



MARK YOUR CALENDARS: GREAT FUTURES FAIR

APRIL 2, 2019, 12 P.M. - 3 P.M. | JERRY GAMBLE BOYS & GIRLS CLUB

The Great Futures Fair seeks to connect passion with purpose. Teens and young adults from across the Twin Cities will have the opportunity to meet with local **corporations, businesses, colleges, tech schools, and trade unions** as they begin to plan their post-secondary paths. The fair will educate and expose teens to the multitude of employment and educational opportunities that exist across the metro area and allow prospective employers and educators to interact first-hand with the next generation of employees and students.

We are honored to welcome renowned entrepreneur, medical device developer, and Boys & Girls Club alum **Manny Villafaña** as our keynote speaker for this event. Villafaña has founded several companies, including St. Jude Medical, Inc. and Cardiac Pacemakers, Inc., and has improved the lives of millions of people through the development of innovative technology such as lithium-powered pacemakers and defibrillators.

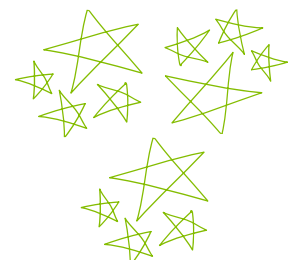
Organizations interested in hosting a booth at the Great Futures Fair may register free of charge. Registration includes admission for two representatives to both the lunch/keynote session and the workforce fair. For additional benefits, including logo inclusion on event marketing materials, a VIP table for lunch with Manny Villafaña, and tickets to future Boys & Girls Club events, organizations may purchase an event sponsorship at \$1,000, \$2,500, or \$5,000.



For more information, visit <https://boysandgirls.org/greatfuturesfair/>

2018 HOLIDAY CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Thank you to all who donated, reached out to your personal contacts, and spread the word about our Holiday campaign on social media. With your help, we were able to raise more than **\$112,000** for the Clubs, far surpassing our \$50,000 match! Special thank you and congratulations to the Patrick Henry team, the winners of our Clubhouse Challenge, who raised \$12,750 for their Club.



SPECIAL EVENTS

MARCH 9 SPRING THAW

7 p.m. - 12 a.m. | ARIA 101 N 1st Street
Minneapolis, MN 55401

It may be hard to believe when you look out the window, but Spring Thaw is just over a month away! We are excited to unveil a new format to our Spring Thaw Gala this year. The traditional plated dinner will be replaced by a variety of delicious food stations, including a taco bar, Pad Thai bar, and an array of pastas and salads. After dinner, dance the night away to live music, enjoy hosted wine and Fulton Beer, place your bids on our live and silent auctions, and make sure you stick around for a late night snack at our build-your-own slider bar!

For more information and to purchase \$95 tickets, visit
<https://boysandgirls.org/springthaw/>

SKATE THE STAR EXTENDED!

We have had so much fun with #SkatetheStar this winter, Mall of America has decided to keep the rink open through February 18 with adjusted hours, rather than closing for the season on January 27. Mall of America's first-ever ice rink has been a greater success than we could have imagined. More than \$75,000 has already been raised for the Clubs through skate rentals and additional donations!

For information about the adjusted hours, please visit
<https://mallofamerica.com/skate>

NEWS & NOTES



2019 EVENT DATES

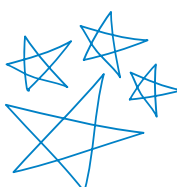
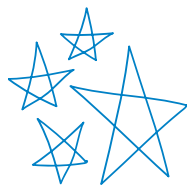
Spring Thaw – Saturday, March 9 – ARIA

Kids in the City – Tuesday, June 11 - Fulton & Target Field

Knicker Open – Monday, July 15 – Golden Valley Country Club

Grand Slam Dinner – Sunday, August 11 – The Capital Grille

For the Kids! – Friday, October 11 – US Bank Stadium



2019 YOUTH OF THE YEAR CANDIDATES

Anaa Jibicho Mt. Airy Club

Anaa Jibicho, our Mt. Airy Youth of the Year, has been an active member of the Club for the past nine years. He has participated in programs such as Career Launch, Money Matters, and Goals for Graduation, and has represented the Clubs as our Community Outreach intern. Anaa's education is his number one priority. He is a full-time PSEO student at the University of Minnesota, completing 21 credits last semester, and will be attending Pomona College in Claremont, California next fall on a full-ride scholarship.



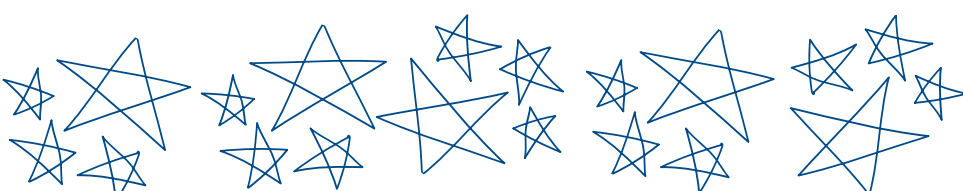
Shoua Thao East Side Club

This year's East Side Youth of the Year is senior Shoua Thao. Shoua has attended the East Side Club for three years, and has emerged as a leader in that time. She serves as president of the East Side Keystone Club while taking courses as a full-time PSEO student at Century College and participating in Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA). Shoua is a compassionate young woman who hopes to transform her love of helping younger members at the Club into a future career in nursing.



Emanuel Latimer Al Lenzmeier West Side Club

Emanuel "Manny" Latimer is a senior from the Al Lenzmeier West Side Club who maintains a busy schedule both within and outside of the Club, taking courses through Saint Paul College and the University of Minnesota, volunteering at the Club as well as his local recreation center, and participating in basketball and track.



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Sayvon Koeing Southside Village Club

Although Sayvon Koeing is only in the ninth grade, he has managed to make a lasting impact on both his Club and his community. Sayvon has been attending the Southside Village Club for five years, and is recognized by the staff and his peers for the contagious positive energy he brings to the Club. Sayvon says that the Club has taught him the importance of helping those in need. He enjoys volunteering at Feed My Starving Children, the Sabathani Community Food Shelf, and at the Club.



Gregory Thomas Patrick Henry High Club

Senior Gregory Thomas has been a member of the Boys & Girls Clubs for a total of eight years, first at the Olson Middle School Club, and now at the Patrick Henry High School Club. He has participated in Keystone Club, Black Student Union, Cooking Club, and Comic Book Club. Over the years, Greg has participated in various service learning projects, including Feed My Starving Children, the Kids Can Give Holiday Sale, and the Heart of the City Race. As a leader at the Club, Gregory has helped plan many events, including the Winter Showcase and an annual leadership camp for elementary and middle school students.



Gatari Green Jerry Gamble Club

Freshman Gatari Green is known by Club staff for her work ethic, positive attitude, and caring heart. She has been a member of the Jerry Gamble Club for five years, participating in both Torch Club and Keystone Club. Gatari has a passion for singing, and has shared her talents at several Boys & Girls Club events, including the 2018 For the Kids! Benefit. Outside of the Club, Gatari is a cheerleader for varsity sports at Edison High School and loves to play fast pitch softball.

