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From the President/CEO's desk

Dear Friends:

It was in October of 1965 when the doors to the Southwest Boys Club (now known as the Lester H. White Club/NFL YET Unit) in Fort Lauderdale first opened, welcoming more than 550 young boys from the surrounding area.

Today, 50 years later, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Broward County has grown to an organization that serves more than 12,500 children and teens, both boys and girls.

From that first Club staffed by volunteers, we've now grown to 12 Clubs — including a Teen Center — throughout Broward County, with 71 full-time employees and more than 130 part-time staff members and hundreds of volunteers.

While much has changed over the years, the commitment from the community — the driving force behind the creation of that first Club half a century ago — remains strong, perhaps stronger than ever.

When members of the community first organized the Southwest Boys Club, one of the main goals was to find a place for children to gather in hopes of reducing crime. Within a year of opening, vandalism in the neighborhood declined by 90 percent.

Thanks to our community, we now have a wide range of programs with goals that go far beyond reducing crime and are truly changing lives.

With support from the residents, businesses, foundations and local governments within Broward County, we're able to focus programs in three key areas — Academic Success, Good Character & Citizenship, and Healthy Lifestyles — and the lessons learned stay with many of these young people for the rest of their lives.

Today, 97 percent of our members progress to the next grade level and 93 percent of our senior members graduate high school. Our older members, ages 10 to 18, participate in over 100 community projects each year and our high school-age members volunteer close to 25,000 hours annually.

As you read through this special section commemorating our first 50 years, you'll see that the vision set forth by our Founders 50 years ago still guides us today as we make a positive impact on our community and will continue to guide us for the next 50 years.

Our sincerest thanks goes out to our generous community and those who have sponsored this celebratory anniversary issue. A special recognition to Rita and Rick Case, the Sun Sentinel team and my BGCBC staff who worked to make this document come alive. The community makes it possible for the Boys & Girls Clubs of Broward County to help make a difference in the lives of boys and girls.

Sincerely,

Brian Quail
President/CEO, Boys & Girls Clubs of Broward County



Brian Quail

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With the support of its community partners, BGCBC is keeping kids in school until graduation

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Over the past 50 years, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Broward County (BGCBC) has encouraged Academic Success, Good Character & Citizenship and Healthy Lifestyles for all youth ages 6 to 18 who have passed through the doors at each Club.

Academic Success centers on members staying in school until they graduate from high school and beyond. With the support of the Broward Sheriff's Office (BSO) and the Broward County School District, BGCBC has created a framework for Academic Success for those in the community who need it most.

Support from BGCBC partners comes in many different forms, said Matt Organ, the organization's Executive Vice President. "It can be as simple as a BSO deputy visiting a Club to speak to our members about how officers can help them when they need it, or teachers volunteering to come in and tutor our members. It all helps the kids."

Financial support is important and necessary, Organ said, but these types of one-on-one interactions with members are what stick with them as they grow and develop.

"The ultimate goal is to keep kids in school and keep them engaged in learning so that they graduate from high school with a plan in mind for their future," said Brian Quail, BGCBC President/CEO. "Our job is to ensure they graduate high school and are prepared to attend college or technical school, join a branch of the military or enter the work-

force. It's about us reinforcing and mentoring these kids."

Numbers alone illustrate that BGCBC's efforts to keep kids in school have succeeded. For FY 2014-2015:

- 97 percent of members progressed to the next grade level
- 93 percent of senior members graduated from high school
- 52 percent of senior members enrolled in college

Quail stresses that much of BGCBC's success stems from the partnerships it has established in the community,

and without the support of its partners, the Club's ability to serve its thousands of members and potential members would be significantly lessened.

In FY 2014-2015, BGCBC had more than 12,500 members who spent 2.9 million hours in their Club, Quail said. Rather than spending time after school in potentially dangerous places or getting into trouble, Club members were involved in positive educational activities in safe environments.

"This isn't just a place to hang out, the Clubs provide an extension of the school day for these kids," said Broward

Schools Superintendent Robert Runcie. "BGCBC is an absolutely great partner with the school district."

One of the first things Broward Sheriff Scott Israel said he did after being elected in 2012 was to visit one of the Fort Lauderdale Clubs for a firsthand look at what BGCBC members experience each day. He said he was impressed to see youngsters engaged in positive activities in a safe environment.

"The kids were all studying or playing basketball or having a snack. This is an organization that is doing it all — connecting with kids, encouraging them to study, keeping them in school and allowing them to continue their education," Israel said.

Each day at BGCBC begins with Power Hour: When members arrive at their Club, no matter what grade they are in, they spend the first hour doing their homework and studying. They also are given a healthy snack during this time. Staff and volunteers — including some Broward teachers — are available to help the youngsters and teens understand their assignments and figure out how to solve problems.

Other academic programs made available to Club members include Youth Education Success (Y.E.S.), a web-based system that assesses students in grades 1 through 8 and provides individualized instruction in reading and math to students at varying levels. Sharing student data with the Broward County School District has helped to widen the program's scope.

Maximizing Out of School Time (M.O.S.T.) aims to keep members engaged in educa-



tion during their summer break from school and is one of BGCBC's most important efforts, Runcie said. "Summer learning loss is a huge issue for us and the Boys & Girls Clubs of Broward County has done an amazing job to cut down on this for the kids in its programs. It's making a big difference in the lives of kids, and keeping them focused on learning."

BGCBC offers a range of educational programs for its members: Art With a Heart is an award-winning Fine Arts program offered to members. Water Safety and OSHA 10 classes are offered for interested members. There is also an SAT Preparation Program available to high school students taking the test. Annual Career Fairs and College Tours help students learn about their options after high school, while staff and volunteers are available to assist members in filling out college and financial aid applications.

Quail said parents are thankful the Club offers a safe place where their children are encouraged to study and learn on a daily basis, are taught about responsibility and achieving goals and are provided with a healthy snack and supper. Parents are important partners with the Club in helping their children develop into responsible adults, he added.

"We talk to our parents on a regular basis," Quail said. "Because of the influence we have on their children, they are confident their children will do better and go on learning beyond high school."





The many faces of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Broward County Each has their own special story

By **TRACY KOLODY**
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Beverly Hinds and Dionne DaCosta, two mothers whose girls are members at the Boys & Girls Club of Broward County's (BGCBC) William E. Slaughter Club in North Lauderdale, say that the Club is a great place for their kids and in many ways it also is a lifesaver for them.

"The Club gives us as parents the opportunity to do what we need to do each day," said Dionne, who works for a Miami-based construction company and is the mother of two girls. "My girls have been coming here for almost five years, right after school during the week. I love that they are busy and social, but their safety is the No. 1 issue for me."

Knowing the staff and volunteers at the

Club helps to instill a feeling of trust that her 12-year-old daughter, Angelique, is being looked after until she picks her up each evening, said Beverly, who works for a state agency in the area. "I like it because there's a lot of stuff the kids can do here. There are so many opportunities."

Zuri DaCosta, 17, is an example of just how busy Club members can be. A high school senior who wants to be an entrepreneur, she is involved in the Culinary Arts program at the Club with her younger sister, India Winn.

Zuri also hopes to study psychology and is involved in TV production courses at school. She says she uses the recording studio at the Club and has helped produce some segments of "The Leo Show" for

the Leo Goodwin Teen Center, connected to the William E. Slaughter Club.

She also helped develop a program for children cared for by JAFCCO (Jewish Adoption & Foster Care Options) through her membership in the Keystone Club, BGCBC's community service organization.

Zuri speaks with pride of the program that she and Club member Fitzgerald Ferjuste created for orphaned children. They won a first-place prize for the program in Broward County and were recognized at the National Keystone Club conference in Orlando, which they attended. Zuri hopes to study business management at Florida State University.

Fitzgerald "Fritz" Ferjuste, 17, has been a member of BGCBC for 10 years, and proudly says he now works at the Club after school, overseeing younger children in the game room. After he graduates from Blanch Ely High School, he says he will attend Broward College to become certified as an Emergency Medical Technician, and eventually hopes to become a firefighter.

Ezekiel "Zeke" Shaw, 18, a member at the Lester H. White Club/NFL YET Unit in Fort Lauderdale, was



Ezekiel 'Zeke' Shaw

selected as the 2015 Youth of the Year in Broward County and says he is on his way to "becoming a famous actor when I grow up." Currently enrolled at Broward College, Zeke hopes to eventually transfer to the University of Miami and study in the theater program there.

He said when he was 15, he started to work with children at the Club to prepare for shows and skits they were performing. "I realized the impact I could have on younger kids, and it inspired me," Zeke said. "I will always give back to the Boys & Girls Clubs."

Vania Clerizier, 17, a member at the Slaughter Club for 10 years, this year reached second place in the Youth of the Year selection process and also received a scholarship from BGCBC. A member of the Keystone Club, she is in the process of completing her application



Members Fitzgerald 'Fritz' Ferjuste, 17, and Vania Clerizier, 17

to Florida State University, where she hopes to study business.

Cordesia Dukes, 18, another member at the Slaughter Club and Teen Center, also is giving back. A senior at Coconut Creek High School, she is the cheerleading coach at the Club, with two teams of younger kids and teens. A cheerleader at school as

well, Cordesia says she's been cheering since she was 4 years old, but didn't know anything about the programs at BGCBC before becoming a member.

With a two-year scholarship from the Club, she plans to attend Broward College after she graduates. Eventually, Cordesia hopes to attend Nova

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Moms Beverly Hinds and Dionne DaCosta

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Southeastern University, where she is interested in studying social work. She became interested in that major after working with children at the Club and says she would like to focus on foster care if possible.



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Jill Arbogast, the energetic Assistant Director of the Leo Goodwin Teen Center, says BGCBC members aren't the only ones who receive scholarships from the Club. She recently congratulated Beverly Hinds for completing a Master's Degree in Healthcare Administration through the University of Phoenix, an online program for which Hinds received a scholarship from Boys & Girls Clubs of America.

"I never would have been able to do this without the Boys & Girls Club," said Beverly. She credits the Slaughter Club's Director Karriem Edwards with encouraging her. "Every time he saw me, he would ask how I was doing in school, and he even came to my graduation."



From left: members Zuri DaCosta, 17, Cordesia Dukes, 18, and Fritzgerald 'Fritz' Ferjuste, 17



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Volunteers make a difference

By TRACY KOLODY

SPECIAL SECTIONS WRITER

Volunteers provide much-needed assistance so that the Boys & Girls Clubs of Broward County (BGCBC) can continue to provide its myriad of programs to the school-age children and teens who are members at the organization's 12 Clubs throughout the county.

Spending just a few hours a week as a volunteer not only makes a difference in the lives of the Club's members, it also has a positive impact on the volunteers themselves, said Brian Quail, President/CEO of BGCBC.

"We are like an extended family for our members, and our volunteers are part of that," he said, adding that volunteering at the Boys & Girls Club can provide adults with new experiences and skills while they are serving as role models to kids and positively impacting the communities in which they live.

"Our goal is to match your availability, skills and interests with a Club near where you work or live," Quail said.

BGCBC has an average of about 175 volunteers at work in the Club at any one time, with that number changing during the summer months when average daily member attendance at the Club units tends to rise.

With a membership that

reached more than 12,500 kids in FY 2014-2015 and continues to climb, volunteers are absolutely necessary to allow all members to participate in programs at the Clubs, said Matt Organ, BGCBC Executive Vice President.

"Volunteers, together with our staff and all of our partners, are really the lifeblood of this organization," said Organ, who began working for BGCBC right after graduating from college 34 years ago. "There's absolutely no way we would be so successful without the support of people who want to help and give back to this community."

All volunteers are asked for commitments of at least six months to volunteer at least two hours a week. That way, youngsters get to know the volunteers at the Clubs the same way they know staffers and that kind of consistency is important, said Karriem Edwards, Director of the Jim & Jan Moran Unit in Deerfield Beach.

"It's good when the kids know the volunteers and know they can go to them for help when they need it," Edwards said.

Available volunteer positions run the gamut from assisting in educational labs and supervising game rooms to serving as chaperones during trips or events and being a tutor who assists students who are doing

their homework.

In addition to ongoing volunteer opportunities at the Clubs and at the David and Kay Hughes Administrative Office in Fort Lauderdale, one-time volunteers also are needed to serve as motivational speakers and to assist at BGCBC events, including the annual Dunn's Run, Caddyshack Revisited Golf Tournament, Hollywood Welcomes the Stars and Harley-Davidson Bikers Bash.

Those interested in volunteering must fill out an application and will be asked to come into the BGCBC Administrative Office for an interview and orientation. All applicants for volunteer positions must undergo a drug test and an FBI Level 2 background check and BGCBC will contact three references. Volunteers are trained and supervised by staff at the



Matt Organ, EVP

Club where they will be working.

"We love our volunteers," said Jill Arbogast, Assistant Director of the Leo Goodwin Teen Center in North

Lauderdale, as she directed a newly recruited volunteer to her station in the kitchen, where she will assist members involved in the Culinary Arts program.



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Getting to know three of the Clubs

As the Boys & Girls Clubs of Broward County celebrates its 50th anniversary, the organization has 12 Clubs (one with a teen center) that serve more than 12,500 children and teens, both boys and girls. Here is a look at three of those Clubs:



Rita and Rick Case Club in Davie provides kids with skills and 'a home away from home'

BY RICH POLLACK
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

It's the week before school is about to start and the Rita and Rick Case Boys & Girls Club in Davie is bustling.

In the art room, children are working with an instructor on an art project while next door the game room is packed with older kids gathered around pool and foosball tables and a variety of other games. Still others are in a smaller, quieter room where they're playing board games.

But it is in the new gym, which opened just a year ago, where you really get a sense just how important this Club is to the community it serves. Kids, mostly teens, are everywhere — shooting hoops, playing dodge ball or just gathered on the bleachers talking to one another.

In all, the Club serves as many as 500 kids a day during the summer with programs that offer more than just giving them a place to hang out. There was a summer learning program, where about 100 kids had a chance to focus on math, reading, science and social skills. There's the computer lab

upstairs, and there are free lunches and snacks designed to help kids stay healthy.

"What we created here is a great Club experience where they can come and just be kids," said Karla Zamora, the Club's Director.

For Club members like 17-year-old Alvin Brantley and 15-year-old Jonei Godbee, the Club is a home away from home where they can be with their friends but also feel safe.

Brantley, who has been coming to the Club since he was seven, says that if he weren't at the Club, he'd probably be on a basketball court somewhere in his neighborhood.

"Here I don't have to worry about harmful things coming my way," he said.

For Godbee, the Club is also a refuge of sorts where she comes to just hang out with her friends in a safe and supervised environment.

"It's lots of fun to be here," she said. "You can make a lot of friends."

Field trips are also an important part of the summer activities. For Brantley, who is going into his junior year, visiting

a few area colleges gave him an idea of what it's like to be on campus and reaffirmed his desire to get a degree.

Preparing kids for college or careers is important to Zamora, a former Club member herself, who can rattle off the

names of just about every child who walks past.

"We have to be able to provide our Club members with skills they can use in the future," she said.



Rita and Rick Case

Marti Huizenga Club in Hollywood welcomes second generation of members

By TRACY KOLODY
SPECIAL SECTIONS WRITER

When Henry Estrada was a youngster in West Hollywood in the 1980s, there was no Boys & Girls Club where he could go after school to play with friends and do his homework.

It wasn't until Estrada was a senior at McArthur High School that the Hollywood Boys Club (now known as the Marti Huizenga Club) first opened its doors at 1111 NW 69th Way, providing him with a place to go after school. "We didn't realize it at the

time, but that was a real opportunity for us," he said. "Here in West Hollywood, we never really had a Boys & Girls Club or any place we could go."

Estrada said that due to the guidance of his hard-working parents who both had full-time jobs while he was in school, he was attracted to the programs being offered at the Club. The mission of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Broward County (BGCBC) is to enable all young people, especially those who need it most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring and responsible citizens.

By the end of that first year as a



Wayne and Marti Huizenga

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member of the Hollywood Club, Estrada was a member of the service-oriented Keystone Club, a runner-up for the Youth of the Year award and one of the Club's college scholarship recipients. While attending college, Estrada worked part-time at the Club and when he was 21, he was named its full-time Athletic Director, while he was still in school.

At age 25, Estrada was named BGCBC's youngest Club Director ever. The Hollywood Club was rededicated as the Marti Huizenga Unit in 1997 in recognition of the financial sup-

port provided by businessman H. Wayne Huizenga and his wife, Marti, members of BGCBC's Lifetime Giving Society.

"The Huizenga's have been heavily involved in the development of the Club," Estrada said. "Each year we host the Hollywood Welcomes the Stars fundraiser and for 22 years they have attended."

Much has changed at the Club since Estrada was a high school student, starting with the fact that there are more members. During the most recent budget year, there were 1,450

registered members at the Club, with average daily attendance of 400 in the summer months and 350 during the school year.

Over the years, the Club added physical fitness and fine arts programs, began serving healthy snacks and supper to members, and initiated the safe passage policy, which increased accountability for those who are allowed in and out of the Club on a daily basis.

In addition, the school district agreed to change some school bus routes from area schools so that

those students could be dropped off at BGCBC in Hollywood, which also helped increase membership.

"Parents have said this is a blessing in disguise," Estrada said. "Now former members' kids are becoming members of the Club and we've seen that second generation of members here. I've heard parents say they feel they're getting a lot for a \$15-per-year membership fee."

Jim & Jan Moran Club gives Deerfield Beach youth a place to play and learn in a safe environment

By **TRACY KOLODY**
SPECIAL SECTIONS WRITER

Active young people like Jaime Edwards are working every day of the week at the Boys & Girls Clubs of Broward County's (BGCBC) Jim & Jan Moran Unit in Deerfield Beach.

Edwards, a member of the Nan Knox Club in Fort Lauderdale when she was a youngster, is now a student at Johnson C. Smith University in Charlotte, N.C., where she is studying Criminology. During the summer she works as a physical education staffer in Deerfield Beach, where she oversees games and activities for children in the Club's gymnasium and outdoors on the adjacent sports field.

Another of the Moran Club's many local success stories is Ja'Vonta D. Swinton, a member who was selected as Youth of the Year in 2012. Now a sophomore studying marketing at Stetson University in DeLand, the Deerfield Beach native returned this summer to work as a part-time staffer.

According to Karriem Edwards, Director of the Jim & Jan Moran Club, Jamie Edwards and Swinton exemplify to a "T" the goals of the Boys & Girls Clubs' three program areas: Academic

Success, Good Character & Citizenship and Healthy Lifestyles.

"What makes me so excited about BGCBC is that for the past few years we've been instituting new programs, and now we can see the results in these kids," Karriem Edwards said. "The fact that we have kids from this Club, that's in an area that has a higher-than-average drop-out rate, graduating from high school and moving on successfully — that's proof that what we are doing is great work."

Two programs that have been made available to members are iReady, a computer-based diagnostic and learning program that provides individualized instruction and measures growth in various subjects for children in 1st grade through 12th grade; and Code Stars, a program slated to be offered starting in Fall 2015 that provides members the opportunity to learn about the fundamentals of computer science.

When members arrive at the Club after school, they begin with Power Hour, during which they are provided with a snack and must do their homework, with assistance provided by staffers and volunteers. Music and games are permitted only after Power Hour ends, Karriem Edwards said.

"Our ultimate objective is that members graduate from high school with a plan for their future, whether it be college or learning in another way, or military service, or going to work," he said.

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Since being created by Jim Moran back in 2000, the Jim Moran Foundation has awarded \$5,000 annually to the Book Scholarship Fund that provides books to BGCBC members who are attending college or vocational training programs in Florida. The Foundation also funds the Club's Saturday Extension Programs, which provide members with weekend recreational and academic activities and nutritious snacks and meals in a fun, safe environment at all 12 Club locations.



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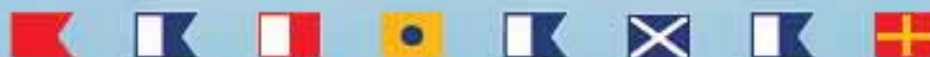
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National Boys & Girls Clubs Leader calls Broward Club a testament to serving the needs of local kids

By **TRACY KOLODY**
SPECIAL SECTIONS WRITER

Not only is the Boys & Girls Clubs of Broward County (BGCBC) the largest Club in Florida and the fifth-largest Club in the United States, it is among the fastest growing Clubs in the nation, according to the National organization's Chief Executive.

"Congratulations to the Boys & Girls Clubs of Broward County on their 50th Anniversary," said Jim Clark, President/CEO of Boys & Girls Clubs of America. "These historic milestones are certainly cause to celebrate and a time to say thanks to all who have worked to serve children in this community."

Founded in 1965, BGCBC was developed to help at-risk youth meet their potential, offering after-school and other programs. It has expanded from a single Club for boys in Fort Lauderdale (now the NFL-YET Lester H. White Club) to a dozen centers throughout the county serving both boys and girls ages 6 to 18.

During the last 25 years alone, membership in the Broward Clubs has almost quadrupled in size — from about 3,200 children to more than 12,500 youth today — while nationwide, the average number of

members doubled, Clark said.

"That membership growth in Broward County is a testament to the passion this community has for serving the needs of its kids," Clark said. "BGCBC is certainly one of the pacesetters, one of the key testing grounds for new programs."

He praised BGCBC for "leading the charge" in providing assistance to the 900,000 kids in Florida who live in hunger insecurity with its Healthy Snack & Meal program. And his is not the only praise for the Broward Club's efforts.

When BGCBC instituted a supper program for members back in 2011, the Florida Partnership to End Childhood Hunger honored the Broward Club as a trailblazer for offering suppers to kids who otherwise might not have anything to eat later in the day.

This year marked the fourth year that BGCBC has operated the program and it has served more than 3 million snacks and meals, a number that will continue to grow.

In addition to being recognized by the Boys & Girls Clubs of America and the Florida Area Council as having the Best Overall Program for its Healthy Snack &



Jim Clark (center) with BGCBC Volunteers and Staff

Meal program, BGCBC has received a 4-star rating from Charity Navigator, the highest rating available from the nonprofit that evaluates the effectiveness of how American charities use donations.

Clark said BGCBC also has led the way in providing its members with thousands of Saturday meal packs and with snacks and meals through its Summer Food Service program. During the Summer months, membership numbers climb at Boys & Girls Clubs while school is out.

At the Jim & Jan Moran Unit of BGCBC in Deerfield Beach, for example, meal and snack service during the summer is moved from the Club's canteen area into the gym so there is enough room for all members to eat, said Karriem Edwards, Club Director. Once school is out, he said average daily attendance grows from about 250 to over 400 kids,

and has risen as high as 500 kids some days.

"We are looking to continue to grow, to increase our ability to have a lasting impact," Clark said. "The needs of kids today are so great, we're nowhere near where we need to be to meet them."

The most effective way to broaden programs available to youth at the Clubs is through partnerships with local government and private organizations, he said. "Broward has done a remarkable job in establishing effective community partnerships and that is a key to success."

Clark attributes much of the success realized by BGCBC to Brian Quail, its President/CEO since 2009. "Brian is a remarkable leader doing a fabulous job. He truly is making a difference for families and kids who need it the most. He is a great role model for us nationally."



Notable Boys & Girls Clubs of America Alumni

Millions of young people have moved on from their Boys & Girls Club experience to become productive citizens. For many, the guidance they received at the Club helped them achieve educational goals and explore career opportunities. Numerous Club Alumni have earned particular distinction in their respective fields. Among them are:



Misty Copeland

Business

Jack Welch, former Chairman & CEO, GE
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Entertainment

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Jennifer Lopez, Singer, Actor

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Denzel Washington, Actor

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Superstar Jason Derulo credits Marti Huizenga Club for who he is today

BY RICH POLLACK
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Long before he recorded his hit single "Whatcha Say," long before becoming a judge on *So You Think You Can Dance* and long before appearing on the cover of *Billboard Magazine*, Jason Derulo had recorded his first CD — thanks to the Boys & Girls Clubs of Broward County.

A member of the Marti Huizenga Club in Hollywood for several years, Derulo won a talent show and had the chance to appear on stage with singer Michael

Bolton and to visit a studio where he recorded his first professionally produced CD.

"I think I sang 'I Believe I Can Fly,' " he said, adding that he still has that recording.

Since then, Derulo has sold more than 50 million singles and achieved international stardom as a singer, songwriter and dancer. He credits his Boys & Girls Club experience as playing an important role in his success.

"That place was instrumental in helping me become who I am today,"

he says. "It teaches you the basic skills you need to be a grown-up."

For Derulo those skills included discipline and enhancing a competitive spirit, both of which he says have been critical to his achievements as an entertainer.

At the same time, the Boys & Girls Club also gave him an opportunity to just be a kid in a secure and encouraging environment.

"I remember being so excited to get there after school every day," he said. "It was something to look forward to — a sanctuary

that was safe."

First introduced to the Club by an older cousin, Derulo says the activities he saw during his initial visit were what drew him in. It was there that he had the chance to play basketball and ping-pong in a nurturing environment and it was there that he learned to play pool.

"The Boys & Girls Club is like any child's dream because you're having the time of your life," he said. "There is something there for you, whatever your interests are."



Jason Derulo

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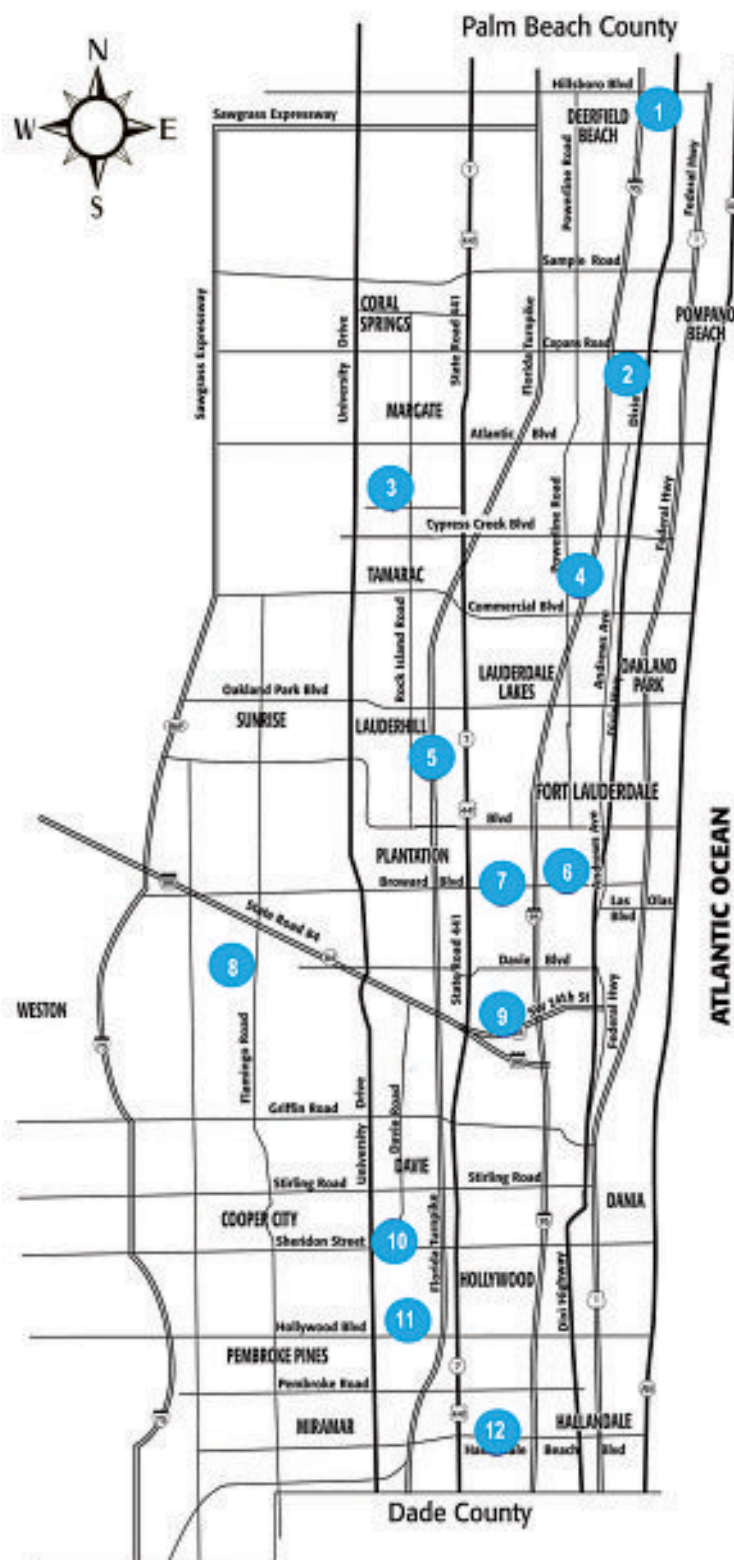




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Giving back

Former members return to their Club roots to make a difference

Karla Zamora

Club Director of the Rita and Rick Case Club in Davie
Attended the Marti Huizenga Boys & Girls Club



Karla Zamora

"I can say with an open heart that the Boys & Girls Clubs of Broward County has been a huge gift in my life.

I began at the Hollywood Unit when I was eight years old, with big circle glasses and frizzy curly hair. Through the years I became involved in Torch Club and Smart Moves, and

attended the Boys & Girls Club daily after school to do my homework and play in the game room.

When I was a teenager the Boys & Girls Clubs was the place that kept me safe and grounded. All the staff members at the Club were there to guide me and keep me in line. The main mentor of my adolescent years and still to this day, the person that I look up to, is Mr. Henry Estrada. He has seen me grow up from

middle school to graduating high school and graduating from college.

I also have been given another valuable gift of pursuing my goal of becoming a teacher by getting Education Scholarships and attending Nova Southeastern University through the Boys & Girls Clubs of Broward County. I had the great chance to teach, but there was something missing. I got the amazing opportunity to return to the Boys

& Girls Clubs [as Director of the Rita and Rick Case Club in Davie]. It is the full-circle experience that I have lived being part of the Boys & Girls Clubs. I know I get to plant the seeds, nurture them, and watch youth grow into great adults.

I am and will always be deeply thankful for all I have experienced and learned through the Club".

Shana Rodriguez

Social Recreation Coordinator for the Marti Huizenga Boys & Girls Club
Attended the Marti Huizenga Boys & Girls Club

"Looking back on my childhood here at the Club I can honestly say it gave me a safe place to grow and belong. Every day I looked forward to coming here because it was truly my safe haven. I was able to play sports and build relationships with members and staff I still hold today.

Anyone can become a member of the Club, but the

ones who cherish this organization continue to come until they no longer can. The Club has the capability of making you realize you are worth something and that you can accomplish anything you set your mind to.

Being a part of the Marti Huizenga Boys & Girls Club I felt like I had an extended family that was always there for me during my highs and my lows. They always supported me and they allowed

me to experience so many wonderful opportunities.

Being a Club member meant I could play sports as a girl and be accepted. It meant I could get awesome grades and attend college. It also meant I could build friendships with people who would always have my back. I could shoot for the stars and never strike out.

Being a member meant the world to me and still does.

That is why I will forever be indebted to the Marti Huizenga Boys & Girls Club and its staff for what they have done for me and for my family."



Shana Rodriguez

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Rashad Troutman

Program Manager Rita and Rick Case Club

Attended the Nan Knox Boys and Girls Club



Rashad Troutman

"Have you ever attended a birthday party or any event where you enjoyed your time there and dreaded leaving? That was how I felt about the Boys Club. In 1987, I started my "transition to a new beginning" at the Northwest Boys Club (currently Nan Knox Boys & Girls Club).

My single mother had to work two jobs to raise my three older siblings and me, so my options for after-school activities were to either go to the Club, or stay home. The Club gave me

an opportunity to meet new friends and members of the staff who were like my second parents. I can remember playing in my first basketball league where I received my first trophy ever for being M.V.P of the league.

As I grew older, I began to assist in the snack bar. I also joined a few group clubs such as Smart Moves and Keystone Club. My first job experience was as a Youth Aide inside the Junior Game Room. I was in charge of signing kids up for tournaments and putting their backpacks away. This is when

I realized a big transition. I was no longer just a Club kid; I was evolving into one of the Club staff that I looked up to as a child.

After receiving my Bachelor of Science Degree in Sociology from Edward Waters College, I came back home and was offered a position as Athletic Director at the Club I grew up in since I was nine. I held this position for seven years, and then I had the unique opportunity to further my career now as a Program Manager at the Rita and Rick Case Club.

When I reflect today about the greatest experiences in my life, the Boys & Girls Club is at the very top of the list. Many of my friends chose other paths of life that, in many cases, were not the right decisions.

My mission is, and always will be, to help serve as a positive influence in the lives of our youth each and every day. It is an unbelievable feeling to hear a parent say, 'Thank you for being there for my child.' I genuinely cherish this opportunity, and I am truly blessed to be in this position."

Miguel Bermeo

Health and Physical Education Coordinator, Florence A. De George Club

Attended the Lester H. White Unit and the Levine/Slaughter Club

"My experience at the Boys & Girls Club has always been a positive one. As a kid it was a safe haven for me; as an adult it's an opportunity to give back to my community.

The highlight of my experience with the BGCBC has to be my most recent accomplishment in 2013, where I was selected as one of only 30 recipients

of the Boys & Girls Clubs of America (BGCA) and the University of Phoenix Nationwide Scholarship open to Club alumni, staff, and parents. I received a full scholarship to complete my Bachelor of Science Degree in Business from the University of Phoenix with a concentration in the Public Sector. I currently hold a 3.8 GPA, and I am scheduled to graduate next year. I would like to utilize my

degree to advance within the Boys & Girls Club locally and ultimately move on to a higher position at the BGCA national level.

What keeps me coming to work every day is being able to impact young lives the same way my life was impacted as a young man growing up within the BGCBC organization."



Miguel Bermeo

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Looking ahead to the NEXT 50 YEARS

By **RICH POLLACK**
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Walk through the doors of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Broward County's (BGCBC) Leo Goodwin Foundation Teen Center and you'll see the future.

Inside the 7,000-square-foot center, you'll notice 13- to 18-year-olds studying culinary arts, multimedia, or working at one of the 17 computers housed there. Those young people soon will be adults, with more than 90 percent of them graduating high school and about half likely to go on to college. They are our future.

The Leo Goodwin Teen Center — known as "The Club" to those who find safe haven there — is the future of the Boys & Girls Clubs. It is the model for what leaders of the Boys & Girls Clubs hope to establish at each existing Club in the coming years.

"One of our major objectives is to help prepare our kids for college and careers," said Brian Quail, President/CEO, of the organization. "Having additional teen centers throughout Broward County will make it easier for us to do that."

Research shows that children today will not do as well as their parents have done for the first time in our history when it comes to academics, health, and ultimately being better overall economically, making BGCBC's mission even more critical.

With 50 years of success in the rearview mirror, the Board of Directors of the Boys & Girls Clubs is looking toward to the next 50 years as a period where the focus will remain on providing excellent programs to younger children while at the same time making it easier for older kids to keep coming back.

"The longer kids can stay in the Boys & Girls Club environment, the better off they'll be and the better off the community will be," Quail said.

Of the more than 12,500 youngsters served by the organization, about 3,250 are 13 to 18 years old. Of those, about 500 teens regularly visit "The Club," attached to the Levine/Slaughter Club in North Lauderdale but with a separate entrance.

"We need to have places and spaces for kids in that age group where we have programs that speak to their needs," Quail said. "We want to provide a place where they can go to talk about issues affecting them."

Recently, the Boys & Girls Clubs took a survey of about 700 teens and concluded from the results that majority of those responding were interested in seeing programs for their age group expanded.

Quail sees the development of more programs and facilities for teens as the next logical step in the organization's evolution.

"The first 25 years of our history was focused on bringing the concept of a Boys Club to Broward County and making sure boys had a place to go in a club setting," he said.

During the course of the next 25 years, the organization evolved and opened its door to girls while also expanding the number of Clubs in Broward County. The past quarter century also saw the Clubs develop programs that fit into three key categories — Academic Success, Building Good Citizenship & Character and Healthy Lifestyles.

"Now that we have a very strong foundation in place, we have to focus on further developing the program on the teen level," Quail said.



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Special Events raise awareness, funds to serve more than 12,500 children

BY RICH POLLACK
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Over the years, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Broward County has become known for creating great events that not only raise significant dollars but also are essential to helping the organization raise awareness and make new friends.

"We have a reputation for putting on the best events in our community," said Kerry Becker, Director of Corporate Events for the Boys & Girls Clubs of Broward County. "We couldn't do it without our Board and our committed supporters."

Few organizations can claim functions that routinely draw hundreds of supporters and raise significant amounts of money every year.

Among these gatherings that support the Boys & Girls Clubs of Broward County are the ShowBoats International Rendezvous, the Fort Lauderdale International Auto Show, the Boca Raton Concours d'Elegance, the annual Ranch Roam and the annual Golf Tournament formerly known as the Levine/Slaughter Golf Classic, now being held in honor of one of its Founders, Gary J. Rotella.

"The first goal of all of these events is to help people in the community understand the mission of the Boys & Girls Clubs and the success it has had with children in Broward County," said Rick Case, a long-time supporter who helped start several major fundraising

events for the organization. "Another goal is to recruit business that can benefit from the exposure they receive while at the same time helping our community."

One of the longest-running events produced by the Boys & Girls Clubs is the Annual Dinner Auction, which began in the late 1960s. A who's who of local Broward County leaders, it features the area's largest silent auction.

The Dinner Auction was the first event that Case, Founder of the Rick Case Automotive Group, participated in shortly after opening his first dealership in Florida in 1986.

Soon after getting involved with the organization, Case founded the Yachting Rendezvous, a three-day event that during its first year drew six yachts and has grown to as many as 40 yachts. The Thursday-through-Saturday event, which has attracted local celebrities and sports legends, concludes with a formal gala often featuring internationally known entertainers.

Case also was the Founder of the four-day Fort Lauderdale International Auto Show, started about a quarter-century ago. He ran the event himself at the Galleria Mall for two years before moving it to the Broward County Convention Center.

"The Auto Show is a great way to help auto dealers in Broward County and others in the auto business — as well as the public — become aware of the impact the Boys & Girls Clubs has in the

community," Case said.

Case was also deeply involved in creating the Ranch Roam, started in 1996, which brings hundreds to "Alligator" Ron Bergeron's Green Glades West Ranch for a western-themed evening. And he also helped create the annual Bikers Bash, a three-day event for upscale motorcycle riders tied to the annual charity toy run.

The most recent major function to be founded by Case, along with Founding Chairman Jamie McDonnell, is the Boca Raton Concours d'Elegance, now celebrating its 10th year. The three-day event includes a Friday night airport party, a Saturday night gala and a Sunday antiques and classic car show — and provides an opportunity for automotive sponsors to promote their products.

Golf tournaments are a big part of the events scheduled. In October, there's the Caddyshack Revisted Golf Tournament, created by Rita Case, Rick Case's wife, and held at the Grande Oaks Golf Club.

In the spring the organization helps produce what was previously known as the Levine Slaughter Golf Tournament. Started in 1986 by longtime board members Bill and Gary Rotella, it draws more than 300 golfers to a full-day event that features everything from a helicopter golf ball drop to live music on the course. Organized for years by the Rotella Brothers, the event for 2016 was renamed in



From left: Ted Morse, Rick Case and Jamie McDonnell



Rita Case and Brian Quail



Bill and Gary Rotella



'Alligator' Ron Bergeron and Ali Waldman



Linda and Douglas Von Allmen

honor of Gary Rotella, who passed away in 2015.

All of the major events, along with many other smaller events, are critical to the efforts of the Boys & Girls Clubs to raise awareness in the community and to help fund programs and offset the cost of operating the 12 individual Boys & Girls Clubs in Broward County, which serve more than 12,500 children.

"Our events help us build community connections and also provide outstanding networking opportunities," said Becker.



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PROGRAMS

BGCBC activities are organized into Three Core Program Areas, which include the following:

1. ACADEMIC SUCCESS

Programs in this core program area enable youth to become proficient in basic educational disciplines, apply learning to everyday situations and embrace technology to achieve success in a career. Programs include:

Art With A Heart – Provides members of all ages with weekly lessons and activities in drawing, painting, digital photography and other media.

College and Career Corner - A dedicated program in each Club where teens learn about college and career readiness.

Youth Education Success (Y.E.S.) – A comprehensive academic success initiative that combines six different components to meet the educational needs of at-risk youth.

Maximizing Out Of School Time (M.O.S.T.) – Serves to decrease "summer academic loss" by providing daily academic, social, fitness, and cultural arts activities during the summer months.

SAT Prep – Members learn test-taking strategies for both the math and verbal sections of the SAT that have been proven to improve students' performance on standardized tests.

Skill Tech – Familiarizes youth with technology, particularly basic computer skills, productivity software and Internet use.

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2. GOOD CHARACTER & CITIZENSHIP

Youth programs in this core area empower youth to support and influence their Club and community, sustain meaningful relationships with others, develop a positive self-image, participate in the democratic process, and respect their own and others' cultural identities. Programs include:

Keystone Club – Affords teens an opportunity to gain valuable leadership and service experience in three areas: Academic Success, Career Exploration and Community Service.

Torch Club – Members learn to elect officers and work together to implement activities in four areas: Service to Club and Community, Education, Health and Fitness, and Social Recreation.

Youth of the Year – Recognizes Club members ages 14 to 18 in the following areas: Service to Club, Community and Family; Academic Performance; Moral Character; Life Goals; and Poise and Public Speaking Ability.



3. HEALTHY LIFESTYLES

Youth programs in this core area develop young people's capacity to engage in positive behaviors that nurture their own well-being, set personal goals and live successfully as self-sufficient adults. Programs include:

Snack and Supper Program – Offers a free nutritious snack and supper to every member Monday thru Saturday.

Saturday Snack Pack Program – Provides a healthy take-home snack to ensure that members will have something to eat on Sunday when the Clubs are not open.

CATCH Nutrition Education Program – Designed to teach members in grades 1 through 8 about the components of a healthy diet.

Physical Fitness – Offers daily physical fitness activities that build aerobic endurance and strength in members, plus athletic programs that promote teamwork and fair play.



Through the Decades

50 years of outstanding leadership and community support

By **RICH POLLACK**
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Harry Greep had a vision.

The President of Atlantic Bank in 1963, Greep saw a need for a Boys Club in Broward County to serve at-risk children. He brought together five community leaders and soon the organization that is known today as the Boys & Girls Clubs of Broward County was born.

Over the years, the organization has seen many changes — in the number of Clubs it has, in the number of children it serves and even in its vision, which now goes beyond just providing a safe environment.

Here's a condensed chronology of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Broward County's 50-year history.

1965 — Under Harry Greep's leadership, a 15-member Board of Directors was formed to preside over the Boys Club of Broward County. Founding Member Hugh Anderson was asked to find a location in Fort Lauderdale's southwest area for the first Club. With Anderson's help, the organization purchased an old church building with furnishings for \$22,500. By October, the building was transformed into the Southwest Boys Club and immediately provided a safe place for more than 550 neighborhood boys.



From left: Jack Drury, Arnold Palmer, Perry Como, unidentified boy, Chuck Connors, Harry Greep and Sam Snead (1968)

1967 — Anderson, who was in the real estate business, was again asked to find a location for a second Club and discovered yet another abandoned church on Northwest Second Street and Ninth Avenue that would become the Northwest Club. "He bought it for \$1.50 from the Catholic Diocese of Miami," recalled his widow, Linda Anderson, who was active in the Club's Women's Division and would later become the first woman on the Board.



Linda and Hugh Anderson

1975 — The Boys Clubs of Broward County continued to grow and raise money, in large part through the annual Dinner Auction, a very successful fundraiser that Anderson founded in 1966. "He was very proud of starting the Annual Dinner Ball," Linda Anderson said. The Pompano Club (now known as the Thomas D. Stephanis Club) opened in Pompano Beach in 1975.

1981 — With Executive Director David Hughes on board since 1975, the organization had established an expansion plan, which included a Club in North Lauderdale. At the urging of North Lauderdale Mayor John Hart, plans for the Club were fast-tracked and in 1981 the North Lauderdale Boys Club opened.



Harold 'Hackie' Reitman, MD

1985 to 1987 — By the 1980s, it had become apparent that girls in Broward County also needed a place to go where they could be safe. At the urging of county leaders, the Board of Directors agreed to open the Clubs to girls, one Club at a time, providing that \$750,000 could be raised to modify Clubs and hire the needed additional staff. In the fall of 1987, the Nan Knox Club (formerly known as the Northwest Club) became the first Club to welcome girls.

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Felix Sabates, longtime supporter of BGCBC and Past Chair of the Rendezvous



Lawrence J. and Florence A. De George, longtime supporters and namesake of the Florence A. De George Boys & Girls Club



Sara and Steven Mariano, longtime supporters of BGCBC and Past Chair of the Rendezvous

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1992 to 1993 — The early 1990s were a time of major expansion for the Boys & Girls Clubs of Broward County. In 1992, the Marti Huizenga Club opened in Hollywood. Then in 1993, with money collected from the quarters that county jail inmates used for telephone calls, the Harold Reitman Club, the Carver Ranches Club and the Lauderhill Club opened. "By being 'The Positive Place for Kids,' we were able to reduce juvenile crime by 46 percent and reduce the increasing incidences of both teen pregnancy and arrests related to drug abuse by as much as 50 percent," said Thomas Miller, who chaired the Board in 1993 and 1994.

Late 1990s to 2009 — The late 1990s and early 2000s saw the establishment of two new Clubs — the Rita and Rick Case Club in Davie and the Jim and Jan Moran Club in Deerfield Beach. It was during this time that the Clubs instituted the "Level the Playing Field" program, designed to put computers in every Club. "We also started 'Hack's Pack' at the Reitman Unit, where respected individuals from all walks of life visit our Club, interact with the members, educating and encouraging them as to real ways to achieve real careers," said Harold "Hackie" Reitman, MD, Board Chair from 2000 to 2002.

2010 to 2012 — By 2010, the Boys & Girls Clubs' focus on providing programs in three key areas — Academic Success, Good Character & Citizenship and Healthy Lifestyles — was becoming readily apparent. Under the leadership of new President/CEO Brian Quail, the Clubs instituted the Snack & Supper program as well as the i-Ready Program, which provides individualized instruction to students of varying abilities and skill levels.

"The Boys & Girls Clubs of Broward County have had a direct impact on addressing food insecurity of our children in Broward County," said Cathy Donnelly, who served as board chair from 2012 to 2013. "By having a free snack and hot supper daily, along with a Saturday program and a backpack filled with food for those who need it to bridge Sunday, we have a complete wrap-around program in place to make sure a child who comes to us does not ever have to go home hungry."

2013 to Present — In recent years, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Broward County have instituted a number of safety protocols to ensure Club members are safe on their way to the Club and on their way home. A tracking system records comings and goings and also provides important data that can be used to develop programming.

**Cathy Donnelly**

"The Boys and Girls Clubs of Broward County has become a national leader in this area achieved with both the Board Committee and the staff working together," said Peter Woolf, whose term as Board Chair concluded this summer.

Internally, the organization refined its by-laws and restructured the Board and Executive Committee to help the organization operate more effectively. "Rotating the Executive Committee has resulted in opportunities for leadership from up-and-coming movers and shakers," said Joseph "Chip" Bamond, who chaired the Board in 2012 through 2013.

The Clubs also have continued to create locally developed programs that fall into the category of fun with a purpose. Today, there are Culinary Arts programs and music production studios as well as a variety of other programs designed to prepare members for college and careers.

"With outstanding leadership and community support, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Broward County is now the largest Club in Florida and the fifth largest in the United States," said Tom McDonald who chaired the Board from 2009 to 2010.

Founder Harry Greep would be proud.

**Joseph 'Chip' Bamond****Peter Woolf****BGCA National Board Member and BGCBC Local Board Member Gary Wendt and wife Rosemarie****Tom McDonald****From left: Jack Drury, unidentified boy, Chuck Connors, Arnold Palmer, Sam Snead and Perry Como (1968)**

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FACTS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

IN 2015, BGCBC SERVED 12,620 YOUTH. OF THOSE SERVED:

- 55% of member families earn less than \$20,000 annually
- 64% of members live in a single parent headed household
- 81% of members qualified for free or reduced school lunch
- 83% of members attend title I schools
- 704,827 total visits of member to their Club
- 2,952,332 total hours spent by Club members in their Club

ACADEMIC SUCCESS

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

- 97% of members progressed to the next grade level
- 93% of senior members graduated from high school
- 52% of senior members are enrolled in college

GOOD CHARACTER & CITIZENSHIP

Be an engaged citizen involved in the community, registers to vote and models strong character

- 111 volunteer community projects completed by members ages 10 – 18
- 4,963 total project volunteer hours completed
- 330 high school members volunteered 19,260 hours
- 1,286 members participated in college & career programs

HEALTHY LIFESTYLES

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

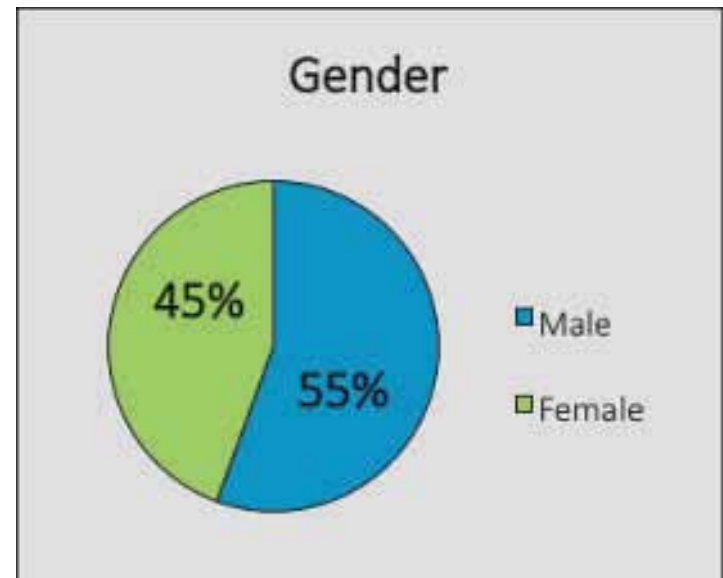
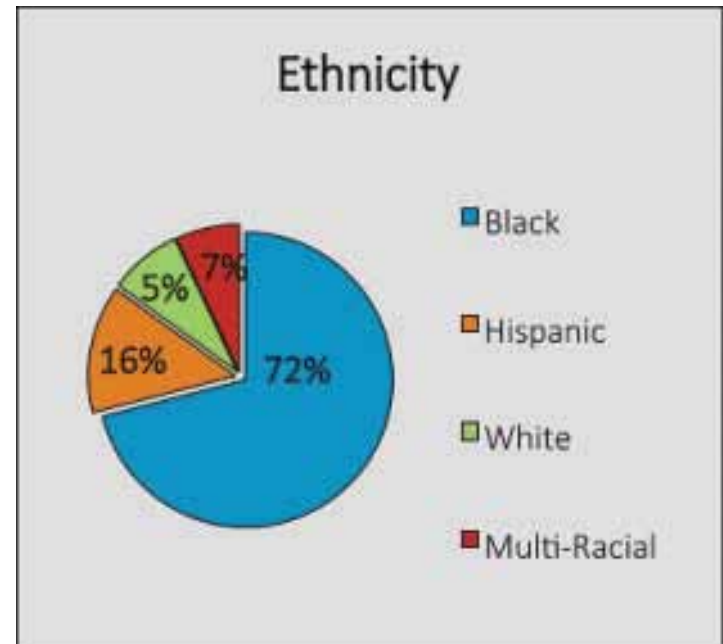
- 867,212 healthy snacks and meals served
- 1,190 members passed level 1 & 2 swimming classes
- 1,193,967 hours of physical fitness activities performed
- 18,624 Saturday meal packs distributed

ABOUT THE BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF BROWARD COUNTY

Since 1965, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Broward County has been enabling all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring and responsible citizens.

- Members are ages 6 to 18 years old
- 12 chartered Clubs throughout Broward County
- Members pay \$15 per year but actual cost per member to the organization is \$1,200
- 4-Star rating by Charity Navigator, highest evaluation for 4th consecutive year

Total Membership – 12,620



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SUMMARY OF ECONOMIC IMPACT

	ECONOMIC IMPACT	
EARNING POWER INCREASED	TOTAL	PER \$1
Additional High School Graduates Increased lifetime earnings of 62 additional high school graduates	\$18,209,710	\$1.86
Increased Parental Earnings Annual earnings of 5,294 parents able to keep their jobs	\$124,244,886	\$12.70
PUBLIC DOLLARS SAVED		
Juvenile Arrests Averted Annual savings to taxpayers due to 133 juvenile arrests averted	\$8,246,931	\$0.84
Teen Pregnancies Avoided Lifetime savings to taxpayers/society due to 9 teen pregnancies avoided	\$1,147,509	\$0.12
Underage Drinking Reduced (Tobacco, Alcohol and Drugs) Annual savings to taxpayers due to responsible behavior of 6,781 youth	\$10,117,252	\$1.03
LOCAL ECONOMIES STRENGTHENED		
Annual Output Generated by Club Business Operations Regular Operations	\$18,132,847	
Volunteer Labor	\$189,756	
Total Output:	\$18,322,603	\$1.90
TOTAL COUNTYWIDE ECONOMIC IMPACT		\$18.45



Boys and Girls Clubs of Broward County Celebrating 50 Years



Rita & Rick Case Boys and Girls Club - Davie, Florida

We are proud to support the mission of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Broward County over the past 30 years. Serving on the Board of Directors, plus our family, friends, customers and associates have joined us to make a difference in the lives of children who live in Broward County.

Thank you one and all!

Our 12 Clubs serve over 12,500 kids ages 6-18 annually but yet there are still thousands more who need our help and so there is still so much more to be accomplished. Please continue or join us now to reach more children with your time, talent and treasure to enrich a child's life for a better future.



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