

ClubChronicle

A publication of the Boys & Girls Club of Truckee Meadows



New Year brings new opportunity . . .

After all the excitement in 2014, we cannot wait to see what 2015 has in store for the Boys & Girls Club of Truckee Meadows. Following a highly successful summer, the new Pennington Facility is operating at a high rate. Staff has not missed a beat as the afterschool program has been experiencing similar record-breaking success. The success continued into the winter as 71 youth basketball teams came together on Saturday, January 17, 2015 and officially christened the gym on Foster Drive by kicking off our annual Winter Basketball League. It was a milestone of sorts since for 50 years; youth basketball had been synonymous with this property. After a nearly 10 year hiatus, we are honored to be part of the effort to bring this component back to life!

While the success at Foster Drive has been astounding, it brings light to the fact that there is still so much unmet need in our community. Going into this project, we had hoped to build a facility that would allow us to work with around 300 kids a day. It surprised even us when we met those numbers after one week and by the end of summer were serving, on some days, nearly 600 youth.

What is so ironic is being surprised by the numbers really shouldn't be surprising at all. If I have not learned anything after 20 years with the organization, I have learned each New Year brings another opportunity for new successes and new growth. Since the beginning of the Boys & Girls Club in 1976, we have seen many accomplishments. Every time we open a new site or reach into a new part of our community, we meet one need only to discover another need exists. The best analogy I could make is one of a mountain climber who works so hard to get to the top of the mountain. When they finally reach the summit, they look out over a valley full of more, larger peaks. Similarly, we have reached a summit of sorts with the opening of the Pennington Facility and while we are excited, we are anxious to move on to the next mountain!!

Our mission remains to "serve the kids who need us most," and there are still kids in our region who need the programs and activities the Club has to offer. While we are working on new opportunities as we speak, I want to assure you with each of these opportunities, sustainability is always top of mind. We have to make sure any new project we decide to pursue can be maintained for the long haul.

Together, we can provide access to life-changing programs after school and during the summer that enable kids to be successful in school and in adulthood, to be healthy and active, and to develop the strong character skills needed to become Nevada's future leaders. Together, we can transform individual lives as well as the future of our community.

Please take a few minutes to read the stories inside the Club Chronicle. As usual, there are lots of tremendous activities and events happening at our Club sites. We look forward to seeing you all at the 35th Annual Jack T. Reviglio Cioppino Feed and Auction. Thank you for your continued support of the Club and kids throughout northern Nevada!

For the kids,

Mike Wurm
Executive Director

35th Annual Jack T. Reviglio Cioppino Feed & Auction, Feb. 28



Join us as we celebrate 35 years of supporting kids in our community with the ultimate crab feed. The 35th Annual Jack T. Reviglio Cioppino Feed & Auction is Saturday, February 28, 2015. Doors open at 4:30 p.m. for the silent auction followed by dinner and live auction at 6:30 p.m. The Cioppino Feed remains the Club's signature fundraiser, raising almost 15 percent of the Club's annual budget and impacting the lives of thousands of local children. The star of the evening is the cioppino, which is still made from scratch by Bud Sorensen, Bob Capurro and a talented team of Italian cooks. But the real fun comes with the silent, mobile and live auctions, where you can buy items and experiences you can't find anywhere else.

Attendees can skip the check-in lines and pre-register online at www.BGCTM.org for silent, mobile and live auction bidding. For more information or to donate an auction item contact Allyson Bolton, Special Events Director at (775) 360-2448 or abolton@bgctm.org.

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Thank You, Thank You



To the 154 companies, families and individual donors that contributed to the Holiday Help program. This year the program served 844 individuals and 170 Club families. Dolan Auto Group and Lexus for a \$20,000 contribution to the Holiday Help program. Nell J. Redfield Foundation for a grant for two new Club shuttles. Northern Nevada Chamber and its members for sponsoring gifts for Club members at the Sun Valley Elementary School site. Employers Insurance for sponsoring the Christmas party and gifts for Club members at the Lemmon Valley site. Western Nevada Supply, Hot August Nights Foundation and the Washoe County Sheriff's Department for sponsoring shopping sprees for Club members. Payless Gives Shoes 4 Kids program for donating \$1,500 in shoe vouchers for Club members. Bully's Sports Bar & Grill for the annual Community Thanksgiving

dinner. To all the community volunteers for the Community Thanksgiving dinner. Hot August Nights Foundation for presenting sponsorship of the Club's Annual Awards Banquet. To all the table sponsors, attendees and volunteers for the Club's Annual Awards Banquet. Macy's for donation via the Thanks for Sharing program. Wells Fargo for Nevada Basketball game tickets and food vouchers for Club members as part of Timeout for a Cause. Eldorado Resort Casino for donation of a shuttle. Libby Booth Elementary School and WCSD CIT Program for partnering to provide service to homeless youth at the Project Solution site.



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Did You Know?

- . . . The Boys & Girls Club of Truckee Meadows served more than 13,000 youth members in the community in 2014?
- . . . The Boys & Girls Club of Truckee Meadows served more than 250,000 meals in 2014?
- . . . It costs \$20 a year to become a Boys & Girls Club of Truckee Meadows member?
- . . . The Boys & Girls Club of Truckee Meadows provided more than 55,000 bus/shuttle rides transporting kids to the Club in 2014?

Thank you for your continued support . . .



In 2014, the Boys & Girls Club of Truckee Meadows served 13,000 kids and 250,000 meals at 20 sites throughout the community thanks to the Club's generous donors. There are not enough ways to express the Club's gratitude at what its donors make possible for Club members and their families.

The Club's donors come from every facet of the community – from former members to business owners; Club members to staff members; parents to grandparents; foundations to corporations; families with small children to families with grown children; and everyone in between. The Club is very fortunate that this community believes in its mission to enhance the quality of life for children ages 0-18 in the Truckee Meadows.

There are so many ways to contribute to the Club, whether through monetary and non-monetary donations, through in-kind donations, or through donating time and talents. Another way to contribute is to purchase a brick at the new William N. Pennington Facility that the Club opened on Foster Drive in May 2014. BGCTM is gearing up for another brick installation phase this spring and for as little as \$100, individuals and businesses can purchase a brick that includes a custom engraved message. The bricks line the entrance to the new facility and serve as a lasting reminder of everyone who supports the Boys & Girls Club of Truckee Meadows.

For more information about donating to the Club contact Iris Key, Resource Development Director, at (775) 360-2455 or ikey@bgctm.org. If you are interested in designing and purchasing a custom brick please visit www.bgctm.org/bricks or call (775) 331-KIDS (5437).

Wish List: Musical Instruments of any kind, any kind of paper, paint, markers, crayons, pens, pencils, rulers, new school supplies, board games, child friendly DVD's, small toiletries, and small item prizes. Please call (775) 360-2450 for information.

Planned Giving: Why have a Will?

A will is one of the most important documents you will ever sign. Think about the things a will enables you to do:

- Your will lets you direct precisely who will receive all the property you have accumulated over your lifetime. Without a will, the state decides who receives what.
- Your will can contain a trust that provides financial security and money management for family members who need special assistance.
- Your will enables you to assist friends, worthwhile causes, institutions, and others the law permits.
- Your will can be an expression of your personal values. You may wish to memorialize a special person in your life, aid a struggling friend or distribute cherished heirlooms to special people.



The Boys & Girls Club of Truckee Meadows has received many bequests – gifts by will from thoughtful people who considered it fitting to provide the Club with something from their estates. Their bequests were simply a continuation of the support they

had provided all their lives. For these gifts the Club is profoundly grateful. Your bequest can be a stated amount or you can leave the Club a specific property. It can also be a percentage of the amount that remains after paying all inheritances. There are special arrangements by which your bequest can provide financial benefits to your family and later be used to benefit youth in the community.

For more information on Planned Giving contact Iris A. Key, Resource Development Director, at (775) 360-2455 or ikey@bgctm.org.

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Nikita Cleveland claims Youth of the Year title



The Boys & Girls Club of Truckee Meadows is proud to announce the 2015 Youth of the Year: Nikita Cleveland! Nikita first joined the Boys & Girls Club when she was six years old. Her bubbly personality and endearing smile helped her connect with friends and staff quickly, and it wasn't long before she was one of the Club regulars.

Nikita was raised primarily by her single dad, and she credits the Club with helping her in areas where her dad couldn't. Programs like SMART Girls and Girls Circle were particularly special to Nikita growing up. "I loved to be able to open up about what was going on in my life and have staff and my friends there who understood and could help me," she said. She also identifies the Club as the start of responsibility in her life. "In Torch Club, we would do different service projects around the Club. I didn't have a lot of responsibility back then, and Torch Club was the beginning of that. I liked having a job to do and felt important knowing that my Club needed me."

Today, Nikita attends the Teen Center site at Hug High School. She still comes to the Club almost every day, not only to find support, but to give it as a leader and mentor among her peers. Nikita will graduate from Hug High with an advanced diploma in June, and this fall she will attend college where she plans to become a dental hygienist.

As Youth of the Year, Nikita will head to the Nevada State Youth of the Year competition on February 11 where she will compete against youth from four other Nevada Boys & Girls Clubs. The winner of the State competition will go on to the Pacific Region competition in Southern California, and then to the National competition in Washington, DC.

Nikita is very excited at the possibilities ahead. "Being Youth of the Year is the highest accomplishment I have received in my life so far. I'm thankful for this chance and am thankful that I came this far."

"It's all about the kids" for YLC

By Jeffrey Conner, Young Leaders Committee Chair



"It's all about the kids" is a mantra frequently heard around the Boys & Girls Club of Truckee Meadows

(BGCTM). If you have seen the effort the Board of Directors and BGCTM staff put into making the Club run the way it does, you know there is a lot of truth to that statement. Individually and collectively, they make it their mission to make the Truckee Meadows a stronger community by providing a safe place where every child in our community has an opportunity to learn, grow, thrive, and excel. But, a recent change around the BGCTM has added a significant, new element to how the Club is helping build a stronger Truckee Meadows.

About five years ago, the Board of Directors and BGCTM staff recognized a need to encourage more young professionals in our community to become engaged in philanthropy. So, the BGCTM partnered with the Young Professionals Network to create what is now called the Young Leaders Committee (YLC). For a lack of better terminology, the YLC is a junior board of directors for the BGCTM and has quickly become a training ground that exposes young professionals to the world of philanthropy.

The members of the YLC are extremely thankful to the Board of Directors and the BGCTM staff for their willingness to take us in and give us our own opportunity to learn, grow, thrive, and excel. And, we can only hope that the contributions the YLC makes to the BGCTM's mission of making the Truckee Meadows a stronger community are comparable to the valuable experience the members of the YLC are gaining by serving as members of the BGCTM family.

The Club gets social

Stay informed about the Boys & Girls Club of Truckee Meadows online via social networks. Get news and updates on special events and programming. Check out and share photos and videos and join the conversation online!



Teens take a 'Bite of Reality'

By TaTiana Anderson-Hall, L.I.T. Coordinator



During winter break more than 40 teen members participated in Greater Nevada Credit Union's Bite of Reality Financial Education event. The Bite of Reality event simulates what teens can expect out of adulthood in terms of

ills, money and financial responsibilities. The program is setup for teens to have a simulated experience of monthly expenditures and the decision making that contributes to that process. Stations are separated into categories such as: child care, clothing, personal care, credit union, entertainment, groceries, dining, household needs, utilities, transportation and Bite of Reality mall. Prior to the simulation, Michelle Hale, program facilitator, explains the program to students and distributes a profile sheet for each teen that includes a career with a monthly salary, a career for their spouse and their monthly salary and a picture of their child.

After calculating their monthly joint salaries teens are required to make all necessary purchases at each station and balance a check register during the simulation. The students were asked to seek guidance from financial counselors during the exercise and have at least \$100 or less in their checking account at the end of the simulation. The teens were encouraged to deposit extra money into savings and retirement accounts or pay extra towards any debts such as credit cards.

The Club received some great feedback from the teens about this program. Teens enjoyed the opportunity to learn about making a budget and about adult financial responsibilities. Some expressed that in the future they would manage their money wisely and save as much as possible. A special thanks to Greater Nevada Credit Union for providing this event to the Club members!

SMART Girl sleep over a success

By Brenda Torres, Lois Allen Site Coordinator



In November, Club members from the Lois Allen Site participated in a SMART Girl sleep over at the Sun Valley Teen Center. The sleep over was a reward for all the Club members that completed the SMART Girl Program, which helps girls build self-esteem, answer any questions about growing up and allows

them to bond with each other outside of the normal Club experience. The girls really enjoyed this opportunity; especially those experiencing their first 'sleep over' with friends.

In December, similar to the other Club sites, the Lois Allen Site organized its Christmas party for Club members. This annual event is filled with excitement by all of our Club members. This year they enjoyed a bounce house, face painting, cookie decorating, and most of all, receiving their new Club sweatshirts and taking pictures with Olaf!

Club members create 'oobleck' in Camp

By Maggie Repko, Education Coordinator



January brought a lot of fun lessons and experiments for Club members at the Pennington Facility who participated in the Winter Break Science Camp. For five days, junior scientists learned about natural, physical, and engineering science, and got to use their newfound knowledge to have fun with awesome experiments. The kids loved playing with oobleck (Dr. Seuss science experiment - gooey green substance), making worm homes, and especially with

their homemade ice cream. Learning about the scientific method meant that they were prepared for times experiments didn't go how they wanted them to; like when a bouncy ball experiment turned into a slimy mess! Perhaps the favorite experiment of the week was the egg detonator challenge, where the junior scientists used engineering skills to build a mini-cup rocket ship to protect an egg that was dropped off of the playground equipment. The eggs may have all cracked, but the kid's interest in science is unbreakable!

Sun Valley Torch Club gives back

By Kelcie Fausett, Sun Valley Site Coordinator



The Torch Club at the Sun Valley Elementary School site recently raised \$275 for the Club's annual It Just Takes One fundraising campaign. The Torch Club raised the money through various fundraisers including making and selling duct tape flower pens and selling snacks to students

and parents at the school through a snack shack. The Club members view the Boys & Girls Club as their second home and the staff as family, and they wanted to give back to the Club that has given so much to them. The Torch Club also donated \$100 to the Ronald McDonald House. The Club members at this site are a great example of the Club's efforts to create great future leaders!

Sites and Sounds

Club installs Sound Recording Studio

By Dan Pike, Technology Coordinator



Calling all musicians, DJs and sound engineers! The new Pennington Facility located on Foster Drive in Reno has recently installed a brand new sound recording studio. Club members are anxiously waiting to start learning all

different forms of sound production. The Club has a variety of hardware including electronic drum machines, an electronic drum kit, keyboard, Ableton Push controller and a mix of different recording microphones for live sound recording and music production. Additionally, the Club has a DJ controller to begin the process of teaching running live sound and presentation skills. If you know teens interested in making music or are an adult and are interested in teaching any element of music composition or production, please consider volunteering for this program. We hope to offer daily lessons along with long term courses of study by spring of 2015.

The Club's new recording studio will not only be utilized to teach basic skills, but will also be focused on providing members with opportunities to excel with their digital art by entering projects into local and national competitive forums. The Club is very excited to provide this opportunity and experience to Club members and hope many motivated volunteers help make this program a reality. If you are interested in volunteering for this program please contact Dan Pike, Technology Coordinator at dpike@bgctm.org or Nichelle Hull, Volunteer Coordinator at nhull@bgctm.org.

Winter Basketball League fills Club courts

By Kelli Beaulieu, Athletics Director



The Reno-Sparks 2015 Winter Youth Basketball league held its opening game day on Saturday, January 17 with 71 teams hitting the Boys & Girls Club courts. This year the Kindergarten through 6th grade league has more than 900 participants!

The Fernley 2015 Winter Youth Basketball league has more than 200 participants in the Kindergarten through 6th grade league.

For more information about Club athletics please contact Kelli Beaulieu, Athletics Director at (775) 360-2414 or kellib@bgctm.org.

Teen Retreat teaches life skills

By TaTiana Anderson-Hall, L.I.T. Coordinator



The Teen Center at the Pennington Facility recently held its first over-night retreat for all Teen Club members. The retreat included a curriculum and activities about goals, resumes, community outreach and teen center improvements.

During the retreat, teens attended the following breakout sessions: Ready, Set, Goals; Rockin' Resumes and Club Outreach/Improvements. In Ready, Set, Goals, members learned the definition of a goal and how to apply them. Club members learned to use the S.M.A.R.T. (Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Realistic, Timely) system to set and achieve goals. In Rockin' Resumes Club members learned how to build resumes and place them with employers. During the Club Outreach/Improvement session Club members packed sack lunches for the homeless and discussed the importance of community involvement and outreach. Additionally, Club members took surveys about their Boys & Girls Club site and discussed what improvements and changes they would like to see in their teen centers.

After the breakout sessions the teens participated in various activities throughout the facility including learning how to record music in the Club's new recording studio. To wrap up the retreat on the final day, the teens were shuttled downtown to pass out the sack lunches at the homeless shelter.

Teens craft saddle for Cioppino live auction

By Eddie Guth, Art Coordinator



At the beginning of September, the Club implemented a leather making class for teens at our Teen Center at the Donald W. Reynolds Facility. This program was supported with supplies and volunteer instructors from Tandy Leather in Reno. Volunteer instructors Mike Palombo and Chris Mayorga started the program with beginner projects such as bracelets, coasters and key chains to teach the basics of tooling on leather. Shortly after, the teens advanced to learn how to make moccasins from scratch. After excelling in their initial projects, Mike and Chris presented the Teens with the challenge of producing a custom horse saddle.

A local rancher donated an original Hamley horse saddle made in the 1920's to the Club for the teens to rebuild. This project started with the teens stripping the old saddle and starting the rebuild from scratch. For the past few months, the teens have put in time each week to work on the saddle.

The saddle will be finished by mid-February and placed in the live auction at the 35th Annual Jack T. Reviglio Cioppino Feed and Auction. The finished saddle will be valued at \$8,000! The teens are extremely proud of this project and excited to raise money to benefit the Club! A special thanks to Tandy Leather for supporting the Boys & Girls Club.

Family PLUS Program assists Club families

By Anne Studebaker, Family PLUS Director



The Club's Family PLUS program is up and running in the New Year! A calendar of upcoming Family Nights and education opportunities for families and parents is available in the Family PLUS office at the Donald W. Reynolds Facility on East Ninth Street or by visiting www.BGCTM.org. The Club's Family Plus program director

can assist Club families struggling to provide basic needs. For more information about the Family PLUS program please contact Anne Studebaker, Family Plus Program Director at (775) 360-2401 or astudebaker@bgctm.org.

A special thanks is in order for Family Plus program partner, Zulily, for donations to Club families and for the Holiday Help program in December. Zulily, an online retailer, has provided the organization and its families with donations of shoes, clothing, home goods, and various other supplies. Their generosity made the holidays much easier for many Club families. The Boys & Girls Club of Truckee Meadows and the Family Plus program are very appreciative of the ongoing support from Zulily!

Mark Your Calendars

Upcoming events at the Boys & Girls Club of Truckee Meadows



February 28, 2015
35th Annual Jack T. Reviglio Cioppino Feed and Auction

March 25, 2015
Boys & Girls Nite Out

May 9, 2015
Kickoff to Summer & BBQ

May 10, 2015
Moms on the Run Brunch

June 6, 2015
Ballers Extravaganza

August 21, 2015
Microsoft Charity Golf Tournament

Contact Nichelle Hull, Volunteer Coordinator at (775) 360-2449 or nhull@bgctm.org about volunteer opportunities for any of these great events!

Volunteers needed for Boys & Girls Nite Out

By Nichelle Hull, Volunteer Coordinator



National Boys & Girls Club Week is coming!

During National Boys & Girls Club Week, March 22 - March 28, the Boys & Girls Club of Truckee Meadows joins thousands of other Clubs across the nation to show how

'Great Futures' begin at Boys & Girls Clubs.

Boys & Girls Nite Out, Wednesday, March 25, is an opportunity for volunteers to come into the Club and spend some quality time with Club members. Volunteers and members are matched and join in on a fun-filled evening with carnival games, snacks, activities, and awesome circus acts from Circus Circus Reno.

This is a great opportunity for corporate and community groups looking for a fun way to give back to the community. Volunteering can be an enjoyable way to engage coworkers and employees in team building as well as bonding outside of the workplace. If you, or anyone you know, would like to be a part of this fun evening, please contact Nichelle Hull, Volunteer Coordinator at (775) 360-2449 or nhull@bgctm.org.



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