



DECEMBER UPDATE

BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF THE TWIN CITIES



BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

The Boys & Girls Clubs of the Twin Cities hosted our annual Breakfast with Santa event at Voyageur Environmental Center on Saturday, December 2, 2017 from 8:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. At this year's event, there was a breakfast of pancakes, bacon, eggs, coffee and hot cocoa, the opportunity to take your picture with Santa, and tons of fun winter crafts and activities including cookie decorating!

New this year was the Holiday Unicorn! The kids loved meeting the holiday unicorn and spending time with Santa! This year's event brought in 72 guests, which included members from our Little Earth Boys & Girls Club. The Hennepin County Sheriff's office also sent out 8 explorers to volunteer at the event, and they were a huge help!

Breakfast with Santa brought in **over 40 gifts** and **\$385** for our Kids Can Give Program!

give TO THE **MAX** 
NOV. 16, 2017

This year, the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Twin Cities participated in Give to the Max Day on November 16, 2017!

Thanks to our generous supporters, we were able to raise

\$8,745

for the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Twin Cities! This extra funding will help to give the gift of a great future to all of our members this holiday season.

CLUB UPDATES

PATRICK HENRY BEACON BOYS & GIRLS CLUB BEACONS LEADERSHIP CAMP

This fall, Keystone Leaders from our Patrick Henry Beacon Boys & Girls Club facilitated a Leadership Camp for 240 Minneapolis youth in grades 3-8 at our Voyageur Camp! The Keystone Leaders at Patrick Henry Beacon are called the "Big Homies," and have been meeting every single week since September to plan for this camp retreat. These are the leaders we look up to!



AL LENZMEIER WEST SIDE BOYS & GIRLS CLUB THANKSGIVING DINNER

An update from Sam Hausker, Program Director:

"We had a great evening at our Thanksgiving dinner! Thank you to all of our families who supported us. We had turkey bingo, Ms. Regan presented the Cat in the Hat play with our STARS puppeteer group, Notes for Notes performed music during dinner, and we presented the Good Neighbor Award to Rick Hernandez from the West Side Boosters!

A big shout out to Augustana Lutheran Church for feeding 250 people! They did an amazing job setting everything up and the food was delicious. We ended our night with our fall member awards. Our members have worked hard this fall and it was great to have a night to recognize their talent in front of their families. We are thankful for our members and families, as well as our community, for joining us on this night."

JERRY GAMBLE & EAST SIDE CLUBS BASKETBALL PROGRAM



Our Jerry Gamble Boys & Girls Club's 4th grade basketball team recently took third place in the Anoka basketball tournament! The season has also recently begun for the 12 and under basketball teams at our East Side & West Side Clubs. For the season opener, team members from the East Side Club met at the Al Lenzmeier West Side Club to play their first game!

We would like to thank the volunteer referees and coaches who help our basketball program run smoothly, and also thank the Coca-Cola company for their support of our Triple Play programs, which keep our members engaged in a healthy lifestyle!

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MT. AIRY BOYS & GIRLS CLUB NEW ERA. NEW COURTS.

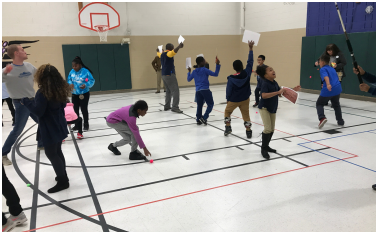
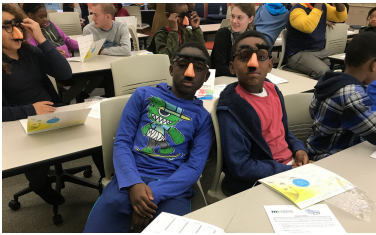
On September 14, 2017, our Mt. Airy Boys & Girls Club members had a very exciting event! Earlier this summer, the Minnesota Timberwolves held their 'New Era. New Courts.' contest, where several local basketball courts around the Twin Cities were selected to participate in the voting process to see who would receive a brand new basketball court and a visit from the Timberwolves! Thanks to all of our supporters who voted for the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Twin Cities, the Mt. Airy Boys & Girls Club was the winner of a new refurbished basketball court from the Minnesota Timberwolves!

Thank you so much to the Minnesota Timberwolves for their involvement in this initiative! Also thank you to U.S. Bank for being the presenting sponsor. A huge shout-out also goes to Rebuilding Together Twin Cities who helped execute the project! Our Club members LOVED their new court! Members were able to shoot some hoops with former Timberwolves players and current Minnesota native and Timberwolf, Tyus Jones, and meet the Timberwolves mascot Crunch!



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The Twin Cities Pioneer Press published a great article about this event! Timberwolves point guard Tyus Jones was quoted as saying: "I'm so fortunate and glad I could be here just to see the look on these kids' faces. Just to have a new court that they can play on, use and access whenever, it's unbelievable and this program is amazing to give back to them."



MT. AIRY BOYS & GIRLS CLUB MINNESOTA IT SERVICES CYBER SECURITY

Thank you so much to Minnesota IT Services and the Minnesota Department of Education Deputy Commissioner for coming to our Mt. Airy Boys & Girls Club to speak with members in grades 3-8 about the importance of cyber security and staying safe online! Our members had so much fun with the interactive activities, and learned a lot about cyber security!

MT. AIRY BOYS & GIRLS CLUB ROBOTICS PROGRAM WITH PRIOR LAKE HIGH SCHOOL

The Boys & Girls Clubs of the Twin Cities are committed to expanding our STEM programming for our members in 2018. Our Mt. Airy Boys & Girls Club recently partnered with the Prior Lake High School Robotics Team to start a first year pilot program with our Club members. Our Mt. Airy Boys & Girls Club members meet twice a week to participate in the FIRST Tech Challenge from FIRST robotics, where teams have several months to produce a functioning robot, which they then present at challenges with other teams across the state of Minnesota!

