

BGC MOULTRIE HERALD

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2nd Founder's Banquet

On June 9th, 2011 The Boys & Girls Clubs of Moultrie/Colquitt County hosted its 2nd Founder's Banquet at Heritage Church. This fundraiser was a great success and was made possible by the hard work of many people associated with the organization. There were over 250 attendees for the event which included several guest speakers, a performance by members of the club and a fantastic dinner that was catered by Outback Steakhouse. In order to attend the event, attendees had to purchase tickets ahead of time and they reserved seats at a table for the event. Without the dedication and hard work conducted by the Board of Directors, the turnout would not have been nearly as great. The first speaker of the night

was our Youth of the Year Malijah Jackson. Though Malijah is only 12 years old and was unable to compete in the competition at the state level, she did represent us and participated in all of the activities. She is a bright young lady and displayed her abilities as she shared her speech with the crowd. Valious Smith, who is a former Georgia State Youth of the Year for the Boys & Girls Clubs, was our second guest speaker. She is from Valdosta, GA and gave her speech which was used in the State Youth of the Year Competition. Valious is an amazing young lady and touched many hearts with her amazing speech. The main speaker for the night's event was Mr. Jim Newland. Mr. Newland has been a part of the Boys & Girls Clubs Movement for over 40 years on a volun-

teer basis. He has served on the Board of Directors in Athens, GA for the club and also is a National Trustee and Vice Chair for the National Area Council Committee. Mr. Newland's service to Boys & Girls Clubs of America has been great for many years. He spoke on several topics, but certainly hammered home the importance of community volunteers being involved to assure the Boys & Girls Clubs can fulfill its mission to serve the kids that need us most. We would like to thank both of our guest speakers for the banquet and would also like to say "Thank You" to everyone who supported us in attendance or contribution which helped to make this a successful event. We look forward to next year's event!

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GREAT FUTURES START [HERE](#): FORMULA FOR IMPACT

The world that our young people are growing up in today is much different than the one that existed just 20 short years ago. The economic situation in America has put a strain not only on families across the nation, but also on the individuals and businesses who have always given very generously to non-profit organizations such as the Boys & Girls Clubs of America. With more and more non-profit organizations competing for fewer dollars, it is essential that we excel in everything we do to ensure our programs continue to be appropriately funded. With sights set on finding a way to ensure excellence in all that we do, BGCA's Board of Governors convened the Commission on Impact in 2010 to determine how to increase the positive impact of Boys & Girls Clubs on the young people of America. This commission was made up of Club leaders, national staff and youth development experts from across the nation. This group of people came to agree on many things and made several recommendations:

1. We must become outcome-driven in order to deepen, increase and expand our impact on the lives of the young people we serve.
 - We must have clear goals for our members
 - We must offer an exciting Club Experience
 - We must strategically grow the Movement
2. We must become a leader in measuring outcomes.
 - Implement a common set of measurements
 - Develop tools and a national outcomes database

Based on the work done by these great people, our Great Futures Vision was developed. As a Movement, we will:

Provide a world-class Club Experience that assures success is within reach of every young person who walks through our doors, with all members on track to graduate from high school with a plan for the future, demonstrating good character and citizenship, and living a healthy lifestyle.

To ensure that this happens, the commission also developed a Formula for Impact, which is a research based theory of change that describes how individual clubs and the Movement as a whole will increase our impact on the young people we serve. Based on the Club Experience, it is the hope of all Boys & Girls Clubs that three Priority Outcomes are met. These three Priority Outcomes are: Academic Success, Healthy Lifestyles, and Character & Citizenship. With Academic Success being one of the three Priority Outcomes we focus on providing information on our members from the

2010/2011 Academic School Year.

Membership Academic Report

For Academic School Year 2010-2011

**The data used to complete this reported was provided by the
Colquitt County Board of Education.**

CRCT Statistics:

Reading:

Percentage of Members who met or exceeded standards: 94%

Percentage of Members who exceeded standards: 13%

Language Arts:

Percentage of Members who met or exceeded standards: 76%

Percentage of Members who exceeded standards: 19%

Math:

Percentage of Members who met or exceeded standards: 75%

Percentage of Members who exceeded standards: 20%

Science:

Percentage of Members who met or exceeded standards: 50%

Percentage of Members who exceeded standards: 9%

Social Studies:

Percentage of Members who met or exceeded standards: 53%

Percentage of Members who exceeded standards: 6%

Academic Statistics:

Number of Members who advanced to the next grade level: 172

Percentage of Members who advanced to the next grade level: 96%

Attendance Statistics:

Number of Members with 5 or fewer absences: 106

Percentage of Members with 5 or fewer absences: 59%

Number of Members with Perfect School Attendance: 29

Discipline Statistics:

Number of Members without a discipline referral during the academic year: 137

Percentage of Members without a discipline referral during the year: 77%

Number of Members with one or more discipline referral during the academic year: 43

Percentage of Members with one or more discipline referral during the academic: year 23%

Gear Up Teen Summit

On July 12-15th The Boys & Girls Clubs of Moultrie/Colquitt County took a group of six teenagers to the University of West Georgia in Carrollton, GA for a college experience trip called "Gear Up". This is an annual summit that takes place at various colleges and universities around the state for the Boys & Girls Clubs in the state of Georgia. The event is hosted by The Georgia Alliance which means that the members are able to have a unique experience with no charge to them. The summit is an experience that is beneficial to teenagers in so many ways. Often times, teens involved with the Boys & Girls Clubs do not have the resources or knowledge base necessary to help them pursue secondary education. The Gear Up Teen Summit is a planned event which aims to provide teenagers with experiences and education that will help them pursue those dreams of a post secondary education. The event included 8th-11th grade students from clubs all over the state of Georgia.

Students' days were filled with different classes and activities which were fun and educational at the same

time. On Tuesday night, upon arrival, the teens had a cookout and outdoor mixer which included water slides, games and a DJ with live music. This was a very fun time as members were able to mingle with other students from around the state and make friends that they would remain in contact with throughout the week. On Wednesday, the normal daily activities began as members were able to choose classes to attend based on their interests during the morning hours. These classes were on topics such as "Saving For College", "Careers In Music", "Careers In Sports", "High School Success Plan" and much more. On Wednesday afternoon, based on their grade levels, students split up and some went on college tours while others participated in Team Building activities. Thursday included early morning classes again and also a College and Career Fair. This event was a huge success and the teens who represented the Boys & Girls Clubs of Moultrie/Colquitt County had an excellent time and displayed tremendous behavior through the week! "I couldn't ask for a better group of kids to represent our community and our organization. They

did an outstanding job and brought home a lot of knowledge which will benefit them for many years to come." said Program Director T.J. Andrews. The members who attended brought back many stories to share with their peers and many of the teenagers have already begun talking about next year's trip to Gear Up and we hope that it is as successful and entertaining as this year's event was. We are very thankful to the Georgia Alliance for putting this together on an annual basis and look forward to next year!



College Visits

Developing our youth and providing them with the tools to become successful adults in the real world is a major component of what the Boys & Girls Clubs take pride in. The Boys & Girls Clubs of Moultrie/Colquitt County were fortunate to receive a grant from Taco Bell which would allow us to take teenagers



on several college visits around the state of Georgia. Our first visit took place on Tuesday, July 19, 2011. Our teens visited

Valdosta, Georgia and toured Valdosta State University and Wiregrass Technical College, and the Boys & Girls Clubs of Valdosta, and also got to spend a little bit of time at the mall shopping for the upcoming school year.

The first stop on the visit was Valdosta State University where the students toured the campus and were able to see what a traditional campus lifestyle consists of. From the Dining Hall to the Student Center, our members were amazed with the VSU campus and many were not aware of the size of a college campus. The second stop of the day was a bit different from VSU because it was a technical college. Wiregrass Technical College, which is located in Valdosta as well, is one of the top rated technical colleges in the South. A wide array of technical



diplomas are another option for many students to think about when they graduate high school. Often times, students get the wrong perception that one must go to a traditional university in order to be successful as an adult. This is not the case and it was great to give our kids the opportunity to learn about different career paths which could be sought through attending a technical school. Our kids were obviously pumped up about the opportunity to visit another Boys & Girls Club and especially so since the Valdosta Unit is a new facility. The tour here allowed our members to see the possibilities at hand for our community as we continue to grow as an organization. The trip was fantastic and we look forward to the others coming up in the next month.

Summer Program 2011

The 2011 Summer Program was a great success in more ways than one. From day one of the program the kids and staff alike had a wonderful time and were engaged in a variety of daily planned activities which were developed around a weekly theme. The kids bought into the themes very early on and were always excited to participate in the activities and trips as part of the theme. While the summer program featured a variety of fun activities within the building, there were plenty of activities and trips planned away from the building on a weekly basis. It was our goal to give our members the opportunity to get out of the building and attend fun and educational field trips through the

summer. We took weekly trips to local spots such as the Stadium Cinemas, The Parks & Recreation Pool and Freckle's Skating Center. We also took special trips to out of town locations like the Bowling Alley in Tifton, GA, Summer Waves Water Park in Jekyll Island, GA and All American Fun Park in Albany, GA just to name a few. The summer program was filled with fun and education. Our Cultural Arts and Choir classes were huge successes and the Tutoring Program offered through the County School System was a huge benefit to our members. 2011 was a great year and we hope to build off of our summer success and carry it into a great 2011/2012 School Year.

2011 Summer Weekly Themes:

- Week 1- "Spirit Week"
- Week 2- "What's Cooking"
- Week 3- "Gamesapalooza"
- Week 4- "Around The World in 5 Days"
- Week 5- "Decades of Fun"
- Week 6- "Olympiad Week"
- Week 7- "Stars & Stripes Week"
- Week 8- "Extreme Sports Week"
- Week 9- "Our Big Backyard"
- Week 10- "One Last Blast"



Cultural Arts Dance Class

We were fortunate to have the opportunity to offer a unique program for our members at the end of the 2010/2011 school year and into the first week of our summer program. A volunteer from Albany, Georgia, Mrs. Ola Abdullah, came to us with thoughts of offering a Cultural Arts Dance Class which incorporates dance moves and skills from a variety of cultures. Mrs. Abdullah has traveled the world studying these cultures and their dances and has hopes of spreading them by offering classes for young people. Mrs. Abdullah came in for a period of six weeks and worked with boys one time per week and girls

for another day during the week. As the classes began to take form, we decided that it would be a good idea for the boys and girls to combine and create a performance that could be unveiled at our Founder's Banquet in June. With this motivation, Mrs. Abdulla and the kids worked very hard to create a dazzling performance for the guests at the event. The dance performance included African music as the girls danced and the boys played drums. Everyone at the event was blown away by the performance and the kids certainly were very proud of the work they put in over the six week period and enjoyed being able to show that off.

We hope to partner with Mrs. Abdullah in the future for new classes and are very thankful for her help with this program!



Summer Tutoring Program

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Moultrie/Colquitt County had a unique partnership opportunity during the summer which has made a lasting impact on our members and our programs for the future. The Colquitt County School System offered to partner with us this summer by using some grant money to hire 15 certified teachers from the school system so that they could tutor students over a five week period. Each teacher was assigned three students and met with these students four times per week for an hour a day. The teachers worked with students on Math and Reading skills while also mixing in some field trips and time for fun and games.



The most beneficial aspect of this program was the relationships that were created between the students and teachers. We hope to continue to foster these in the future. "This program has been a huge success and was beneficial on many different levels. We are thankful that the School System thought of us and wanted to partner with us on this grant and give our students this unique opportunity during the summer months to keep their minds fresh" said Program Director T.J. Andrews. We hope to offer a similar program in our 2012 summer program!

2011-2012 Resource Development Plan

Annual Resource Development Plan

It seems the need for funding is never over! We are constantly in need of funds to either sponsor another kid, add a teacher, coach, instructor or part-time help here, there or yonder! The Boys & Girls Clubs of Moultrie\Colquitt County's annual resource development plan will feature four events beginning in 2011 to help accommodate the needs we have. Don't get us wrong, we are glad to have the growing pains; it means we ARE meeting needs and the word is getting out that we are here! We simply expect your support in our efforts, and these are MAINTAINABLE and REASONABLE fundraisers. Let us explain.

Each year we will sponsor four events:

- *Annual Founders Dinner (It Just Takes One Campaign)*
- *Pre Game Dinner*
- *Christmas at the Club Art Exhibit*
- *Back A Kid Campaign*

We will have our signature Annual Founders Dinner which we will transition into our "It Just Takes One Campaign". This dinner is not just a meal, but an event in which we can boast about our "kids"! We will inform the public about our club, what we have accomplished, discuss the goals for the next year and entertain with some of the cultural mediums in which we are teaching our children at the club. They learn dance, art in addition to physical, mental and academic lessons.

The children will make and exhibit ART. We plan to have an event in which we will display the children's works and auction them for the public to purchase. This event will hopefully bring in several thousand dollars to the club. It will be held at the Colquitt County Arts Center, which will partner with The Boys & Girls Club of Moultrie for the fundraiser.

During the fall, everyone in Moultrie gets excited about high school football. The Boys & Girls Clubs will sponsor the FIRST game with a pre-game dinner! This entails selling tickets for a meal to be eaten prior to the game at Willie J. Williams Middle School, the site of the home football stadium! We plan to let the kids from the club help serve the food and show how well we work together with the community.

The last fundraiser we plan to do is the biggie! We will have a "Back A Kid Campaign" that will enable EVERY walk of life in our community to help sponsor a child at The Boys & Girls Clubs of Moultrie\Colquitt County. We will give everyone a chance to donate anything from \$10.00 to the sky! We will be asking everyone from large businesses to parents, to Mom & Pop businesses to independent sales for a donation to help support the club in its efforts to serve the children that need us most. Thank you for all you do.

Christmas at the Club
Exclusive Art Auction

Save this Date!!
December 8, 2011
Boys & Girls Clubs
of Moultrie\Colquitt County

Presents
Christmas at the Club
Exclusive Art Auction

Colquitt County Arts Center
7:00 PM - 10:00 PM • December 8, 2011
Live and Silent Auction
Proceeds benefit Boys & Girls Clubs of Moultrie
\$25.00

Cocktails and Hors d'oeuvres
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