



Great Futures

An update from the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Twin Cities

2017 Youth of the Year

Our Youth of the Year candidates from six of our Clubs have been chosen! 2017 Youth of the Year candidates met with judges on Friday, January 20 for preliminary interviews and will present their speeches for the competition at tonight's meeting!

MATTHEW GREENE



JERRY GAMBLE CLUB

Matthew J. Greene is 18 years old and a senior at Armstrong High School in Plymouth, Minn. He has been a member of the Jerry Gamble Club for 10 years. He has enjoyed being involved in Camp Voyageur; special events; Career Launch/Job Ready; volunteering at the MLB All-Stars Event; and is also a member of the Keystone Club, where he attended the National Conference last year in Dallas, Texas.

He is student athlete in school playing basketball, track, and recently started as a wide receiver for the Armstrong football team. He lettered in both track and football. He has recently been awarded the rank of Eagle Scout by the Boy Scouts of America. His goal is to attend college in Wisconsin and become an anesthesiologist.

LINDSEY FATZE



PATRICK HENRY BEACON CLUB

Lindsey Fatze has been a member of the Boys and Girls Club for the past 7 years. During her time at the Club, she has been involved in Torch Club, On-the-Spot Fun, Drama Club, and Teen Pathways. She is currently serving the Club as a Junior Staff while also acting as advisor to Olson Beacon's Torch Club. Lindsey is a senior International Baccalaureate student at Patrick Henry High School.

Lindsey also enjoys rehearsing with the school band, playing high school softball, and dedicating her time to the National Honor Society. Lindsey has recently earned acceptance into the University of Minnesota - Twin Cities and the University of St. Thomas.

GUADALUPE TOVALIN



AL LENZMEIER WEST SIDE CLUB

Guadalupe Tovalin is a senior this year at Humboldt High School and has remained at the top of his class with a 3.92 GPA. In addition to this, he has been taking college level courses for the past two years while in high school and is currently working with Club staff to decide where he wants to attend college.

Guadalupe has been coming to the Al Lenzmeier West Side Boys & Girls Club for the past 10 years. During his tenure at the Club, he has been an active participant in all of our club programs and through these has gained skills in leadership, teamwork, and the importance of character and service to the Club.

PORSHAY POE



EAST SIDE CLUB

Porshay “Shay” Poe is a junior at Harding High School and is a three sport athlete (basketball, soccer, and track). Shay is the oldest of five children, and often cares for her younger siblings as her mom works two jobs. Shay has a part time job at Chipotle and works to help her family whenever she can.

Shay has been a member of the East Side Club for almost four years. At the Club, she is involved in the Keystone Club, serving as the president. Shay also is involved in Power Hour, Teen Pathways, SMART Girls, and volunteering.

DESIREE SCHIFF



SOUTHSIDE VILLAGE CLUB

Desiree Schiff is 16 years old and a sophomore at Kennedy Senior High School. Desiree has been a Club member for five and a half years and has previously served as a Junior Staff member in the summer of 2016. Desiree hopes to go to college to study Business and Performing Arts.

As the Southside Village Club's Youth of the Year, Desiree wishes to bring hope to Club members across America who feel lost and alone.

ANAA JIBICHO

MT. AIRY CLUB



Anaa has been a Club member for the past seven years. He has participated in many programs such as Career Launch, Money Matters, Goals for Graduation and the new Teen Pathways program. As part of the Pathways program, he became a Community Outreach Intern. Anaa also recently became the President of the Keystone Club at Mt. Airy.

Outside of the Club, Anaa works hard being a part of the National Honors Society and JROTC. He makes his education a priority as being the top of his graduating class. He plans to attend college in the fall of 2019 to study to become a neurosurgeon.



Give the
gift of a
GREAT FUTURE.

Our 2016 Give the Gift of a Great Future Holiday Campaign was as great success!

This year, we were fortunate to have a benefactor step forward to match any and all donations up to \$50,000! With a new and improved online donation process, we were able to raise over **\$162,000** in individual and direct mail donations this year!

ONLINE DONATIONS - 2015 - 2016

In 2015, the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Twin Cities raised a total of **\$19,900** through online donations.

In 2016, the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Twin Cities raised a total of **\$37,839** through online donations!

This means that our online donations have increased by \$17,939 in just ONE year!

HOLIDAY CAMPAIGN 2016

DECEMBER 2015

Individual Contributions:
\$118,585

Direct Mail:
\$28,767

DECEMBER 2016

Individual Contributions:
\$130,066
(+\$11,481)!

Direct Mail:
\$32,274 (+\$3,507)!

Donations to our Give the Gift of a Great Future Holiday Campaign increased by \$14,988 in 2016!

VOLUNTEER UPDATE

Thank you to our wonderful volunteers for all that you do!

KIDS CAN GIVE

Thank you to all of our volunteers and donors who helped out with this year's Kids Can Give event! Thank you to the Target store on Lake Street; Buffalo Wild Wings; Nike Factory store; the Sigmas, Zetas, and Betas; and the Women's Association! We were able to give presents to all of our members thanks to YOU!



UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA - SOUTHSIDE VILLAGE CLUB

On November 30, 2016, members of our Southside Village Boys & Girls Club visited the University of Minnesota to watch some of our volunteers give a presentation about the community of the Southside Village Club. It was such a fun and creative presentation and it definitely represented the community of the Club!



MINNESOTA KARATE & FITNESS

Thank you to Minnesota Karate & Fitness for welcoming our Southside Village Boys & Girls Club members! Members learned about self-defense and how to become advantageous in a difficult situation.





St. Paul Area Chamber of Commerce Chooses BGCTC for Special Volunteer Initiative!

Every year, St. Paul Area Chamber of Commerce solicits local Chamber professionals to participate in a 10 month volunteer initiative in St. Paul. Nonprofits submit proposals—and the Boys & Girls Clubs' proposal for **Parent & Family Engagement through Community Outreach and Resource Support** was a **WINNER!**

Why is this great news?

- Increasing parental engagement impacts frequency of attendance, a predictor of youth success.
- Involving parents in Club activities will create a deeper sense of community and ownership of the Club.
- Listening to their needs will enable us to engage other community agencies or service providers to access additional resources.
- This will raise our profile within the St. Paul community and expand linkages to other providers for possible partnerships.

Our objectives:

1. Establish a Family Board at each St. Paul site, comprised of parents/guardians and community members to provide feedback, share unmet needs, and offer them a voice of influence.
2. Based upon feedback, create a network of additional supports and services through partnerships with other agencies or community organizations to assist our Club families. Produce a Resource Guide to provide for families and the community.
3. Project volunteers will create a recruitment strategy for each Club's Family Board, provide training and orientation for interested parents, help them establish a regular meeting calendar at each Club and help us define opportunities for engagement and sustainability. Then, create a process to designate one member to attend general Board of Director meetings.

SPECIAL EVENTS



Spring Thaw is coming up on Saturday, March 4, 2017!

If you haven't already, purchase your sponsorship or tickets to the event by visiting <http://boysandgirls.org/springthaw>

- **\$32,500 in sponsorships have been secured as of 1/23/17!**
FY16 sponsorships: **\$39,000**
- **We have 200 attendees confirmed as of 1/23/17.**
Our goal is to have **600 attendees** this year!

2017 EVENTS

Kids in the City
Tuesday, May 2, 2017

Knicker Open
Monday, July 17, 2017

Grand Slam Dinner
Sunday, August 6, 2017

For the Kids Benefit
Saturday, November 11, 2017