



## TWINS BRING HOPE WEEK TO SOUTHSIDE VILLAGE CLUB



June 19 was full of excitement! First, our Southside Village Boys & Girls Club got a surprise visit from the Minnesota Twins' Brian Dozier, Eduardo Escobar, Bobby Wilson, and Ryan LaMarre as part of Twins Hope Week. They played games with the kids, served up a delicious lunch, and posed for plenty of selfies

Later that day, we were presented with a \$5,000 check from Cub Foods as part of their 50 Acts of Cub Kindness campaign. Thank you to everyone who nominated us for this honor!

## COACH BRYANT RECOGNIZED BY LEWIS SPORTS FOUNDATION

Our Jerry Gamble Club received a surprise visit from former Minnesota Viking Leo Lewis on Friday, June 28. Lewis announced that Coach John Bryant had been selected for the Leo E. Lewis Jr. Memorial Award, which is awarded annually to individuals working in sports leadership positions in the Twin Cities metro. Coach Bryant has been with the Boys & Girls Clubs for almost 30 years. Branch Director Marcus Zackery nominated Coach Bryant for the award and received it on his behalf at the Leo Lewis Celebrity Golf Tournament on July 17. Congratulations, Coach!



"I would like to thank Dr. Leo Lewis and Stacy Lewis for giving me an opportunity to show what I can do in the community and just being able to continue working on my best of my abilities by serving youth in the North side of Minneapolis." -Coach John Bryant

## RECENT FUNDRAISING SUCCESSES

- CUB Foods: \$100,000**
- Best Buy Foundation: \$35,000**
- Morrissey Hospitality Companies: \$32,000**
- United Healthcare: \$25,000**
- Allianz Life: \$25,000**
- Xcel Energy Foundation: \$15,000**
- St. Paul Foundation: \$15,000**

**Weinert Family Foundation \$50,000 Match**  
Thank you to the Weinert Family Foundation for offering a \$50,000 dollar-for-dollar match on all donations made during our Back to School Campaign, from August 1-31. With your generous support, Club members can begin this school year **Off to a Great Start!**



# SPECIAL EVENTS



## JUNE 5 KIDS IN THE CITY

Kids in the City was another success with more than \$100,000 raised for the Clubs! The event was packed with over 300 guests in attendance at Fulton, and 80 FOX Sports North (FSN) All-Stars attending the Twins-White Sox game. The FSN film crew surprised the All-Stars with cake and balloons at their own pre-party with Buffalo Wild Wings.

 **OVER \$100,000 RAISED!**

## JULY 16 KNICKER OPEN

Our 27th annual Knicker Open took place on a beautiful summer day at Minnesota Valley Country Club in Bloomington. Twenty-two teams participated and raised \$46,000 for the Clubs. The event kicked off with a performance by our Al Lenzmeier West Side Notes for Notes group followed by a speech from our Youth of the Year, Heaven Cunningham. The players participated in games such as golf pong, competing head to head against our Little Earth Club kids. We are excited for some potential big changes to bring new supporters to this event in 2019—stay tuned!

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### KNICKER OPEN WINNERS

Low Gross – Medtronic Brainerd (Score: 59)

Low Net – Northern Glass (Score: 54)

### STYLE AWARDS

Bobby Jones Classic Style Award – Bavender Custom Clothiers

Payne Stewart Contemporary Style Award – Medtronic

Walter Hagen Flamboyant Style Award – Martiny/Pontius

Happy Gilmore “Just Going For It” Award – Bercom

## NEW FRIENDS LUNCHEONS

We launched a series of events called New Friends Luncheons this summer, with a June 20 event at the Al Lenzmeier West Side Club and an August 16 event at the Mt. Airy Club. These free one-hour luncheons are open to the public and intended to introduce potential supporters to our mission and programming. Plan to invite your contacts to a New Friends Luncheon in the future!



### UPCOMING LUNCHEONS

- October 17 Jerry Gamble Club
- November 16 East Side Club

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## AUGUST 7 NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie. This year, National Night Out drew record-breaking crowds at 2,000 celebrations across the Twin Cities, including five Boys & Girls Club locations. We are grateful for the neighbors, community partners, and first responders who joined us for a night of music, food, and games.



## AUGUST 19 GRAND SLAM DINNER

After Brian Dozier was traded to the Los Angeles Dodgers, Twins pitcher Kyle Gibson and wife Elizabeth stepped up to the plate to host Grand Slam Dinner 2018! 150 guests enjoyed a cocktail reception, four-course meal served by Minnesota Twins players, and exciting auctions at the Capital Grille. We are still calculating the total amount raised at this event—stay tuned for an announcement!



## UPCOMING EVENTS

**WHAT:** K-3 PROGRAM AREA UNVEILING

**WHEN:** THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 5-7 P.M.

**WHERE:** JERRY GAMBLE BOYS & GIRLS CLUB

The 57th annual For the Kids! Benefit will include red carpet photography, fun games, silent and live auctions, and live music. As event guests enjoy dinner, they will hear from Club youth, see incredible performances, and learn how the Clubs are changing young lives on a daily basis.

**WHAT:** 57TH ANNUAL FOR THE KIDS! BENEFIT

**WHEN:** FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12, 6 P.M.

**WHERE:** U.S. BANK STADIUM

Join us for an open house to celebrate the unveiling of our new K-3 Program Area, sponsored by the Minneapolis City of Lakes Rotary Club!



# VOYAGEUR



It has been a busy summer out at Voyageur Environmental Center! More than 300 campers have made their way out to Mound, Minnesota for overnight and day camps! Here are some highlights from our counselors:

- "Kids being homesick and wanting to go home on day one are begging to stay by the time Friday rolls around."
- "Camp has been a whole new experience for me. It has allowed me to grow personally and connect with kids on another level. I love to see the kids step out of their comfort zones and have fun with each other."
- "All the kids who were reluctant to go camping told me that they all loved the experience afterwards."

## LITERACY PROGRAM

### BOOK DRIVES

This summer, we had the privilege of partnering with Minneapolis Public Schools to host two culturally relevant book drives at our Southside Village and Jerry Gamble locations. Members had the opportunity to shop and each take home one book.



### JUNE 29 COMO TOWN TRIP

On June 29, K-3rd grade members of our literacy program braved one of the hottest days of this summer to celebrate their achievements at Como Town! 250 participants, including parent volunteers, had the chance to picnic in the park and go on rides at Como Town. Como Town donated unlimited wristbands for our guests!



**DID YOU CATCH US IN THE PIONEER PRESS?**

*"I didn't want to see any more kids get to high school graduation without being able to read at grade level."*

Terryl Brumm, President & CEO

"Editorial: Boys and Girls Clubs rally for readers"

June 21, 2018