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“It’s amazing how much money was raised at this year’s Winter Ball. The De George Charitable Trust’s gift especially is so significant to the Club,” said Jaene Miranda, President & CEO of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Palm Beach County. “The purchase of a bus will enable us to bring more children into the Clubs and be able to transport them safely.”

The Florence De George Boys & Girls Club is located at 4105 Pinewood Avenue in West Palm Beach. It is open five days a week from 2-8pm during the school year and on Saturdays from 10am-2pm. During the summer, spring break, winter breaks, and teacher planning days, the Club is open from 7:30am-6pm.

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“We have not found a better way of fulfilling the mission of our charitable trust than sponsoring the work of the Boys & Girls Clubs,” said Michael De George.

The Lawrence J. and Florence A. De George Charitable Trust granted many wishes this February. At the Boys & Girls Clubs of Palm Beach County’s Winter Ball, Larry De George announced the underwriting of the entire wish list of needed items for the Florence De George Boys & Girls Club in West Palm Beach, to the tune of $276,560, to include a new bus, furniture, new flooring and even a new air conditioning system.

The apple doesn’t fall far from the De George family tree. The late Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence De George, founders of the Charitable Trust and true philanthropists in the Palm Beach community, donated $2.25 million in 1998 for the creation of the Florence De George Boys & Girls Club in the Northwood neighborhood. The facility is 34,000 square feet and serves hundreds of children each week.

The Lawrence J. and Florence A. De George Charitable Trust has supported Boys & Girls Clubs both in Palm Beach and in Broward County for years, as well as many other charitable efforts. Because of its ongoing gifts, literally thousands of children are now in Boys & Girls Clubs today.

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Dear Friends,

It’s with a thankful heart that I greet you as the new leader of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Palm Beach County. It is wonderful to be back after seven years. These past nine months have been a whirlwind, but we are off to a great start in 2014 growing our organization and continuing to serve children in need.

Highlights From This Past Season:

• For the first time in the event’s history, we raised one million dollars at this year’s Winter Gala
• The new Neil S. Hirsch Family Boys & Girls Club in Wellington opened, a beautiful $3.6 million dollar facility with a full gym, computer room, dance studio, music studio, multiple game rooms, arts center, and science lab
• We increased the frequency of serving dinner at the majority of our clubs from two nights a week to five nights per week. We now project to serve more than 64,854 meals annually.
• We took 14 teenagers from the Marjorie S. Fisher Club to attend the Leadership Conference for Boys & Girls Clubs of America’s Keystone Club in Atlanta to learn more about community service projects and making a difference in their community
• We launched our Sounds of Change music program at the Max M. Fisher and Neil S. Hirsch Clubs, inspiring children with music.
• Jim Clark, President & CEO of the Boys & Girls Clubs of America, came to visit our Marjorie S. Fisher Club
• We established the Inaugural Boys & Girls Club Polo Day with the help of the International Polo Club and the Grand Champions Polo Club

I can’t thank all of you enough for your longstanding commitment to our Club kids and to this incredible organization. Without all of you, we would not be where we are today.

This year and in the future, we have much to look forward to as we continue to deepen our impact on the lives of those that need us most. Since my time in the office, the Board of Directors and I have created a five-year strategic plan that outlines our goals and tactics to grow the Boys & Girls Clubs of Palm Beach County, including sustaining operational costs in all our clubs, improving our human resources, marketing & communications, and increasing our club membership.

As we continue to grow our programs and seek innovative ways to serve our young members with limited resources, the BGCPBC is always looking for people and organizations that are willing to support our new community based initiatives. If you are interested in helping us to grow these projects, please consider volunteering, partnering or making a financial investment. We look forward to working with you all to continue changing challenges into opportunities! For more information on how you can help contact us at (561) 683-3287.

“Only a life lived for others is a life worthwhile.” - Albert Einstein

Respectfully,

Jaene Miranda
"How do you inspire others through music?" The Sounds of Change Music Production Program helps children do just that. This new program encourages members to motivate others through music to have a positive impact on their community and make positive changes in their lives while inspiring others to do the same.

Program members learn about the power of music and how to write, compose, record and mix their own songs in a recording studio setting using high-quality music production equipment. The Max M. Fisher and Neil S. Hirsch Clubs are the first clubs to launch Sounds of Change. The Boys & Girls Clubs of Palm Beach County hope to eventually have music production programs in ALL of its clubs.

Members made songs about Dr. Martin Luther King, anti-bullying, self-esteem, helping others, staying strong in the face of adversity, and other inspiring topics! A selection of music industry professionals will judge the music created and selecting a winning song from each Club. The winning group will receive gift cards and all other participating members will receive treats for their hard work. The second stage will also perform their songs at their respective clubs during family nights in April.

The program begins again in April at the Max M. Fisher and Neil S. Hirsch Clubs, interested members have already begun signing up! Classes will also be offered in our newest sound studio at the Florence De George Club beginning in April.

A very special thank you to the Parker Family who made the studio at the De George Club possible!

Anton Spalding,
Music Education Program Coordinator
BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS INaugural Polo Day A Huge Success

The International Polo Club Palm Beach and Grand Champions Polo Club celebrated the Neil S. Hirsch Family Boys & Girls Club and honored its namesake with a day of Polo on Sunday, March 9th. This first-time event raised over $175,000 for the local Wellington Club.

The Boys & Girls Club Polo Day kicked off with a celebrity, three team, round robin polo match featuring Honorary Event Chairs, Ralph Lauren’s ‘face of Polo’ Ignacio “Nacho” Figueras and America’s Most Wanted star John Walsh at Grand Champions Polo Club.

The 10am celebrity polo match was followed by a 12:30pm brunch at the International Polo Club Palm Beach with over 170 guests. A silent & live auction was included in the day’s festivities.

Club children were an integral part of the celebration, including singing the national anthem live at both polo events, many of the children experiencing polo for the very first time. Club member Des’ree Day, age 15, spoke poignantly to brunch attendees about the Club’s influence in her life.

“Des’ree is just one example of how the Boys & Girls Clubs are working to change these children’s lives,” said Jaene Miranda, President and CEO of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Palm Beach County. “I am thrilled with the support of the polo community rallying around our organization and its mission in Wellington.”

Miranda credits the success of the inaugural event to the chairmen Melissa and Marc Ganzi, Terrie and Ray Mooney, and Keith and Penny Williams, and the Wellington Club’s namesake, Neil Hirsch. The 2015 event is in planning stages with hopes of exceeding the accomplishments of this year’s event.

PRESIDENT OF BOYS AND GIRLS CLUBS OF AMERICA VISITS WEST PALM CLUB

Jim Clark, President & CEO of the Boys & Girls Clubs of America, paid a visit to the Marjorie S. Fisher Club in early 2014 while in town.

Jim Clark joined Boys & Girls Clubs of America as president and CEO in January 2012. He leads a network of more than 4,000 Boys & Girls Clubs that serve some 4 million young people annually in all 50 states.

“I believe it is critical, right out of the gate, to spend some quality time listening to the ideas and concerns of our local Clubs, and that includes our young people and their parents, as well as Club staff, board leaders and community supporters,” said Clark. “Our youth and their families face many formidable challenges, but through a close local-national partnership, Boys & Girls Clubs can and will continue to make a significant impact on their futures.”
**2012-2013 Audit**
These figures represent the 2012-2013 audit of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Palm Beach County and Affiliate

**Statement of Activities**

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**ANNUAL REPORT**

- $.85 of every dollar we raise goes directly into programming for our youth.
- Almost 77.6% of our parents said that the Clubs have enabled them to obtain or maintain a job.
- 90.5% of parents said that as a result of their child’s involvement in the club, he/she has developed a better understanding of healthy behaviors.
- 61.5% of our parents said their child would spend time alone each day if it weren’t for the Clubs.
- 57% of Club alumni said that the Club saved their life.
- 90.4% of parents said that they would not find another program of comparable quality that is affordable.

**BOCA WEST FOUNDATION HOSTS FOURTH ANNUAL ADOPT A FAMILY EVENT**

The Boca West Community Charitable Foundation and Boca West Country Club hosted the fourth annual Adopt A Family event at Old Navy in Boca Raton this past December. Each Club member went on a shopping spree with a Boca West member at Old Navy, picking out new clothes for both themselves and each of their siblings. Following the shopping, Club members got to enjoy a Star Wars themed party and breakfast at Boca West. Thank you for supporting our children, Boca West!

**GOLF TOURNAMENT SCORES $50K FOR BOCA CLUB**

Boca West Community Charitable Foundation presenting the Boys & Girls Clubs of Boca Raton a check for $50,650 at this month’s Golf Tournament! Great job to our winning foursome and thank you Boca West Foundation!

**CALLING ALL ALUMNI**

Are you an alumnus of the Boys & Girls Clubs in Palm Beach County? If so, we want to hear from you! Please contact Victor Rivera at vrivera@bgcpbc.org.
The 10th Annual Glades Step Show was another crowd pleaser, attended by much of the town of Belle Glade, as well as other supporters from throughout the county! Stepping or step-dancing is a form of percussive dance in which the participant’s entire body is used as an instrument to produce complex rhythms and sounds through a mixture of footsteps, spoken word, and hand claps. Though stepping may be performed by an individual, it is generally performed by groups of three or more, often in arrangements.

Over fifty children competed from nine of the Boys & Girls Clubs in Palm Beach County. The Dynamic Divas of Belle Glade Elementary took first place in the elementary group, under the direction of Club staff Rhonetta Davis and Ronnisha Thomas. First place in the middle school / high school category went to the Teen Center of Belle Glade. Hosted at the Bill Bailey Gymnasium on March 15th, both elementary school groups and middle/ high school groups from various Boys & Girls Clubs were able to stomp their way into the competition. Second place went to Pioneer Park Elementary School, and third went to the Naoma Donnelley Haggin Boys & Girls Club of Delray Beach.

The Breakers Palm Beach sent twelve new hires to the Marjorie S. Fisher Boys & Girls Club this past month to volunteer at the Club. The Breakers Palm Beach believes strongly in giving back to the community, and offers employees paid volunteer time off, where team members can volunteer at a variety of local organizations. Breakers volunteers helped with a large organization project and met a few of the Club children. The Breakers Palm Beach is an important community partner and supports the organization in many ways, including supplying backpacks and school supplies during the supply drive and supporting the Thanksgiving and holiday meals programs.
YOU CAN LEAVE A LEGACY OF HOPE & OPPORTUNITY

It is an extraordinary individual who plans to leave a legacy. All the more reason your legacy should produce extraordinary results.

Ensuring generations’ of children will have the same opportunities our children do - a life filled with promise, hope and opportunity – is a lasting tribute you can provide through your estate gift to BGCPBC.

Research indicates youth left alone during non-school hours are more likely to:
• Drop out of school
• Take part in or become victims of juvenile crime
• Experiment with drugs or alcohol
• Become teen parents

At the Boys & Girls Clubs, when school’s out, Clubs are open. Young people are being inspired to prepare for a great future - Anthony plans to earn a degree in Divinity, Lovely aspires to be a neo-natal nurse practitioner, and Felix will be the first in his family to go to college and pursue his dream of being a brain surgeon.

Chances are these great kids would not have known of these opportunities had it not been for their Boys & Girls Club.

Your legacy gift will change and save lives! That’s an extraordinary result!

YES, I WOULD LIKE TO JOIN THE HERITAGE CLUB & BE RECOGNIZED AS A FOUNDING MEMBER

☐ The Boys & Girls Clubs of Palm Beach County is already in my/our will(s).
☐ I/We will include BGCPBC in my/our will(s). I/We expect to have this done by __________estimated date).
☐ I/We need assistance with gift planning. Please contact me/us.

Name: __________________________________________________________
Address: _________________________________________________________
Phone: ___________________________ Mobile: _________________________ Email: ______________________________

We sincerely appreciate your belief and investment in BGCPBC and for valuing the tremendous impact our Clubs, programs and staff have on the lives of local children as we change and save lives one child at a time.

We promise you will see extraordinary results!

Boys & Girls Club of Palm Beach County, Inc. Charitable Bequest Language:

I hereby give and bequeath to the Boys & Girls Club of Palm Beach County, Inc., 800 Northpoint Parkway, Suite 204, West Palm Beach, FL 33407, a nonprofit 501(c)(3) corporation the sum of $___________ (or specific property or percentage) to be used for general (or for specific) purposes.

For more information contact Kae Jonsons, VP of Foundation Development & Donor Relations, kjonsons@bgcpbc.org, 561-683-3287

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BELLE GLADE TEEN WINS YOUTH OF THE YEAR

Selected among several local outstanding youth, Vainqueur Delome will compete against other Boys & Girls Club members for the Florida Youth of the Year title and a $1,000 college scholarship from Tupperware Brands Corporation. As the new Youth of the Year for Boys & Girls Clubs of Palm Beach County (BGCPBC), 18 year old Delome is a true example of an extraordinary young man recognized by Boys & Girls Clubs of America (BGCA) for his sound character, leadership skills and willingness to give back to the community.

Being named Youth of the Year is the highest honor a Boys & Girls Club member can receive. As BGCA’s premier youth recognition program, Youth of the Year recognizes outstanding contributions to a member’s family, school community and Boys & Girls Club, as well as overcoming personal challenges and obstacles. Youth of the Year encourages Club members to reach their full potential by achieving academic success, leading healthy lifestyles and contributing to their communities. Youth of the Year honorees are shining examples and living proof that great futures start at Boys & Girls Clubs.

Other outstanding teen nominees considered for the Boys & Girls Clubs of Palm Beach County award included Club winners Alexia Lyles-Murray of the Max M. Fisher Club, Samuel Mondesir of Florence De George Boys & Girls Club, Des’ree Day of the Neil S. Hirsch Club of Wellington, and Takera Brown of the Marjorie S. Fischer Club.

If Delome wins at the Florida state competition, he will compete for the title of Southeast Region Youth of the Year and an additional $10,000 scholarship from Tupperware, the recognition program’s national sponsor. Five regional winners will advance to Washington, D.C. to compete for the title of BGCA’s National Youth of the Year. The National Youth of the Year will receive an additional scholarship of $50,000 from The Rick and Susan Goings Foundation and will have the opportunity to meet with the President of the United States in the White House.

ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC
The 25th Annual Golf Classic & Auction returns to Lost Tree Club in North Palm Beach this May! The Boys & Girls Clubs is also excited to welcome the return of Pat Murphy as event chairman, who established the tournament in 1989. Joining Murphy in his efforts is CBS12’s Matt Lincoln and Stephanie Watson as co-chairs of the event. The highlight of the evening is the Silent and Live Auction Dinner where guests will savor fine cuisine, signature cocktails and have the opportunity to bid on items to support the mission on the Boys & Girls Clubs of Palm Beach County

When: Auction Party is Friday, May 16, 2014 at 6:00 PM
Golf Tournament: Saturday, May 17, 2014 at 7:30 AM
Where: Lost Tree Golf Course in North Palm Beach, FL
Tickets: $150 Auction Party

ANNUAL CASINO NIGHT
Date: October 25, 2014
Where: Boca West Country Club, Boca Raton
Sponsorships Available