

# Great Futures Start

The Newsletter of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Palm Beach County

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FALL 2015

## Be A Member For Life

CALLING ON ALL ALUMNI  
TO JOIN THE LOCAL ALUMNI CLUB



**Impact a Kid's Life Forever.**

On September 9, 2015, the Boys & Girls Clubs of America launched the Alumni & Friends Club campaign; an initiative to mobilize the country in support of our kids and engage its estimated 16 million Club Alumni. Alongside Alumni & Friends, Club spokesperson Shaquille O'Neal was joined by a variety of other celebrity ambassadors like Jennifer Lopez, Nick Cannon, Evander Holyfield, Michael Phelps, and Mario Lopez.

Here in Palm Beach County, we are very proud of our Alumni and their accomplishments. While some Club Alumni have earned particular distinction, most have achieved success by

getting an education, raising a family, serving their country, pursuing a career or supporting their local community right here in Palm Beach County.

As part of this nationwide campaign, Boys & Girls Clubs of Palm Beach County is calling on all former Club members to join the movement in building great futures for our kids and the next generation.

An estimated 1 out of 16 Americans has been a Club kid at one point in their life. In order to reconnect Alumni, Boys & Girls Clubs is leveraging the power of social media and its followers.

More than 45 of Boys & Girls Clubs' corporate supporters are also joining the campaign long term. Companies like Dr. Pepper Snapple Group, Nestle USA, Anthem Foundation, AT&T, Staples, Raytheon, Comcast, NBC Universal, Fox Sports, and Bank of America among others, are engaging their combined millions of employees, friends and social media followers to join the Alumni & Friends Club and impact kids' lives forever.

Be a part of the excitement! Join us in fueling the conversation to re-en



gauge our Club Alumni across the county. If you are a former member from any of our Clubs around the nation and currently reside in Palm Beach County, we want to hear from you! Visit us at <http://www.bgcpcb.org/alumni> and share your story with us!

By supporting afterschool providers like the Boys & Girls Clubs of Palm Beach County, you can help us reach more kids and put them on a path to a great future.

For more information on our local Alumni program or to find out how to get involved with the Boys & Girls Clubs of Palm Beach County, contact Maria Curreri at 561-683-3287 or [mcurreri@bgcpcb.org](mailto:mcurreri@bgcpcb.org).



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

TO LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR UPCOMING EVENTS  
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JANUARY 8, 2016 - WELLINGTON DINNER DANCE

FEBRUARY 5, 2016 - 35TH ANNUAL GALA, THE WINTER BALL

MARCH 13, 2016 - GREAT FUTURES CELEBRITY POLO MATCH & BRUNCH

## OUR MISSION

The mission of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Palm Beach County is to inspire and assist all young people, especially those who need us most, to realize their full potential as productive, responsible and caring citizens.



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Jaene Miranda

# A Letter From Our President & CEO

Dear Friends,

As we prepare to closeout our 44th year of service in our community, we are thankful for your longstanding commitment to our Club kids and to this incredible organization. Our 2015 has been nothing but spectacular with the breaking of records, announcements of future growth plans, and start-up of several new initiatives. Without all of you, we would not be celebrating these accomplishments today.

Over the past year, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Palm Beach County grew and is now serving over 7,000 children in need – one thousand more children annually than last year. Maintaining our promise of fiscal responsibility, we successfully achieved our operating budget goals to support this growth.

For the second year running, under the leadership of Danielle Moore we raised over one million dollars at our Palm Beach Ball. The Spring Fling has now evolved back to The Winter Ball, on February 5, 2016 with our long standing supporters Julie & Mike Connors as the new chairs, supported by Gala veterans Tom Quick and Danielle. Additionally, we hosted other extremely successful fundraising events including Barefoot on the Beach; Great Futures Polo & Brunch; Delray's Be Great Celebration and Holiday Trunk Show; Youth of the Year; the Max Entertainment event; and our Inaugural Tower Shoot at Pine Creek Sporting Club.

We received a transformational gift from Danielle Moore – a pledge to build a new state-of-the-art Teen Center in Belle Glade named after our dear friends Lesly Smith and Danielle. This good news was followed by a donation of land and adjacent gymnasium from the Palm Beach County Board of Commissioners to build our new Teen Club. You will hear more about this initiative in the near future.

We have taken on several news initiatives in 2015 – all with the goal of strengthening our impact on the children we serve. Made possible by the generous support of The Jim Moran Foundation and The Mary Alice Fortin Foundation, our new training initiative at the Marjorie S. Fisher Club will allow for a structured on-boarding program and on-going professional development for all the staff. Our new United Way of Palm Beach County Mentoring grant will provide the opportunity to structure a formal Volunteer program, and our local Alumni initiative will help us capitalize on Boys & Girls Club of America national advertising while we build our first ever life-time membership program. Read more about this initiative on page 1.

This year and in the future, we have much to look forward to as we meaningfully impact the lives of those that need us most. We wish all of you a very happy and safe holiday season with family and friends, and may 2016 bring you much joy and happiness.

Warmest regards,

Jaene Miranda  
President & CEO



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# Enhancing Our Formula for Impact

Over the past year, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Palm Beach County (BGPBC) has been actively participating in the Palm Beach County Youth Symposium initiative along with Children Services Council of Palm Beach County, Palm Beach County School District, members of the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners and others. The goal of the symposium is to share information and identify actions and programs to support the healthy growth, development and education of children and youth from prenatal to young adulthood.

As local Club leadership worked through this process, four key factors were identified which, when compromised, present significant risk to the success of our children as students: reading proficiency, school attendance, discipline and suspensions and connectedness.

The Boys & Girls Club youth professionals, whether he/she is the Club Director or a Program Assistant, is the primary source of positive relationships (connectedness) with every child that walks through a Club door. Those positive relationships act as a strong influencer of the other three major risk factors: school attendance, discipline & suspension, and reading proficiency.

In a continued effort to offer Club members the opportunity to interact with the best youth professionals in Palm Beach County, BGPBC



*Training Club staff at the Marjorie S. Fisher Boys & Girls Club*

along with the generous support of The Jim Moran Foundation and The Mary Alice Fortin Foundation is making a significant investment in human capital – the most important Club asset.

The 'Training Club' located at the Marjorie S. Fisher Club in West Palm Beach will allow for a structured on-boarding program and on-going professional development for BGPBC staff. The ultimate goal is to provide exceptional staff practices that deliver on a high-quality club experience for every Club member.

As always, please consider helping us make an impact on our youth by volunteering, partnering, or making a financial investment. For more information on how to help, contact Jaene Miranda (561) 683-3287.

## GRADUATE REFLECTS ON CLUB IMPACT



*BGPBC President & CEO Jaene Miranda with Cindy Amilcar at Youth of the Year Award Ceremony*

Around the age of nine I began attending the then West Palm Beach Boys & Girls Club. I instantly felt at home. I was given a safe place to go after school to complete my homework while my parents were working two jobs to pay the bills. It was hard at first spending so much time away from my family, until it became clear my family was growing. I spent much of my childhood in the West Palm Beach Boys & Girls Club and was a

member the very first day we moved to the Marjorie S. Fisher Boys & Girls Club on November 5, 2011.

I was amazed at how blessed my after-school family was. We were given a brand new place to call home. The basketball court was the biggest hit amongst most of the kids, but I always liked the extra-curricular rooms. The dance studio was always my favorite room. It was my way to escape from the negative challenges in my life. The computer lab provided me with the tools to excel through high school and graduate last year with honors.

Now as I start my freshman year of college I once again am blessed. Because of my involvement with Marjorie S. Fisher Boys & Girls Club, I am working part-time as a program

assistant at the club and am going to Palm Beach State College full time. Through partnerships from various foundations, part of my classes, books, and fees for college are being paid. The Club has, and always will be, a blessing in my life that has helped me excel and succeed in ways I never thought were possible. I will be forever grateful!

### **Cindy Amilcar**

2014-2015 Marjorie S. Fisher Boys & Girls Club Youth of the Year  
Alumni of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Palm Beach County – Marjorie S. Fisher Club

## Foundation

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Palm Beach County Foundation seeks endowment gifts to ensure our youth population today will continue to be served tomorrow by strengthening the organization in perpetuity. To learn more about endowment opportunities designed to meet your personal goals, please contact Mark Casale at (561) 683-3287.



# BAREFOOT ON THE BEACH RAISES OVER \$350,000

Rain couldn't keep over 450 guests away from the undisputed party of the year, the sold out Barefoot on the Beach event benefiting the Boys & Girls Clubs of Palm Beach County. Guests dressed to the nines in their white attire packed the Venetian Ballroom at The Breakers and were on their feet dancing all night long to Miami band, The Clique.

As guests arrived they were greeted by event chairmen Reid Boren, Thomas C. Quick, Taylor Collins, Lauren Borman, Brooks Bishop, Keith Williams and Craig Gibson, Jr. and treated to a signature BACARDI cocktail.

DJ Adam Lipson got guests going as they enjoyed hors d'oeuvres and bid on a small, exclusive silent auction that included two beach cruisers provided by Fitness by D-Zyne. The night continued on as Tom Quick took the stage and hosted a spectac-



*From L to R, event chairmen Taylor Collins, Lauren Borman, Reid Boren, Brooks Bishop, Keith Williams, and Craig Gibson, Jr.*

ular live auction that included a summer membership to the Ocean Club at the Breakers, dinner for 10 in home with a chef from the infamous Rao's, an autographed Eric Clapton guitar and more.

Following the auction, guests packed the dance floor and continued dancing long into the night. "We are extremely grateful to all of our sponsors, donors and to our chairmen for stepping up this year and are thrilled with the outcome of this sold out, successful party," said Reid Boren. "Despite the bad weather, we achieved our goals and

were able to raise the much needed funds to support our members in Palm Beach County.



*From L to R, honorary chairman Tom Quick with event chairman Reid Boren*

## \$58,000 Raised For The Children Of Wellington 34th Annual Golf Tournament Benefits the Neil S. Hirsch Family Boys & Girls Club

On a beautiful Saturday morning, a crowd of more than 140 golfers, philanthropists, community voices, thought leaders and volunteers united to raise money for the 34th Annual Wellington Golf Tournament, which took place on October 10 at the Wanderers Golf & Country Club. The tournament raised \$58,000 for the Neil S. Hirsch Family Boys & Girls Club.

There was no shortage of entertainment on the Wanderers Club's state-of-the-art golf course. Boys & Girls Clubs of Palm Beach County invited golf merchandisers Rocket Launcher and Krank Drivers out to provide a twist to traditional golf. Hole in one contests on the Par 3 allowed participants the chance to win a variety of fabulous prizes.

After golfing, attendees headed back into the clubhouse where they were greeted by members of the Neil S. Hirsch Boys & Girls Club of Wellington. The event included a luncheon during which sponsors of the



*First Place Foursome. From L to R: Cliff Carrol, Nick Chillemi, Vince Chillemi, Elliot Bonner.*

event were recognized and the awards were presented. Coming in second place was the team consisting of Marc Ganzi, Grant Ganzi, Nic Roldan and Darren Marotta, and taking the first place trophies home were Elliot Bonner, Nick Chillemi, Vince Chillemi and Cliff Carrol. Festivities concluded with a Caribbean dance performed by the Club members.

# Annual Golf Classic & Auction Party Raised Over \$150,000 To Benefit At-Risk Children Served By The Clubs



L to R: Sherrif Ric Bradshaw, Dorothy Bradshaw, Rusty Lamm, John Kime



Chairman Matt Lincoln, with wife Lara

This year's Annual Golf Classic & Auction Party, chaired by CBS12's Matt Lincoln, raised over \$150,000 to benefit the at-risk children served by the Clubs. Since its inception, the Annual Golf Classic has raised over \$6 million for the Boys & Girls Clubs of Palm Beach County.

Joining Lincoln in his efforts were committee members Ben Hartman, Christine Pitts, Jason Locker, Mark Travaglini, Mary Church, Michelle Klein, Patrick McGarr, Reg Miller, Richard Parkos and Todd Barron.

The festivities began on Friday, May 8th at the Wyndham Grand Jupiter at Harbourside Place, with BMO Private Bank hosting a dinner and auction party for more than 165 guests.

During the reception, guests were greeted by Club members from the Max M. Fisher Boys & Girls Club and lingered on the patio as they browsed the incredible items in the silent auction. Items included golf foursomes at exclusive clubs, sports memorabilia, home appliances, electronics, and many more!

The event continued Saturday morning as 120 golfers took to the links at the exclusive Dye Preserve Golf Club in Jupiter, with players competing for top finishing prizes, including handsome wrist watches by Tourneau, clubs and putters from Palm Beach Golf Center, and KitchenAid products from Whirlpool. Players also had the chance to shoot for hole in ones,

courtesy of Arrigo Dodge Chrysler Jeep Ram.

Taking top honors as Gross Champions were Mark Travaglini, Toby Harbeck, Ron Lindsey and Jacob Keith with a score of 54. Net Category Champions were Brian Rolfs, Tom Holt, Jim Bomar and Joe Lower with a score of 47.

"The 26th Annual Boys & Girls Clubs of Palm Beach County Golf Classic & Auction was an incredible success," said Matt Lincoln. "I was so pleased to see so many people give of themselves, to help the almost 7,000 kids in our Clubs. We could not have asked for better settings than the Wyndham Harbour-side and Dye Preserve."

## Max Entertainment "The Ultimate Michael Jackson Experience" Is a THRILLER



The Max M. Fisher Boys & Girls Club of Riviera Beach hosted its Max Entertainment "Michael Jackson Experience" on Thursday, April 16, 2015, at the Eissey Campus Theatre at Palm Beach State College. The annual event raised \$45,000 for the Riviera Beach Club.

This year's event chairwoman was Dr. Jean Wihbey, provost of Palm Beach State College and chairwoman of the Max M. Fisher Advisory Board of Directors.

The Max Entertainment event kicked off with a pre-show reception in the Eissey Campus Theatre lobby, featuring a silent auction, refreshments and hors d'oeuvres. Club members from the Max M. Fisher Boys & Girls Club greeted guests, described daily activities at the Club and enjoyed the show with their families.



Palm Beach State College Provost Dr. Jean Wihbey with Max M. Fisher Boys & Girls Club Members

## Boys & Girls Club Of Boca Raton Rolls In Success With 6th Annual Casino Night

The Boys & Girls Club of Boca Raton celebrated the 6th Annual Casino Night, on Saturday, October 17th at the Boca West Country Club. More than 150 guests tested their luck as they raised \$41,000 for the Club. Guests also had an opportunity to win fantastic prizes, bid on a glittering silent auction and enjoy cocktails, dinner and gourmet sweets.

Returning as event chairmen were Boys & Girls Club of Boca Raton's Board Co-Chairs Zakir N. Odhwani, Market Sales Executive at U.S. Trust, Bank of America Private Wealth Management and Kathryn Gillespie,



From L to R, Kathryn Gillespie & Zak Odhwani.

Realtor at Illustrated Properties Real Estate. "Advocating for an organization such as the Boys & Girls Club, which provides essential services to the community, is a tremendous way to give back to the community in which we live and work. Having the opportunity to serve as an event co-chairman for Casino Night is a great honor, and I hope to continue to grow this event and help the Boys & Girls Club of Boca Raton continue its good work in the community," said Odhwani.

# EVENTS

To register for a special event, please visit [www.bgcpbc.org](http://www.bgcpbc.org)

## WELLINGTON DINNER DANCE - DENIM & DIAMONDS

When: Friday, January 8, 2016  
Where: International Polo Club Palm Beach  
Chairmen: Georgina Bloomberg, Dr. James Goad and Marley Goodman Overman  
Individual Tickets: \$225

The Wellington Dinner Dance is the largest fundraiser to benefit the Neil S. Hirsch Family Boys & Girls Club of Wellington.

The spectacular event features a dazzling evening of cocktails, silent and live auctions, dinner and dancing.



From L to R, Marley Goodman Overman, Dr. James Goad and Georgina Bloomberg

## GREAT FUTURES CELEBRITY POLO MATCH & BRUNCH

When: Sunday, March 13, 2016  
Where: Grand Champions Polo Club & International Polo Club  
Chairpersons: Marc & Melissa Ganzi and Ray & Terrie Mooney  
Honorary Chairpersons: Ignacio 'Nacho' Figueras and John Walsh  
Individual Ticket: \$1,000

The Polo Day kicks off at Grand Champions Polo Club in Wellington with a celebrity polo match featuring Ralph Lauren's 'face of Polo' Nacho Figueras and America's Most Wanted/The Hunt star John Walsh. Brunch with live and silent auction is included in the day's festivities. For ticket or sponsorship opportunities contact Kristen Cummins at 561-683-3287 or visit [bgcpbc.org](http://bgcpbc.org).



Nacho Figueras

## 35TH ANNUAL GALA - THE WINTER BALL

When: Friday, February 5, 2016  
Where: The Breakers Hotel  
Chairpersons: Julie & Mike Connors  
Honorary Chairmen: Danielle Hickox Moore & Thomas C. Quick  
Individual Tickets: \$750

The Boys & Girls Clubs' Annual Gala is the longest running event of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Palm Beach County. It began in 1981 and has taken place every year since. For tickets or sponsorship opportunities contact Mary Coleman at 561-683-3287 or visit [bgcpbc.org](http://bgcpbc.org)



Julie & Mike Connors

## SAVE THE DATE FOR UPCOMING EVENTS

- March 4 - Max Entertainment Event benefiting the Max M. Fisher Boys & Girls Club of Riviera Beach
- March 6 - Tennis Tournament at the Boca Raton Resort & Club
- March 11 - Be Great Celebration Dinner
- March 13 - Great Futures Polo Day benefiting Boys & Girls Club of Wellington
- April 1 - 15th Annual Barefoot on the Beach
- May 6 & 7 - 27th Annual Golf Classic



## Our Club Parents Speak Out ...

"I'm a single mom who has to work until 6pm. I had requested from my employer an earlier shift but I found out 3 days before school started my shift request was denied. I was devastated and thought I had no choice but to let my two daughters walk a quarter mile from the bus stop to our apartment and stay home alone for 4.5 hours until I got home from work. I shared this news with a co-worker who suggested I call the Boys & Girls Club in Delray. I cried tears of relief when I was told they are open until 8pm and will even pick up the girls from school and bring them safely to the Club.

Since the girls became members, they have taken advantage of all the programs available to them: swimming, soccer, field trips, not to mention the library and game room. The staff has been so amazing. They are supportive and encouraging of my girls. My seven year old who never showed an interest in sports has excelled in soccer and swimming, while my 10 year old has the time to do her homework and get the help she needs. They both take great pride in their tasks assigned to them.

I am so appreciative of the Boys & Girls Club staff for what they have brought to my family: safety, peace of mind and a supportive, encouraging environment. Thank you so much!"

- Pamela, Club Parent

# What's Happening At Our Clubs ...

## Planting Seeds For The Future

The Gardening Program at the Florence De George Club is supported by a partnership amongst Boys & Girls Club, 21st Century Community Learning Center and Memory Trees Corporation.

We are excited to have a program that will provide members with a hands-on learning experience of growing, caring and harvesting produce from the garden. This educational program will also be extended to our family

programs. The participation of adult family members will encourage family connection, outdoor activities and a healthy lifestyle.



Members of the Florence De George Club and volunteers from FPL enjoy a day of gardening on October 27, 2015.

## Clubs Promotes Healthy Lifestyle Through Athletics



The Boys & Girls Club of Boca Raton hosted a local NFL Punt, Pass and Kick Event! Over 100 members participated in the NFL's PP&K, the oldest grassroots initiative at the NFL. Open to children ages 6-15, PP&K allows them to experience the fun of learning football fundamentals in an engaging and supportive, non-contact environment.

All of our 10 local winners were invited in November to participate in the Sectional Event for kids from Palm Beach, Martin and St. Lucie counties with winners advancing on to the Miami Dolphins Event on Sunday, December 6th at Sun Life Stadium.

Four Boys & Girls Club members are moving on to compete at this event. They are Josiah (6yrs.), Keon (15 yrs.), Jolie (7 yrs.) and Sofia (13 yrs.).

With Flag Football season wrapping up, the Marjorie S. Fisher Boys & Girls Club Athletic Coordinator Marlon Reid, is gearing up for soccer season. Mr. Reid is working on the fundamentals with the Club's Cadet team. The members take great pride in representing their club in the Boys & Girls Clubs of Palm Beach County soccer season.



## Building Self-Confidence And Creativity Through The Clubs' Art Program



K-5th graders of the Wellington Boys & Girls Club wrote and performed their own dinner theater for family and friends.



The seven Belle Glades Boys & Girls Clubs held their Annual Coronation of the "Club King & Queen" on October 12th. The winners represented the Clubs in the Glades Central High School's Homecoming Parade and rode on the Boys & Girls Clubs float.

### ARE YOU A BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS ALUMNUS?

If you are a former member of the Boys & Girls Clubs and currently reside in Palm Beach County, please contact Maria Curreri to share your story at (561) 683-3287 or [mcurreri@bgcpbc.org](mailto:mcurreri@bgcpbc.org). We would love to hear from you!

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# SMART IDEAS FOR YEAR-END BENEFITS

As the end of the year approaches, you may be looking for ways to save on taxes and end the year well. Here is a checklist of some tax-wise year-end charitable gifts that can provide you with tax savings and possible income benefits:

- MAKE A GIFT OF APPRECIATED ASSETS
- FUND A CHARITABLE GIFT ANNUITY
- ESTABLISH A CHARITABLE REMAINDER TRUST
- MAKE A GIFT OF LIFE INSURANCE
- CREATE A CHARITABLE LIFE ESTATE

To learn more about how you can benefit from these gifts, please contact Mark Casale at [mcasale@bgcpbc.org](mailto:mcasale@bgcpbc.org) or 561.683.3287.



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