

BOYS & GIRLS CLUB 10 YEARS

Happy Anniversary to us!!! It's been 10 years of continuous accomplishments, growing from one location in downtown Sandusky. Prompting a name change a couple of years ago from Boys and Girls Club of Sandusky to Boys and Girls Club of Erie County, reflecting our vision for growth to meet the demand for "a safe place" for kids after school and in the summer, now with three locations, including our Remington Avenue and Huron Youth Connection units, as well as our outreach programs at schools. But, the demand continues to grow, affected by economic conditions; families need an inexpensive and safe place for kids to go for afterschool activities, help with homework, programming with trained staff, and a place to nourish their hunger. *Through our programs and collaborations we provide this and more.*

The support of the community continues to be the hallmark of our existence. Local donations greatly impact every child in our programs. We greatly appreciate the support our community has given to us, from the local foundations, financial investors, parents of members, friends and neighbors, and corporate sponsors, together, through our hardworking board and dedicated staff; we have reached out and touched the lives of thousands of children in this community. *Please consider us the next time you donate and know that your donation stays here in our communities. As we look forward to a new year we wish the best for you and your family.*

*Yours in community service,
Bill Ehrnsberger
President Board of Trustees*



3 Ways YOU can continue to support BGCEC:

300 CLUB: A donation of \$300 to the Boys & Girls Club will cover all the programs and activities for a child for full one year. *One hundred percent* of your donation will stay here serving the youth of Erie County.

PERSONAL GIFT: A tax deductible* monetary gift can be pledged, mailed, dropped off, or phoned in to the Main Club at 431 Columbus Ave. in Downtown Sandusky and at 419-624-9250. Credit cards are welcome and are a great way to make monthly, quarterly and annual donations.

SPECIAL EVENTS: We host several special events and fundraisers throughout the year. Please check our website at bgcsandusky.org to get the latest Club information or call 419-624-9250.

Executive Director Notes:

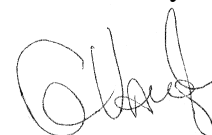


Having been involved with Boys & Girls Clubs for well over 20 years, I have always known that the relationships built and nurtured between staff and members are one of the most important tools we have. *Therefore, staff is ultimately the most important resource any Boys & Girls Club can have.*

This Club is no exception—rather it serves to reinforce that fact!!! We have been doing what we do for 10 years. Seeing members come and go (over 3000 of them) and building relationships and trying to make an impact on some of them. We have done all this without some of the more attractive draws that larger Clubs have, like a gym, playground or pool. Kids continue to come in to check out the Club, whether encouraged by a friend or a parent; and they form important relationships with the staff. We are very proud to have the longevity of staff that many organizations only strive for. We have one staff that has been here for the entire time, two that have been here for nearly 5 years and three that have taken sabbaticals for personal, family, education, or health reasons and have seen fit to return to our staff and continue working with local children. We even have one staff member that was one of the first Club members 10 years ago!

I am also proud that our board shares in the knowledge that our staff and their professional and personal development are important. The board recently sent me to a phenomenal training that has allowed me to return not only personally rejuvenated, but ready to bring training back that will increase our professionalism and productivity as a unit.

Continue to look for Boys and Girls Club out and about in our community.



-Gil Vaughn, Executive Director

A very big
for this quarter
goes to these
local foundations.

thanks!

- ❖ **Murray and Murray Charitable Foundation**
- ❖ **Sandusky/Erie County Community Foundation**
- ❖ **Mylander Foundation**
- ❖ **Frost Parker Foundation**
- ❖ **Dorn Foundation**
- ❖ **Wightman/Weiber Charitable Foundation**

These foundations are an integral part of the success of the Boys & Girls Club of Erie County. We cannot do what we do for the youth of this community and their families without their support.



Jeremiah Milbank Society

This society is a national program of the *Boys & Girls Club of America* to recognize on a national stage, those individuals who make high level unrestricted major gifts to local Clubs. More importantly, Society members lead the way and illustrate that this level of giving is not only appropriate, but necessary. Also, that it is as much an investment as a gift, investing in our community's most valuable resource: *our children.*

Local Jeremiah Milbank Society members:

Art and Carol Wolfe

Mrs. Ruth Parker

We thank you for your generous support!



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OF ERIE COUNTY**

Photo taken from the BGCA Centennial Mound in downtown Sandusky summer 2007.

Collaborations:

The backbone of a successful community organization

Like any good steward of funding, the Boys & Girls Club leadership would like to be as efficient as possible, whether it is money, supplies, or manpower. We have found that the best way for us to provide as many programs to as many kids as possible is by collaborating with other organizations that have a similar mission or product that will enhance what we give to our members.

Collaboration benefits the Community and Club Kids by providing additional resources and services at lower or no additional cost to our club, benefiting everyone.

Collaborative Partner of the Quarter:

First Congregational United Church of Christ

We have been located in the First Congregational U.C.C. for our entire 10 years. They have been a very gracious host and landlord, understanding that children can be both active and loud at times. We have forged a tremendous relationship with the church congregation and they have accepted our members as their own! Reverend Lenore Kure, the church pastor, has adopted the children both personally and professionally, using as her model the bible verse: "Let the children come!" We have even shared the facility at times with church programs like "*God Speaks Through Stories*" and our most recent co-sponsored program: **ROC Group**, a support group designed to recognize and thank those adults raising others' children.

Boys and Girls Club of Erie County is a secular organization working in an environment that provides opportunity for Kids to explore their citizenship through: faith, acceptance, loyalty, allegiance, trust, and diversity in a positive and safe environment.

Upcoming Events:

We will again be participating in the Festival of Lights at the *Lodge at Sawmill Creek*. We have a great time at the kickoff auction and the displays have been beautiful each year. Please join us on November 28, 2008 for the kickoff of the Festival of Lights and the Ringin' Swingin' auction. The Lodge is located on Cleveland Road, Huron, Ohio from 5 – 9 p.m. Admission is free, and there will be entertainment and a cash bar for beverages.



Treat the family to Kalahari Waterpark!

For each room booked, a donation will be made to
Boys & Girls Club and Big Brothers Big Sisters.

Kalahari room for one night at the discounted rate of \$118, on December 19th and enjoy four waterpark passes for the 19th & 20th. Call Kalahari, 1-877-525-24274, to make reservations, mention the Boys and Girls Club December 19th Discount Package.

“Chillin’ at the Chesapeake!”

Looking for something to do in January? Come in and get out of the cold and tour the Chesapeake Lofts! **We are hosting our “Chillin’ at the Chesapeake!” fundraiser, coming January 10, 2009, 4-7 PM, featuring a special tour of owner decorated loft style living!** \$15 per person, ticket includes appetizers, sweets, coffee bar, and cash bar. Advanced tickets can be purchased by mail, picked-up or phoned in at the Main Club, at 431 Columbus Ave. in Downtown Sandusky and at **419-624-9250**. Credit cards are welcome in advance or at the door. *This event is sponsored by:*



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Club Kids Programs Activities and Field Trips

BGSU Firelands and Caryl Crane Theatre invited members to an evening of art and artistry. Members got tattoos, face paint or caricatures, and did an art project while awaiting opening night at Caryl Crane Theatre. The theatre was packed as members and guests enjoyed opening night of “*The Wizard of Oz.*” Each child in attendance received at least 3 books from *Firelands First Book*.



(left) Club members wait in line for tattoos as they wait for the play to begin.

Volunteer Opportunities Abound

Club Members have been very busy doing community service projects both in the Club and in the community. A group visited Parkvue Nursing Home and we had 8 members involved with Make a Difference Day. They interacted with residents at Ohio Veteran’s Home. Our Torch Club, *Young People – Willing Workers*, continued to help keep the Wightman/Wieber Park clean and we always enjoy assisting the Church congregation with their spaghetti dinner.



(right) Club members assist with games during a recent visit with residents of Parkvue Nursing Home.

HYC *Huron Youth Connection, our Huron Outreach Center* Youth Learn the Basics of Photography



Ethan poses with one of the alpacas on a recent visit to an alpaca farm in Huron. Club members learned some helpful tips about taking good photos of people and of animals.

Get yer Dogs here!

A group of club members spend a Saturday afternoon selling hot dogs at *Corso’s Flower and Garden Center*, 3404 Milan Rd. Corso’s donated all the supplies and the proceeds went to the Club. The kids got some responsibility experience and we appreciate all the support!!

(“Hot Dog Dave,” does not have a thing to worry about with this crew!)



Front From Left: Jade, Lisa, Carlee and Stacey. Back: LeZahn.