The Venetian Ballroom of the Breakers Palm Beach was transformed into a winter wonderland in celebration of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Palm Beach County’s 35th Annual Gala – The Winter Ball. Once again, the prestigious event, which took place on Friday, February 5th, hit record highs by raising over $1.2 million dollars to benefit the Club’s children. Leading the charge were this year’s chairmen, Julie and Mike Connors along with Honorary Chairmen Tom Quick and Danielle H. Moore.

The evening proved to be one filled with excitement and surprises. Following dinner, Wellington Club member Demetreous Holden brought the crowd of over 300 guests to their feet with a standing ovation after delivering a heartfelt speech. Holden shared with guests his experience at the Club and expressed his gratitude toward staff and supporters.

Honorary Chairman Tom Quick, followed Holden with a live auction and the Call to the Heart portion of the evening which raised over $100,000 for the Clubs’ Feeding Bodies, Feeding Minds Hunger Relief program. Guests were brought to their feet for a second standing ovation of the evening when Quick stunned guests with an announcement that this year’s gala Chairmen Julie and Mike Connors were graciously contributing an additional $500,000 to the Boys & Girls Clubs.

Proceeds from The Winter Ball will support the 13 Boys & Girls Clubs located in Palm Beach County. The organization is pleased to announce that the 2017 Gala will take place on February 3rd at the Breaker’s Palm Beach and will be chaired by Mrs. Rudolph W. Giuliani. Supporting Giuliani are Honorary Chairmen Julie and Mike Connors, Hon. Danielle H. Moore, Pauline Pitt and Tom Quick and Co-Chairmen Mrs. Alfonso Fanjul, Karin Luter and Lia D. Reed.

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.

GREAT FUTURES START HERE.
Dear Friends,

On behalf of over 8,000 disadvantaged and at-risk children served by Boys and Girls Clubs of Palm Beach County, I extend my most heartfelt thanks for your contributions that have exceeded our expectations during the first two quarters of 2016. We are very fortunate to have had your support. In addition, I am delighted to announce that The Winter Ball will be chaired by Mrs. Rudolph Giuliani and be held February 3, 2017 at The Breakers. Judith and her team are already busy at work planning a most wonderful evening and to ensure great financial success.

Sadly, we received word on Sunday, June 12 that our friend and longtime benefactor Marjorie Fisher passed away at her home in Palm Beach surrounded by her loving family. Marjorie leaves an amazing legacy of philanthropy, touching so many lives in so many places. The Boys and Girls Clubs of Palm Beach County is forever grateful to her for providing two incredible and state of the art 22,000 square foot clubhouses. One named ‘The Max’ for her late husband located in Riviera Beach on 13th Street. The other called ‘The Marjorie’ on Belvedere Road in West Palm Beach. Through her generosity, hundreds of children from low income homes have safe places to go each day after school and during the summer. I invite you to tour one or both of these facilities to personally witness the impact these places are having on kids.

Marjorie was not just a check writer but someone who deeply cared about our children and their outcomes. Her credo was “all giving starts with the heart…and then you use your head.” We are blessed that our children captured her heart and privileged that our organization was worthy of her gifts. Her life’s philosophy is one to emulate. “You are here for a reason-to help other people. Everything in life is based on love and what you can do to help others. The rest is just cream-sometimes sour cream—but it’s still cream” she often said.

The entire agency extends their deepest condolences to the Fisher family. Marjorie is survived by her children: Julie Fisher Cummings, Mary Fisher, Phillip Fisher, Jane Sherman, Marjorie Fisher Furman and 37 grandchildren and great grandchildren. She will always remain in our hearts.

Respectfully,

Wally Turner
Chairman of the Board
For the second consecutive year, the Boys & Girls Clubs received a grant from Palm Beach County’s Youth Services Department to deliver the summer 2016 Teen Employment Initiative. The program includes managed employment at the Club and career exploration for the purpose of preparing teens to compete for jobs, succeed in the workplace, and explore how their skills and interests might translate to a career.

A total of 36 teens, aged 16+, will be employed. Employment is available in the following areas of operations: printing and graphics operation; food service program; camp counselor-in-training; and administrative assistance. Of these 36 individuals, 18 will be residents of the Tri-City Glades area.

Employment is also being offered to BGCPBC alumni who worked last summer and have just completed their first year of post-secondary education. These returning teens will serve as mentors to the younger Club members.

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 mcurreri@bgcpbc.org or (561) 683-3287

We would love to hear from you!
Visit www.bgcpbc.org/alumni to learn more!
BAREFOOT ON THE BEACH’S 15th ANNIVERSARY

Over 400 guests celebrated the 15th Anniversary of one of Palm Beach’s notable parties of the year, Barefoot on the Beach. Guests dressed in chic white attire packed the Beach Club at The Breakers and danced to one of the hottest and most unique DJ/Band hybrids, “Fusion”.

Honorary Chairs were Reid Boren and Tom Quick. Serving as Co-Chairs were Brooks Bishop, Lauren Borman, Taylor Collins, and Keith Williams and Craig Gibson, Jr. was Jr. Chairman. The event raised over $325,000.

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Palm Beach County would like to thank the wonderful sponsors including Presenting Sponsors, James and Judy Harpel and Brooks Bishop; Bungalow Benefactors Susan and Ramsey Frank, Connie Frankino, Tom Quick, Mac & Jamie Zahringer, and William Wrigley, Jr. along with Table and Patron Benefactors. The 2017 Barefoot on the Beach is scheduled to take place on Friday, April 7 at The Breaker’s Palm Beach.

THIRD ANNUAL GREAT FUTURES BOYS & GIRLS CLUB POLO DAY

Grand Champions Polo Club and International Polo Club Palm Beach celebrated the third annual Great Futures Boys & Girls Clubs Polo Day on Sunday, March 13. The event raised over $250,000 for the local Neil S. Hirsch Family Boys & Girls Club of Wellington.

The day’s festivities kicked off with a celebrity, three team, round robin polo match at Grand Champions Polo Club. The match featured honorary event chairmen Ralph Lauren’s ‘face of polo’ Ignacio “Nacho” Figueras and America’s Most Wanted/ The Hunt star John Walsh. This year’s co-chairmen were Marc and Melissa Ganzi and Ray and Terrie Mooney. The celebrity polo match was followed by a brunch at International Polo Club Palm Beach. During brunch, Club member Juan Ariza shared his personal story and the importance of the Club to him and his mother. The 2017 Great Futures Polo Day is scheduled for Sunday, March 12.

WELLINGTON DINNER DANCE

The 28th Annual Wellington Dinner Dance themed “Denim & Diamonds” took place on Friday, January 8, 2016 at the International Polo Club Palm Beach. The event committee led by Co-Chairs, Georgina Bloomberg, Dr. James Goad, and Marley Goodman Overman raised nearly $225,000 for the Wellington Club. Guests enjoyed dinner and dancing in a sensational denim and diamonds themed dining room designed by Sean Brevak.

This year’s Dinner Dance also made its mark for the high profile list of guests in attendance which included equestrian and socialite Georgina Bloomberg; Polo players Nic Roldan, Brandon Phillips, Grant Ganzi and Kris Kampsen; owner of Grand Champions Polo Club, Marc Ganzi; highly decorated equestrian Jessica Springsteen and Nic Roldan.

Marley Goodman Overman; and Olympic Show Jumper Champion and daughter of rock-star Bruce Springsteen, Jessica Springsteen.

The 2017 Denim & Diamonds event is scheduled for January 6 at International Polo Club Palm Beach.

27th ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC

The 27th Annual Golf Classic took place on Friday, May 7 at the Wyndham Grand Jupiter at Harbourside Place followed by the Golf Tournament on Saturday, May 8th at the exclusive Dye Preserve Golf Club in Jupiter.

CBS12’s Matt Lincoln returned as Co-Chair of the event along with Steve Glasier, also from CBS12. Since it’s inception, the Golf Classic has raised over $6 million for the Boys & Girls Clubs of Palm Beach County.

Alexia Lyles-Murray Selected As Palm Beach County Youth of the Year

Being named Youth of the Year is the highest honor a Boys & Girls Clubs member can receive. Youth of the Year recognizes outstanding contributions to a Club 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.

As the 2016 County Youth of the Year for Boys & Girls Clubs of Palm Beach County, 17 year old Alexia is a true example of an extraordinary young woman recognized by Boys & Girls Clubs of America (BGCA) for her sound character, leadership skills and willingness to give back to the community.

An active member of the Max M. Fisher Boys & Girls Club in Riviera Beach for the past four years, Alexia changed her life and her destiny by focusing on positive goals and outcomes. Alexia has encountered her share of adversity in life, from being homeless to struggling with low self-esteem. Thanks to the help of her Club, she was able to not only turn her life around but has also developed a passion for being a mentor to other youth and teach others that they too can overcome adversity.

This dedicated, ambitious and determined young lady, highly values the importance of obtaining an education in order to succeed in life. Her dream is to become a Pediatrician and be able to care for sick children. We wish Alexia a very bright future!

GREAT FUTURES START HERE!

Alexia Lyles-Murray, Boys & Girls Clubs of Palm Beach County's 2016 Youth of the Year

For more information about the Youth of the Year program, visit http://www.youthoftheyear.org

Youth of the Year honorees are shining examples and living proof that great futures start at Boys & Girls Clubs.

BE GREAT CELEBRATION

The 4th annual Be Great Celebration Dinner to benefit the Naoma Donnelley Haggin Boys & Girls Club of Delray Beach members took place on Friday, March 11, 2016, at the Delray Beach Marriott. The event raised over $132,000 for the Club and honored Tony Wilson, Chairman, President, CEO of Seagate Hospitality Group, and the Youth of the Year of Delray Beach, Club member Karah Pierre. Over 200 supporters attended the dinner.

From L to R: Chip Sander, Susan Mullin, Michael Mullin

FPL SolarNow™ Helps Boys & Girls Clubs Shine

Are you ready to help bring more solar to the Sunshine State while supporting the Boys and Girls Clubs? The organization is partnering with FPL on an innovative program designed to do just that!

FPL SolarNow™ is a voluntary, community-based solar program that builds solar canopies in public spaces, like parks, zoos and museums. These solar arrays feed emissions-free energy generated from the sun directly to the electric grid. And, the solar structures provide shaded areas for covered parking or sitting – perfect for hot summer days! For about $9 a month or 30 cents a day, residents, businesses and organizations can sign up to participate in FPL SolarNow and help bring more solar projects to our communities.

“FPL believes in the power of solar and the impact it will have on our future, and we are committed to giving back to the communities we serve,” said Thomas Bean, Director of Public & Community Engagement for FPL. “This program provides another opportunity for customers to advance solar in their community and a way to support organizations that matter to them, such as the Boys & Girls Clubs.”

Solar energy isn’t the only benefit FPL SolarNow delivers. The charitable foundation of NextEra Energy, Inc., (FPL’s parent company) contributes a total of $200,000 annually to Florida-based non-profit organizations dedicated to helping the environment and our community, including Boys and Girls Clubs. When you sign up for FPL SolarNow, you get to select an organization you would like to receive a portion of the contribution. The amount that each organization receives is proportionate to the selections made by FPL SolarNow participants.

In 2015, Boys & Girls Clubs received the second highest number of votes from FPL’s SolarNow participants and was awarded over $22,000. To date, Boys & Girls Clubs remains strongly positioned in second place. To learn how you can get involved visit www.fpl.com/solarnow
Glade View Elementary’s 21st CCLC program debuted its third project this year called “X Marks The Spot.” Students researched the history of the city in which they live. They learned about the founding fathers, famous residents, major attractions, unusual places, interesting people, things to do, events such as festivals, fairs, and rodeos, tours, sporting events, museums, nature, food, shopping, culture, and entertainments. Groups were assigned different topics about the city and created exhibits about their topics for a visitor’s bureau fair designed to promote tourism. The Mayor of Belle Glade made a special visit to see the students’ wonderful end result!

Promoting Healthy Lifestyle with the HeartStrong Program

This past season, Palm Beach cardiologist Dr. Jeff Fester and dietitian Karen Hartung donated their time at the Max S. Fisher Club to pilot a five-week health and fitness program. Roughly twenty children participated in the HeartStrong program, ranging in ages from 6-8.

The program consisted of 5 lectures with accompanying activities that included education on the mechanisms of the heart and healthy nutrition, information about fruits and vegetables, whole grains, dairy, and sugar. Snacks were provided through the program each week representing each discussion topic. The program was sponsored by the Cardiac Institute of the Palm Beaches.

Preparing Our Teens Through Career Days & Mentoring Events

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Club’s Art Program Studies Harlem Renaissance

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Sentient Jet is new corporate supporter of BGCPBC Club’s Art Program

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American Airlines’ Captain Gregg Guzik shows Club members how to read a flight map

Chef William Sellner, Executive Chef at the International Polo Club during Culinary Career Day
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.

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