by and the role model that he still is for our kids in St. Louis."

Mentor Moment

In 2002, Kenneth Turner wanted to get involved with activities that allowed him to give back to his community. He joined Mentor St. Louis because he saw an opportunity to better the community by building a positive relationship with a child in a controlled setting, alongside other volunteers desiring to do the same. Twelve years and a handful of mentees later, Ken maintains that his experience keeps getting better year after year. As a seasoned mentor, Kenneth has seen multiple iterations of the program. "Good organizations, like Mentor St. Louis, stay on top by constantly finding ways to improve," adds Kenneth. Lately, his focus has been on recruiting additional volunteers through his employer – Thompson Coburn.



Ken believes that if more people gave mentoring a try, they might be surprised at how much they would receive. Ken reports that his current mentee for the past 4 years, Traydon (pictured), has developed into a young man that inspires him, as the mentor. Ken is encouraged because he knows his work with Traydon has helped him transform from a child who received multiple referrals to the principal's office – to now a class leader who is frequently asked to give encouraging messages to the entire student body. When asked what keeps him motivated, Ken said, "Our children need and deserve mentors. Being one of the key people in a child's life that can impact change is the motivation that keeps my motor running". Thanks, Kenneth, for choosing to give back to the community by mentoring our most valuable resource – our children.

To become a mentor, contact Ryonnel Jackson at 314-335-8140 or <u>here</u>. Community Grants Continue to Increase the Impact of Club Programs The BGCSTL is the recipient of multiple gifts that will support our efforts to inspire and enable youth to realize their full potential as productive, responsible and caring citizens. The financial support will drive our results in our three priority outcome areas: Academic Success, Good Character & Citizenship, and Healthy Lifestyles. The following investors recently made contributions:

Support from the **Monsanto Fund** in the amount of \$25,000 will help over 500 kids improve their math and science skills through afterschool tutoring and enrichment activities. The program will take place at five Club locations in St. Louis City and County. Grant funds will be spent on STEM related programming throughout 2014. Activities vary by Club location, and include guest speakers, math- and science-related games, field trips, and LEGO robotics teams.

The **Bellwether Foundation** donated \$15,000 to support Project Learn programs and activities including homework help and tutoring.

LeadersBridge Bike Event

Fourteen BGCSTL Twillman Club members were selected to receive brand new bikes courtesy of Tricorbraun and LeadersBridge. Tricorbraun took part in a company teamwork program, facilitated by LeaderBridge, that included assembling bicycles. At the conclusion of each team building event, the

bicycles are donated to local charities. Special thanks to Mr. Craig Wagganor and his company (LeadersBridge) for donating over 300 bikes to our youth over the last seven years!



Payless Shoes Provides Free Shoes to Club Kids

A group of 200 children across all Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater St. Louis Club locations were able to participate in a shoe-shopping trip to local Payless ShoeSource stores here in St. Louis thanks to the Payless Gives[™] Shoes 4 Kids program. The children were able to select their own pair of free new shoes using \$20 merchandise certificates. BGCSTL was among 750

charitable agencies representing all 50 states in the United States, as well as Canada, Puerto Rico and 11 Latin American countries who were able to give more than \$1.5 million of free shoes to children of families in need thanks to this program.



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