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BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF OSHKOSH NEWS

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Meet our 2018 Youth of the Year winner Nichole VanHoof!



YOUTH OF THE YEAR DINNER



The Club's Youth of the Year Dinner was an extra special night this year as it took place at a new location—the Best Western Premier Waterfront Hotel & Convention Center. Club families, staff, board members, teachers, donors and special friends of the Club all joined together on March 22nd for an exceptional celebration of the achievements of Club members of all ages, from Kindergarteners to high school seniors.

Club members, no matter their age or when they attended the Club during 2017, be it in the evening during the school year, at one of our after school care sites, at a Lighted School House or MELT program, or during the summer time, all were encouraged in their efforts to grow in the areas of Health & Wellness, Academic Success and Character & Leadership.

7-12 year olds who demonstrated themselves to go above and beyond in these categories while participating in different program areas at the Club received special "youth of the month" designations

for that area, such as STEM Room Youth of the Month, Art Room Youth of the Month, etc. Each winner was featured on a bulletin board in that program area.

Each month as well, a teen boy and teen girl were recognized from the teen center. 5-6 year old youths of the month were also chosen from each of our summer classrooms; a boy and a girl youth of the month was chosen from our after school care sites and Lighted School House locations; and mentors and mentees in our Great Futures Mentoring program were recognized as well.

Over 150 kids and teens in total were recognized. At the Youth of the Year Dinner, each child and teen had their name read aloud, was welcomed to the stage with applause and was presented a certificate with their name and a description of the award on it which was handed to them by a Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh Board Member, staff member or special friend of the Club.

The highlight of the evening was the recognition of the Club's largest youth achievement, Youth of the Year. For Club kids, this honor is the pinnacle of the Boys & Girls Club experience; it's an award they all aspire to achieve one day. This year, the special honor was presented to a high school junior, Club teen Nichole VanHoof, who shared her amazing story with dinner attendees. (To learn more about Nichole, see the Youth of the Year article in this newsletter.)

Center Director Lori Fields explained about the evening, "Club members were so proud to be celebrated and congratulated on their accomplishments in front of their families, teachers and peers. Kids and teens spend so much time learning and being corrected. It's so important for them to also receive praise and positive reinforcement for a job well done, and this dinner is always a great opportunity for that."

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SAVE THE DATE

AUG 15 Afternoon Tea

SEP 14-15 Oshkosh Docktoberfest

SEP 15 WI Cornhole Tourney

Children & Teens Grief Support Network is a new program at the Club that provides care to kids and teens who have experienced a loss. The Oshkosh Area Humane Society brought a friendly dog to a recent session to help comfort attendees.



BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF OSHKOSH

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FROM THE CEO

Dear Friends of Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh,

You will notice this issue of our newsletter has a strong focus on recognition. Each year we honor board members, staff, donors and friends of the Club at our Annual

Meeting in February. We make sure to do the same for our Club members by recognizing them for their achievements over the year during our Youth of the Year dinner in March.

Above and beyond these special acknowledgments, we are celebrating our 2018 Youth of the Year Nichole VanHoof being recognized at the state level during the recent Youth of the Year competition in Green Bay in March. Her speech and message are strong and she took an outstanding 2nd place competing against fourteen other teens from all over Wisconsin. Nichole is a great ambassador for our Club and we look forward to her speaking at WineFeast.

We also received notice that we will be given an Award of Merit at the Boys & Girls Clubs of America National Conference in May, for our work with our Step Up program. Step Up is the Club's positive police interaction program that fosters good behavior and becoming an upstanding citizen. The program is a partnership between the Oshkosh Police Department and the Club. It is designed to bridge the gap between youth and law enforcement and establish healthy relationships between the two groups. The award also comes with a \$2,500 cash prize.

Last but not least, during the WI Area Council Meeting that took place in Green Bay this March, our Marketing Department was awarded first place for Outstanding Marketing and Communications.

We are proud of our nationally-recognized Club and the great people that make it such a special place to be.

Thank you for all that you do to help us achieve our mission of "improving the lives of children and families."

Marc Dosogne, CEO

Boys & Girls Clubs of Oshkosh, Inc.

PHOTO GALLERY



Lakeside Elementary After School Care kids had fun playing in the snow on the playground last month.



Our Club "All-Stars" and their families had a great time at the Wisconsin Herd home game at Menominee Nation Arena in March.



Teens in the Keystone Leadership Club and Center Director Lori Fields delivered gift bags to guests of the Day by Day Warming Shelter in February.

Recognizing Friends of the Club



Mary Johnson

J.R. Vette Friend of Youth Award

Mary joined the board of directors in October 2015. The past few years, Mary has assisted with Afternoon Tea classes and spoke at the event on behalf of the Club. She is a mentor in the Great Futures Mentoring program and helps out at special

family events including wrapping gifts during the annual Christmas party and delivering meals at Thanksgiving.

Mary also adopts a family at Christmas and makes sure the blessings box outside our building is filled for those who need it. She is also the leader of the silent auction at WineFeast. She helps not only in getting items but working with her team on setting up the auction display the day of the event and making sure it runs smoothly.



Bemis

Bemis Company, Inc.

Kids & Community Award Recipient

Bemis has been a longtime friend of the Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh for over 20 years. Bemis has been a part of the golf outing, WineFeast and for the last 10 years a strong supporter of the Club's basic needs program. They have collected hygiene products for the Wet Hair Club and donated office supplies.

Bemis has provided matching gifts for their employees who give to the Club, which has been an asset to the Club's STEM, Lego League and Mentoring programs.

We are also fortunate to have the Bemis employees that have volunteered their time in the Radford Center helping with projects around the Club.

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

2018 Youth of the Year



Todd Reuss
Award of Merit
Recipient

Todd first became involved with the Boys & Girls Club in the spring 1994 helping pour wines for the Oshkosh wine tasting.

In 2007, he started getting more involved with

planning, setting up, and working with the General Beverage Suppliers and Winemakers. Every wine in the room enjoyed the night of WineFeast is there because of Todd. He shares his time and talents through investigating and procuring the wines, setting up the day of the event, getting volunteers and suppliers. The night of, you can usually find Todd and his wife Laura donating their time pouring.



Angela Koepke
Professional Service
Award Recipient

Angie Koepke joined the Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh staff as the Administrative Services Coordinator in February of 2014.

Angie believes in and loves the mission of Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh. She makes people feel like they belong, assists them however she can and shares our mission with them whether at functions such as Afternoon Tea, WineFeast, Annual Meeting, Adopt a Family, Board Meetings, or one on one in the office. Angie has become a positive "face of the Club," and represents the organization well.



Nichole VanHoof

The Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh is pleased to announce the 2018 Youth of the Year winner – Nichole VanHoof. Each year a local Youth of the Year committee interviews a number of high school students at the Club. They are judged on their service to their Club, community, and family, academic success, strong moral character, life goals, and poise and public speaking ability. The teen who scores highest in these areas is chosen as the Youth of the Year winner for the organization.

In December 2017, Nichole competed against five other local Club members for the title and ultimately won. As the Oshkosh Club's 2018 Youth of the Year, Nichole was awarded a \$10,000 scholarship from the Boys & Girls Club's Charles F. Hyde, Jr. Youth of the Year Scholarship Endowment. Nicole explained, "As Youth of the Year I hope to be a good example for kids younger than me that attend the Club and to show other young women and men confidence and help them gain more themselves."

Nichole went on to compete at the state Youth of the Year competition in Green Bay in March and ultimately took second place competing against fourteen other candidates from all over Wisconsin.

Nichole is a junior at Oshkosh North High School and plans to pursue higher education at Marian University to prepare for a career in law enforcement. "My biggest goal is becoming a police officer," she explained. "I feel my purpose is to help those in need and those in my community and world."

Nichole has been a member of the Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh for over four years. She shared, "I started going to the Club in the 2012-2013 school year when I moved to Oshkosh. The Club welcomed me with open arms and a smile. I had never felt the amount of acceptance that I felt in that moment, in my life. Moving to the city was scary but having the Club there as a support system was an amazing thing."

During her time at the Club, Nichole's been involved in programs like the Professional Workshop, Power Hour Homework Help, Career Launch, Money Matters and the Keystone Leadership Club. She currently serves as the Keystone Leadership Club vice president and she explained that, "Having this role has boosted my confidence and self-esteem immensely."

A special thank you to the 2018 Youth of the Year Judging Committee: Pat Weston (CR Meyer & BGCO Board Member), Sue Ackerman (BGCO Board Member), Al Ackerman (friend of the Club), Peg Wachtel (friend of the Club), Jodie Larsen (Oshkosh Corporation, friend of the Club) and Lorie Bunke (BGCO Board Member) and speech coach Brenda Haines (Blue Door Consulting).

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

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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.

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Heritage Club

Be a Part of a Lasting Legacy in the Heritage Club

At the Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh we believe that all kids should have a chance to succeed and go on to have a great future. We need your help to ensure that there will always be a Club in Oshkosh—a safe place with caring adults—making a positive impact in the lives of local youth and encouraging kids to be great.



There are many ways you can leave a legacy of hope and opportunity in our community for future generations of Club kids. One great way is through the Heritage Club, a national association of individuals who have included the Boys & Girls Club in their estate plans through a will, trust, charitable gift annuity or beneficiary designation.

If you are interested in learning more about the Heritage Club or other ways you can help sustain the Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh into the future, please call CEO Marc Dosogne or Development and Marketing Director Tracy Ogden at (920) 233-1414.

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To make the evening extra memorable, Club members each received several special gifts to take home including a Youth of the Year t-shirt and sunglasses, donated by MARCO Promos, and fun, colorful Boys & Girls Club cups donated by Dynamic Drinkware.

A big thank you to the Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh Alumni Association for sponsoring the overall event, everyone who came out to support our youth, those of you who sponsored kids or families to attend the dinner, and those of you who helped hand out awards. Your support is greatly appreciated!



Club kids and teens took a skiing field trip to Big Snow Resort in the Upper Peninsula. A big thank you to BGCO Board Member Art Dumke for giving our kids such a great time!

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