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BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF OSHKOSH NEWS

INSIDE

Learn about the awesome new literacy program at the Club and the new events and updates coming to the Club! Plus, find out how you can get involved in the Turkey Trot fun run!



2017 Youth of the Year

Hayllie Sorenson



Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh alumna and 2017 Youth of the Year, Hayllie Sorenson, took a special trip to Washington, D.C. this Summer to meet with Senator Ron Johnson. This rare opportunity came about during the Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh's WineFeast fundraising event in April of this year.

Hayllie shared with a room of over 500 WineFeast dinner guests how the Club changed her life and what her plans were for the future after graduating from high school. She explained she wanted to pursue a career in the culinary arts and ultimately be a head chef one day. During the evening, Senator Ron Johnson invited her to come meet with him in Washington D.C. to discuss her career goals and start making her dreams a reality.

Hayllie, and the Club's Development & Marketing Director Tracy Ogden, flew to Washington, D.C.

in June to have a sit down meeting with Senator Ron Johnson and then embarked on a three-day sightseeing tour that included the National Air and Space Museum - Smithsonian Institution, the United States Capitol, Arlington National Cemetery, the National Mall and the National Zoological Park. The highlight of the trip was a behind the scenes tour of the White House and meeting White House Executive Chef Cristeta Comerford and Executive Pastry Chef Susan Morrison!

"The trip has been mind-blowing." Hayllie shared. "I am glad I worked so hard to earn this trip. My favorite part was meeting the White House Chef and when she gave me career advice and a White House apron. I will have it forever. I couldn't be more

grateful to Senator Johnson for giving me an opportunity I will never forget. Thank you from the bottom of my heart."

Last year, as a high school senior, Hayllie Sorenson won the title of the Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh's 2017 Youth of the Year because of her service to Club, community and family, academic success, strong moral character, and public speaking ability. As Youth of the Year, Hayllie was awarded a \$10,000 scholarship from the Boys & Girls Club's Charles F. Hyde, Jr. Youth of the Year Scholarship Endowment.

Hayllie is currently enrolled in the Culinary Arts program at Fox Valley Technical College and started classes in the fall with the goal of achieving her associate's degree.

SAVE THE DATE

OCT 26 Halloween Party

NOV 22 Thanksgiving Dinner

NOV 23 Festival Foods Turkey Trot

DEC 12 Radford Center Christmas Party

DEC 14 Teen Center Christmas Party



During Oshkosh Corporation's 100 Year Celebration, Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh and Boys & Girls Club of the Fox Valley were gifted \$90,000 each. Thank you to Oshkosh Corporation for supporting the Club for many years!



BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF OSHKOSH

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FROM THE CEO

Dear Friends of the Boy & Girls Club of Oshkosh,

It was a great summer of fun for our Club kids and staff. They were able to participate in everything from white-water rafting, camping, sailing, waterparks, fishing, hiking and farm trips. We had strong learning opportunities with science classes, career exploration, money management, etiquette classes, community safety and so much more. These lists could keep going.

As always, we stayed focused on our mission of Improving Lives of Children and Families. We do this by providing dental services, eyeglasses, mental health counseling, supplies for school, haircuts, shoes, showers, clean clothes, food to take home, bus tokens and emergency assistance.

The seasons may change, but the needs and opportunities to help do not. We do these things throughout the year because you make it possible. Greater Oshkosh is a wonderful community that pulls together and makes our Boys & Girls Club a very special place where kids and families feel safe, welcome and loved.

Thank you for all of the ways you are part of the big picture, and thanks for caring about these Club kids and their families.

Marc Dosogne

Marc Dosogne, CEO
Boys & Girls Clubs of Oshkosh, Inc.

A Thanksgiving tradition that's getting to be as popular as pumpkin pie or turkey and gravy is the annual Festival Foods Turkey Trot fun run!

It's a great opportunity to get some fitness in before all the calories of the Thanksgiving meal. The 10th annual Turkey Trot will be held on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday November 23rd at 8 A.M. starting at the Best Western Premier Waterfront Hotel & Convention Center.



The festive five mile run and two mile walk will benefit the Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh and the Oshkosh Community YMCA. Participants will receive a free long sleeved t-shirt and a Festival Foods 5" Upper Crust pumpkin pie. In addition, the first five male or female runners to cross the finish line will receive a \$20 Festival Foods gift card.

Runners or walkers can register at www.festivalfoodsturkeytrot.com. Early registration is open now until October 31st. Everyone who registers before November 1st will receive exclusive Festival Foods coupons worth over \$10 in savings! Cost is \$20 for adults and \$15 per child. Regular online registration will run from November 1st through the 20th. Cost for adults is \$25 and \$20 for children. Race day registration cost \$30 per adult and \$25 per child. T-shirt sizes will not be guaranteed for those who preregister late or register on race day.

In order for this run to be successful, many volunteers are needed to assure all goes smoothly. Positions include registration, t-shirt handout, bib handout, and more.

If you are interested in volunteering at the Turkey Trot, please sign up online for a specific volunteer spot at www.festivalfoodsturkeytrot.com or for more information, please contact Boys & Girls Club Marketing Coordinator, Katie Huebner at (920) 233-1414 or katieh@bgcosh.org.

PHOTO GALLERY



The Great Explorers 5 & 6 year olds visited the Oshkosh Fire Department to learn all about the fire station, firemen and how they help us. Everyone gave a big hug to the men and women who protect our community.



This summer, in the STEM Room, our members talked about the human body and completed different projects to go along with what they learned. Everybody really used their brain!



The teens participated in many different camps over the summer including sports, art and cooking. A ton of fun was had making new things.

To see more photos of the exciting things taking place at our Club, please visit our Facebook page.

Reader's Café

The Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh and the Winnebago County Literacy Council have been awarded a three-year grant from the Basic Needs Giving Partnership, supported by the U.S. Venture Fund for Basic Needs within the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation, the J.J. Keller Foundation, and other community partners. This grant enables a new collaboration called Reader's Café, a literacy intervention program for youth, ages 6-18. The goal is to improve learners' reading proficiency, fluency, and confidence, and ultimately enhance their attitude toward reading.

According to the Wisconsin Information System for Education, 70 percent of fourth graders in the Oshkosh Area School District scored "below proficient" on standardized reading assessments in 2015. The Kids Count Data Center notes that children who reach fourth grade unable to read proficiently are more likely to drop out of high school. The Reader's Café program will help children who struggle academically due to low literacy and those who need to catch up to the reading level of their peers.



Reader's Café started this summer for our 6-12 year old members. Members participated in programs called Reader's Theater and Choral Reading, which teach students fluency and comprehension through performance based reading. At the end of the sessions, members performed for their guardians and staff members. One-on-one tutoring and a book club are provided for our teen members so they are able to leave high school with the literacy skills needed for life.

If you would like your child to be involved, contact Leigh Marmes, Director of Academic Success at Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh at (920) 233-1414, ext. 20.

Be on the lookout for these new events!

Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh
Great Futures Celebration Dinner
February 6, 2018 at The Waters



Forever Young Prom
June 15, 2018

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Reserve your WineFeast Cellar
Select Table today!

April 28, 2018

The general wine tasting, Night Cap, will be for Cellar Select guests only.



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Lowes Renovation Across America

Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh has been awarded a grant from Boys & Girls Clubs of America and Lowes Renovation Across America program. Renovation Across America awards a Club in each of the 50 states with \$50,000 to update and renovate their facilities. We were one of the lucky Clubs to receive this funding.

With our funding, we are working with Lowes to update our Radford Center bathrooms, paint all the Radford Center areas and make sure our Unmet Needs rooms are beautiful for all our members. We are also turning one of our classrooms into a STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) Room. Updates will also be made to our Computer Lab and Learning Center to make sure we are providing the right academic support.

These updates have been taking place this fall and are making staff and kids happy. Make sure to come and take a tour of our updated building!



YES! I WANT TO HELP ENSURE GREAT FUTURES FOR YOUTH WHO ARE AT RISK IN THE OSHKOSH AREA.

- \$5,000** enables the Boys & Girls Club to provide 200 kids, who otherwise could not afford a membership, with a scholarship to the Club
- \$2,500** helps provide Club members with healthy meals and snacks for two months
- \$1,000** buys proper seasonal clothing for 10 to 15 Club members
- \$500** helps provide the Club with programs like Healthy Habits cooking, Money Matters and Power Hour homework help
- \$200** helps send children to summer camp
- \$100** provides tutoring for one child for a month
- \$50** purchases hygiene products for a Club member
- \$** _____ improves the lives of children and families

PAYMENT METHOD

- One time payment is enclosed
- I'd like to make a pledge, please contact me.
- One time payment should be charged to my credit card
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Donations can also be made online at www.bgcosh.org through a safe and secured network.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT (920) 233-1414 OR INFO@BGCOSH.ORG.



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The Milwaukee Bucks Rim Rockers and Bango came to the Club again this summer and showed us their dunking skills. Everyone is very excited for them to join the Oshkosh community.

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MISSION

To improve the lives of children and families.

VISION

The Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh will be a generation-changing leading provider of programs emphasizing youth development services and family outreach support to meet the needs of young people 6-18 and their families, especially those who need us most.

CONTACT US!

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Adopt a Family

As the air turns brisk outside and the seasons change, it's a sign that winter and the holidays will soon be here. Our greatest season of need is around Christmas time. With help from kind and generous donors like you, the Club tries to ease the burden on our families in the greatest need through our Adopt a Family program. Club families, who are determined to be a good fit for the program by fulltime staff, will create wishlists for each child in their family (including toy and clothing needs and wants) and then the Club will match each family with a donor. Donors are provided with the family's wishlists and then they shop and wrap gifts for their adopted family.

If you are interested in adopting a family this year, please contact Boys & Girls Club Marketing Coordinator, Katie Huebner at (920) 233-1414 or katieh@bgcosh.org. Donors will be matched with families from October to early December. Last year the Club was able to assist over 150 Club members and their families for the holidays! With your help, we can make the 2017 holiday season a joyful one again for many Boys & Girls Club members and families.



All summer, members enjoyed reading books with staff.

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