



BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
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Member Spotlight: Anaa Jibicho

Great news about our own Midwest Youth of the Year -- Anaa Jibicho's success story was featured this week in the Star Tribune! [Read the article here.](#)

Anaa started his path to success at the Mount Airy Boys & Girls Club in St. Paul, where he participated in programs such as Career Launch, Money Matters, and Goals for Graduation, and has represented the Clubs as our Community Outreach intern. Earlier this year, he won the local Youth of the Year as well as the Minnesota Youth of the Year title and scholarship. Anaa is one of six teens who will compete in September in Washington, D.C., for the club's title of National Youth of the Year and will serve as a national spokesperson for the organization.



Readers Are Leaders Week at the Al Lenzmeier West Side Club

Our Al Lenzmeier West Side Club in West St. Paul was host to an amazing series of guests supporting the kids in their summer literacy program! The leaders read books aloud during circle time, then joined the Club members in planned activities such as sound bingo, spelling basketball, word Twister, secret sight word scramble, and more.

Every guest was a great role model of what it means to be excellent readers and wonderful leaders in our Clubs and in our communities. Thank you to Board members Neel Johnson and Matt Bauler; Al Lenzmeier; Boys & Girls Clubs of the Twin Cities CEO Terry Brumm and Academic Director Crystal Bieter; Riverview Elementary Principal Nancy Paez; Sheree Hardemann; and Saint Paul Police Department (SPPD) Commander of Community Engagement Amber Larson!



Monday, July 29: Board member Matt Bauler joins Club members for sound bingo.



Tuesday, July 30: Al Lenzmeier joins Club members for sound bingo.



Tuesday, July 30: Crystal Bieter reads aloud during circle time.



Wednesday, July 31: Nancy Paez joins Club members for literacy activities.





Wednesday, July 31: Terryl Brumm joins Club members for sound bingo.



Thursday, Aug. 1: Sheree Hardemann reads aloud during circle time.



Thursday, Aug. 1: SPPD officer Amber Larson joins Club members for word Twister!

Success Ahead!

As we approach a new school year, your support is critical in our efforts to fully realize the many gifts and talents our kids have, and to build on our thriving programs. This fall and into the coming year, we want our kids to have abundant support, opportunity, and guidance to achieve their dreams.

Jerry & Diane Carlson believe so strongly in the Boys & Girls Clubs' impact that they are generously offering a **\$50,000** dollar-for-dollar match on contributions during our **Success Ahead!** back-to-school campaign!



We need your help **NOW** so that we can be fully prepared when our kids come back to the Clubs for their first day of after-school programming. A donation to **Success Ahead!** will provide hundreds of Club members with focused literacy intervention, support the continued launch of our Numeracy Program, and help our teens stay on track to timely graduation and discovering their future paths. **Donations received by August 31 will be matched dollar-for-dollar for the first \$50,000 in donations, so your gift will go twice as far for the kids!**

[Donate Now!](#)

Feeding Great Futures

As part of our Clubs' **Healthy Lifestyles** program, our kids participate in cooking classes where they learn how to prepare nutritious recipes that incorporate a variety of fruits, vegetables, and healthy protein. The recipes often feature fresh produce grown right in the Clubs' own gardens, such as zucchini bread and kale chips!

"The kids love getting hands-on with their recipes and being able to decide what they want to make," says Food Program Manager Becky Rea. This week at our Mount Airy Club, kids created their own high-protein, naturally sweet smoothies with tropical fruit and Greek yogurt!



Honored in the BGCA Hall of Fame

Congratulations to Board member Tom Schnack on his well-deserved induction into the Boys & Girls Clubs of America Area Council Hall of Fame! Tom is a longtime supporter of the Clubs and is currently a member of the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Twin Cities' Board of Directors as well as the Board Chair for the Minnesota Alliance of Boys & Girls Clubs.

Thank you for all your support and hard work, Tom!



UPCOMING EVENTS

Grand Slam Dinner

Wednesday, August 21
The Capital Grille

Hosted by Kyle and Elizabeth Gibson

Join Twins players, past and present, as they tie their aprons and master their serving skills in honor of the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Twin Cities. You will enjoy a cocktail reception, lavish four-course meal, and exciting auctions.

Tickets are extremely limited -- purchase yours

before they're gone! Contact Special Events Director [Amy Kuehn](#) for more information.



SAVE THE DATE

For the Kids!

Friday, October 11
US Bank Stadium

Boys & Girls Clubs' largest annual fundraiser, **For the Kids!**, provides an opportunity to celebrate the uniqueness of our youth and display the faith we have in their potential. It is an enjoyable evening that gives our supporters an opportunity to learn about the amazing young people who attend our Clubs. We will infuse the night with inspirational Club kid performances and speeches that showcase their many talents, aspirations and potential. In addition to the kids' performances, the evening will feature our sought after silent and live auction, and delicious food!



[Visit our website](#) or contact [Amy Kuehn](#) for more information.

You Can Change a Child's Life

With your support, we can continue to provide life-changing academic, leadership, and healthy lifestyles programming to youth across the Twin Cities.



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