



## GREAT FUTURES

AN UPDATE FROM THE  
BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF THE TWIN CITIES



# Graduate for Más Celebration

## MT. AIRY BOYS & GIRLS CLUB

FRIDAY, JUNE 2, 2017

3:30 - 6:30 PM

The Mt. Airy Boys & Girls Club will be hosting a Graduate for Más Celebration on Friday, June 2, 2017 from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. This celebration will be held on the last day of school year Club programming, and all existing and new member families will be invited!

For the last 20 years, the Boys & Girls Clubs of America has partnered with the Taco Bell Foundation to help young people reach their dreams, starting with high school graduation!

This event will feature food from Taco Bell, lawn games, volunteers from Border Foods and the St. Paul Association of Realtors, and an opportunity for families and members to come together to celebrate those who are graduating!

***Stay tuned for the next Board Update to see photos of this event!***

# OPERATIONS UPDATE

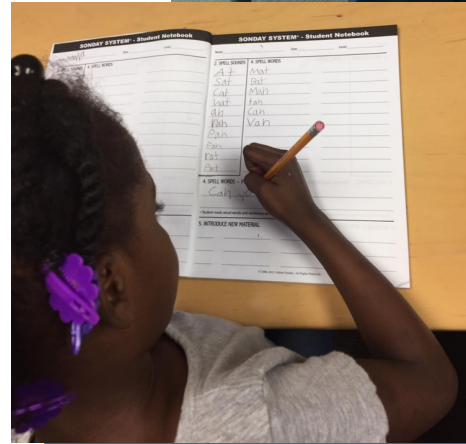
## LITERACY PROGRAM

### AL LENZMEIER WEST SIDE CLUB

"This month, members have been working hard to pass this most recent literacy curriculum benchmark. Two groups have passed and moved on to the next reading level; while one group is still struggling. The Groves Academy literacy coach and I have been working to decipher what the group that is still struggling needs to do in order to move to the next level.

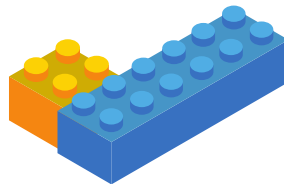
One young girl, Damiya, has expressed how much she likes being in the literacy program! Damiya said that the program has helped her to learn to read bigger books like the *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* series. Every day, Damiya comes to the Club holding her most recent book, and makes sure to tell staff how she can now sound out the bigger words!"

– Sam Hausker, Program Director



## STEM PROGRAM

### EAST SIDE CLUB



The Boys & Girls Clubs of the Twin Cities are committed to STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Math) programming. We are committed to developing community collaborations and planning events to increase the awareness of STEM in our communities and with our youth members. The East Side Boys & Girls Club recently got the chance to build motorized LEGO models as part of their STEM programming!

"This month, we began working with the WeDo 2.0 set and the Chromebooks. The kids were highly engaged in the lessons where they got to build motorized LEGO models. It was great to see all of the teamwork and problem solving that went on during these lessons."

- Lauren Anderson, Education Director



# OPERATIONS UPDATE

## TEEN PATHWAYS

### MT. AIRY CLUB

"The Mt. Airy teen members had a busy spring break at the Club! Fifteen youth went to Bell State Mortgage and Venture Solutions to learn about different career opportunities as part of the Teen Pathways program."

- Diana Adamson, Branch Director



## EARTH DAY

### MT. AIRY CLUB

"On April 21, 2017, Mt. Airy celebrated Earth Day with the help of several groups, including: Kids for Conservation, Uponor, Metro Transit, Eureka Recycling, and On The Double Media. We helped clean up the Mt. Airy grounds as part of our spring cleaning. We had 126 youth assisting with the cleanup, along with over 10 volunteers from the several volunteer groups. Overall, we were able to clean up over 100 pounds of trash in the area around the Mt. Airy Boys & Girls Club!"

-Jamie Graham, Program Director



# OPERATIONS UPDATE

## TEEN NIGHT CELEBRATION

### JERRY GAMBLE CLUB

The Jerry Gamble Club helped kick off the national Boys & Girls Clubs Week with a celebration night just for teen members! This event included scary movies, music, snacks, candy, pop, basketball games, video games, kickball, computer time, popcorn, and card games!

There were approximately 30 teens in attendance at this Teen Night event! Marcus Thompson from Minneapolis Parks & Recreation brought a dance group and ran a dance workshop with some of the teens. The group from Minneapolis Parks & Recreation stayed at the event after the dance workshop and enjoyed food and music with us in the gym.

We were able to get a few new teen members signed up to participate at the Club from referrals from current members. The feedback from our teens was that they wished the event was longer!

Overall, the teens enjoyed themselves and asked when the next Teen Night The staff all worked together to make it a positive experience for all participants.

The next Teen Night is scheduled for **May 26, 2017!**



# OPERATIONS UPDATE

## TEEN LOCK-IN

### LITTLE EARTH CLUB

"During spring break, we had a lock-in for the teens that participate in programming. We took them to the movies and then spent the night at the Youth Development Center in Little Earth playing games and cooking food. Members of the Little Earth Boys & Girls Club also attended Kids in the City, which was a first for our Club!

- **Ashlee Jallen, Program Director**

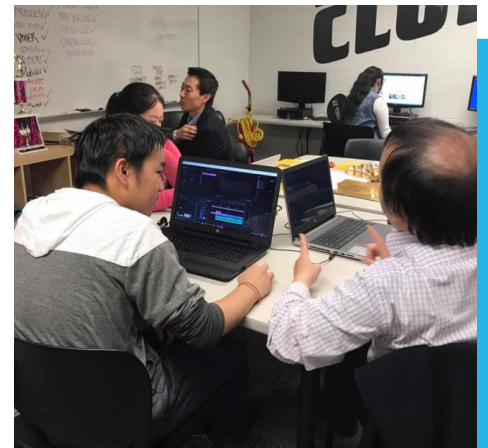


## ELITE STEP TEAM

### PATRICK HENRY BEACON CLUB

"The Elite Step Team placed third in the 'Soul Stepping Scholars Showdown'! Also, seeing so many of our seniors in our Teen Pathways and Goals for Graduation programs enroll in college is my highlight! Many are also applying for scholarships. Four of them have applied to the Al Lenzmeier Scholarship."

- **India Burton, Program Coordinator**



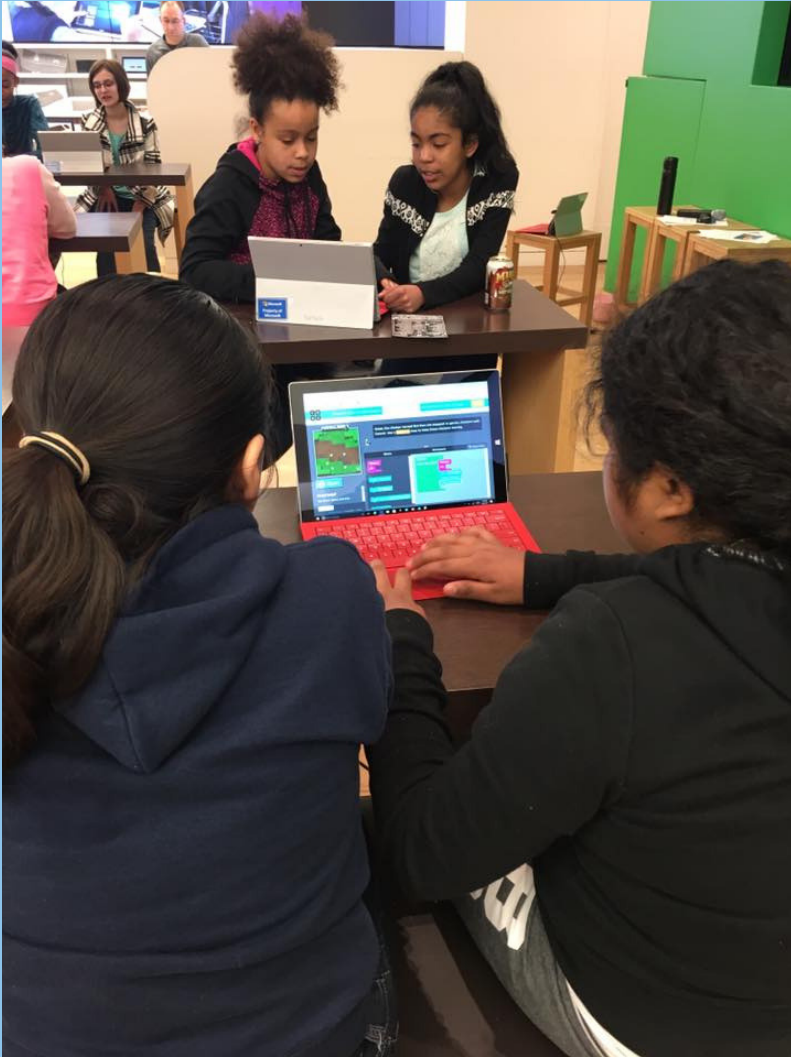
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## DIGI GIRLZ

### SOUTHSIDE VILLAGE CLUB

"In May, Southside Village had 11 girls participate in Digi Girlz, an event where students interact with Microsoft employees and managers to gain exposure to careers in business and technology and to get an inside look at what it's like to work at Microsoft. By participating in the Microsoft DigiGirlz Day, young women can find out about the variety of opportunities available in the high-tech industry and can explore future career paths."

- Stephanie Siegel, Program Director



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# SPECIAL EVENTS



*in the city*



The 13th Annual Kids in the City, presented by FOX Sports North was held on Tuesday, May 2nd and once again drew in a huge crowd for this fun and exciting event!

We started at Fulton Brewery for a tailgate party including a silent auction, raffle, games, Fulton beer, and all you could eat Buffalo Wild Wings. The festivities continued as the group headed over to Target Field to watch the Twins play the Oakland Athletics.

Kids in the City is great way to honor the FOX Sports North All Stars at each Club. Our Club members were recognized both on and off of the field during this event.

**In 2017 the event raised over \$127,000!**

# SPECIAL EVENTS

## KNICKER OPEN

The Knicker Open will take place this year on **Monday, July 17, 2017** at the Minnesota Valley Country Club. We are excited to host another Knicker Open at this beautiful golf course located in Bloomington, MN.

The Knicker Open had an amazing year in 2016, selling out all of the foursomes! In 2016, we also celebrated the 25th anniversary of the Knicker Open and hosted a dinner with Aaron Stewart, the son of Payne Stewart, at Hazeltine Golf Club.

We hope to continue the excitement this year as we work on selling sponsorship foursomes once again!

If you are interested in purchasing a sponsorship, visit [www.knickeropen.org](http://www.knickeropen.org). If you have any interest in being part of the planning committee, contact Alex Westman at [awestman@bgc-tc.org](mailto:awestman@bgc-tc.org).

## FOR THE KIDS!

For the Kids! will be held at the Depot in downtown Minneapolis on **Saturday, November 11, 2017**.

This year, we will be celebrating *100 Years of Service* in the Clubs by honoring our Branch Directors with the Legacy Award. We are so excited to look at the history and dedication our staff have put into the Clubs during their time serving the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Twin Cities.

The evening will be filled with celebration as we host an amazing silent and live auction, hear from our Youth of the Year speaker, experience performances from our youth, and more!

We hope that we can surpass our achievement of \$500,000 raised in 2016, but we need YOUR help! If you would like to purchase a table/sponsorship, or contribute any auction items, please contact Alex Westman at [awestman@bgc-tc.org](mailto:awestman@bgc-tc.org).

