



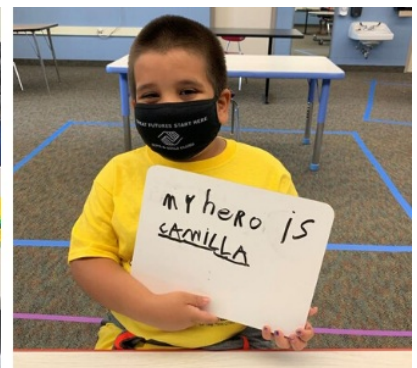
**BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS**  
OF THE TWIN CITIES

## JULY 2020 NEWSLETTER



### Welcome Back!

We are very excited to reopen two of our Clubs this month! Our [Jerry Gamble Club](#) (Minneapolis) and [Mt. Airy Club](#) (St. Paul) are now open for limited attendance for kids in grades 1-4 with high academic needs. In accordance with Minnesota's COVID 19 phased approach to reopening, each Club is currently able to safely accommodate up to 36 kids. We also plan to offer more spots in the fall!





Even with limited attendance, we are so happy to see kids in our Clubs again! We are currently exploring our options for reopening additional Club locations at a limited capacity. Please stay tuned as we work to SAFELY reopen more Clubs in the future!

## Club Locations

### Double your Impact for Minneapolis Clubs!

Over the past few months, our Minneapolis Clubs have taken on tremendous roles in supporting their communities and ensuring that every family in our neighborhoods can access critical resources throughout these challenging times. Thanks to our supporters, we can help our Clubs continue to provide food and supplies for families, and virtual programming and opportunities for summer learning for youth.

Help us unlock an additional **\$80,000** for our Minneapolis Clubs! ANY amount you can give will help us continue supporting our Minneapolis kids, families, and communities during these challenging times. Thanks to a generous match put forth by the [Sonance Foundation](#), every dollar you give will be DOUBLED!



**Make a gift TODAY and help us EXCEED our \$80,000 match!**

**Give  
Now!**

## STAFF HIGHLIGHT

### **Koreena Moua** *Branch Director* *East Side Club*

Koreena Moua has worked for Boys & Girls Clubs of the Twin Cities for over 20 years. Now the Branch Director of St. Paul's East Side Club, Koreena says her passion is working with young people, especially teens. She is a leader in the East Side community and especially beloved at the Clubs - her



Club kids fondly refer to her as "Mama Moua".

Koreena enjoys lots of different hobbies and loves learning new things, such as crocheting and gardening. As a personal philosophy, she seeks to bridge differences, whether those differences are between ideas, cultures, foods, or people. She has also recently become a new grandmother - congratulations, Koreena!



## Explore the Outdoors at Voyageur

BGCTC's [Voyageur Environmental Center](#) is now open for overnight stays and outdoor adventures! The Hennepin County Health Department has given us the official "green light" to begin hosting overnight groups of up to 80 people at our beautiful property in Mound, MN. Voyageur is a perfect location for nature education trips, overnight camping, and summer retreats.

Please contact Voyageur Site Director Michael McArthur at [mmcarthur@bgc-tc.org](mailto:mmcarthur@bgc-tc.org) or 320-248-3750 to reserve your outing!



## Volunteer With Us

With summer in full swing, it's the perfect time to volunteer at our Clubs!

We have a number of volunteer opportunities available at our Southside Village, Little Earth, East Side, and Mt. Airy Clubs to help out with our weekly food distributions and other projects. Sign up for a time slot and come give us a hand!

[Learn More](#)



## UPCOMING EVENT

### Tailgate in a Box

Although we are unable to gather in person this summer, we ask you to join us as we take two of our signature events – Kids in the City and Grand Slam Dinner – and turn them into one large ((virtual)) celebration: **Tailgate in a Box!**

This month-long fundraising event is being supported by FOX Sports North and the Minnesota Twins to help us further our mission to enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens.

**JUST ANNOUNCED!** Participating Minnesota Twins alumni will be LaTroy Hawkins, World Series Champion Roy Smalley, Glen Perkins, and longtime Boys & Girls Clubs supporter Michael Cuddyer!

**Tailgate in a Box** comes to you! This ((virtual)) event series takes place every Tuesday in August. Each virtual program includes:

- Q&A with Minnesota Twins alumni
- Incredible work of the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Twin Cities
- Great auction items
- Plus, play games to win prizes!



**Get your Tailgate Package Now!**

**Learn More**

## How You Can Help

While social distancing measures are currently limiting the types of volunteer opportunities available at our Clubs, please consider supporting BGCTC in the following ways:

- Donate non-perishable food items, hygiene and cleaning supplies, school supplies, games, and activities for Club kids
- Sew or donate masks for Club staff
- Promote our organization on social media to build awareness
- Share employment resources for families
- Write encouraging notes to our kids or Club staff
- Make a monetary donation [online](#), by mail, or by texting **OURKIDS** to 243725



To make an in-kind donation of any of the items listed above within the coming weeks and months, please contact Molly Hemes at [mhemes@bgc-tc.org](mailto:mhemes@bgc-tc.org) to arrange a drop-off time at one of our Clubs.

**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.



**Give Now!**

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