2015 Highlights from Dr. Flint Fowler

We wanted to take this opportunity to thank our donors and partners for a magnificent year at the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater St. Louis (BGCSTL). Together we raised over $8 million dollars to assist us in accomplishing our mission, “to inspire and enable youth ages 6-18 to realize their full potential as productive, responsible and caring citizens.” We couldn’t capture all the accomplishments but the attached list should give you a sampling of our phenomenal year. Click **here** to read the full document.
Summer Camp Registration Open

The summer camp season is here and the Boys & Girls Clubs will be offering day camp at a St. Louis City and County location near you. Our camp offers youth ages 6-18 a fun and dynamic experience that sparks creativity, engagement, and exploration through learning activities mixed with tons of fun, swimming, teen and STEM programs as well as field trips. Summer camp start dates and times vary by location. For more information, click here.

"What first drew me in about the Boys & Girls Club was that I could finally be myself… It was okay to start being myself."

Jyra Robinson
Club Member

FILL UP FOR FLINT

BGCSTL Torch Club members are spearheading an effort to collect water bottles for and drive them to Flint, Michigan (*with the help of staff of course). Donated bottled water can be dropped off at any of our six Club locations and monetary donations can be made via bgcstl.org thru March 10th. Support our young leaders’ vision to serve in communities that need us most! For more information, contact Kristin Black at 314.953.7795 or to donate, click here. (indicate “water for Flint” in the “other” field when giving)

DEA Bringing Dance & More
The United States Drug Enforcement Administration announced that St. Louis will be the second pilot city to participate in its comprehensive law enforcement and prevention “360 Strategy” that helps cities address the heroin and prescription drug abuse epidemic, and its associated violent crime. As part of the program, the DEA has selected BGCSTL as a local partner and will provide engaging dialogues, information and resources to equip our youth with prevention skills and education needed to keep them on track to achieve Great Futures. We are also honored to have been selected as a partner in the DEA Youth Dance Program! The DEA will provide dance instructors at two of our Club locations to facilitate a 20 week dance class--- a program that keeps their minds on the arts and away from distractions.

**Annual Women’s Leadership Luncheon**

Table for Four, the BGCSTL annual lunch for women leaders will be held on March 11, 2016, 11:30 am – 1 pm at the Chase Park Plaza. In its history, the event has raised over $270,000 to support the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater St. Louis 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. Over 200 guests are expected to attend. Event co-chairs are Leann Chilton (BJC HealthCare), Nancy Lieberman (GO! St. Louis) and Susan Stith (Express Scripts). The Keynote Speaker is Khalia Collier, Owner and General Manager of St. Louis Surge. For more information, click [here](http://mailings.marketvolt.com/130/gWhigea.html).

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For Four

Luncheon

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For more information or with questions, contact Shuntae Shields Ryan, VP, Marketing & Communications via phone 314.335.8009 or [email](mailto:).
Friends of the Club Casino Night

Join the Friends of Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater St. Louis at Casino Night - an evening of games, live music, heavy hors d’oeuvres and tons of fun! The event will be held on March 19th at the Bissinger's Caramel Room at 7 pm. One hundred percent of the proceeds support more than 6,000 youth. For nearly 50 years, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater St. Louis has provided after school, teen, summer and sports programs to youth ages 6-18. As part of membership, youth also benefit from free on-site dental and vision care. Boys & Girls Clubs proven youth development programs empower the kids we serve to make positive choices that lead to successful adulthood and civic engagement. For more information, or to purchase your tickets ($65 per person), click here.

Zoo Hires Teens

BGCSTL is entering into its third year of its partnership with the St. Louis Zoo. Through this program, youth who complete our Junior Staff program are eligible to participate in Zoo-led workshops each February which can lead to summer employment with the St. Louis Zoo. This year twenty-four members ages 14-17 will have summer employment. Those who are successful are encouraged to work every summer for as long as they want. During the member’s employment, BGCSTL staff conducts weekly check-ins and provides mentoring and the St. Louis Zoo pairs teens with work mentors to ensure success on the job. Zoo team member, Fred Falker, Director, Workforce Development & Training stated, “This is the best crop of kids we’ve had
during our three year tenure with the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater St. Louis. They go above and beyond of what's expected of them, arrive early and come dressed to impress.”

**Jim Butler Golf Tournament**  
**Save the Date**

The annual Jim Butler Charity Golf classic, benefitting the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater St. Louis, will be on June 20, 2016 at the Country Club of St. Albans. This fun-filled tournament includes afternoon tee times, golf, lunch, live and silent auction, dinner and awards program. Both courses will be available for the tournament. One of the most anticipated Club events of the year, the tournament has helped increase awareness of the Boys & Girls Clubs of St. Louis and raise funds for health and life skills programs. For more information, or to register, click [here](http://mailings.marketvolt.com/130/gWhigea.html).

**SHOP AT ROSS, SUPPORT BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS**

Every year, nearly 4 million young people are served by Boys & Girls Clubs around the world. To celebrate these extraordinary efforts, Ross Stores, Inc. is once again conducting its “Open the Door to Great Futures” - an in-store
giving campaign. During the month of February, Ross store customers can make monetary contributions at the checkout counter that will be directed to the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater St. Louis. Happy shopping!

![Ross Supports GREAT FUTURES. DONATE TODAY.](image)

**PF CHANG SUPPORTS BGCSTL**

PF Chang’s locations nationwide will support Boys & Girls Clubs with a cause marketing campaign during their Chinese New Year celebration. To help, visit your local PF Chang, purchase of an item off the CNY menu and one dollar ($1.00) will benefit Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater St. Louis. Additionally, you can participate by using the hash tag the #PFChangsWish. A photo or personal wish shared with #PFChangsWish will also trigger a $1.00 donation.

**FRANK LETA PARTNERSHIP**

BGCSTL has been selected as the Frank Leta charity of the month for February. They’ll donate $2 for every service appointment booked online during the month of February from Frank Leta Acura and Honda. Call to get your car serviced to support!

**Mentor Spotlight**

We have the best mentors ever participating in our Mentor St. Louis program! The month of January was National Mentoring Month and several of our mentors showed up to support our students. We salute you all for playing a life-changing role in the lives of our youth. Browse through the photos, [here](http://mailings.marketvolt.com/130/gWhigea.html).
**Member Highlight**

Youth of the Year, Shaila Jones, was recently featured as part of the KMOV News 4 segment, "Imagine a Better STL". During the segment, Shaila reflects on her experiences growing up and how the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater St. Louis played a role in her positive development and confidence. She credits the “SMART Girls” program with shaping her into the young lady she is today. Watch the video, [here](#).

**Grants Supporting Programs!!**

BGCSTL is the recipient of multiple grants that will support our efforts to inspire and enable youth to realize their full potential as productive, responsible and caring citizens. The financial support helps drive results in our three priority outcome areas: Academic Success, Good Character & Citizenship, and Healthy Lifestyles. The following recently made contributions:

- Washington University Medical Center: $750,000 toward general operating support at the Adams Park Club over three years
- St. Louis County Children’s Service Fund: $350,000 toward BE GREAT: Graduate, a comprehensive dropout prevention program, at Normandy High School
- City of St. Louis Community Development Administration: $100,000 toward the Herbert Hoover, O’Fallon Park and Adams Park Clubs
- Boys & Girls Clubs of America and the Office of Justice Programs: $35,000 toward gang prevention through targeted outreach at the Ferguson Middle School Club
- Boys & Girls Clubs of America and the Office of Justice Programs: $42,400 toward mentoring at-risk youth at the Adams Park, Ferguson Middle School and O’Fallon Park Clubs
- Boys & Girls Clubs of America and Ross Stores: $20,000 toward POWER Hour education programming
- Boys & Girls Clubs of America and the Professional Golfers Association: $6,000 toward golf programming
- Boys & Girls Clubs of America: $5,000 toward SMART Girls health & life skills programming
- Interco Charitable Trust: $40,000 toward Project Learn education programming
- Dana Brown Charitable Trust: $50,000 toward renovations
and improvements to the Herbert Hoover Club gymnasium
• Episcopal Presbyterian Health Trust: $25,000 toward the
dental clinic at the Herbert Hoover Club
• Trio Foundation: $20,000 toward experiential learning
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