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BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF OSHKOSH NEWS

INSIDE

Meet our newest staff members and board member and learn about ways you can make an impact during the holidays at the Club!



Mental Wellness

is a New Endowment Fund at the Club That Needs Your Support



Back in 1972, when Al Ackerman was a teenager preparing to graduate from high school and head off to college, he returned home one afternoon from football practice to find his mother taking a nap. After being home a while, he decided to attempt to wake her up, but to no avail. He then discovered an empty bottle of pills on her nightstand. Al didn't know at the time what would happen to his mother. This is something he believes no child should have to experience.

Al, and his wife Sue (a board member at the Club), know firsthand what it's like to go through the highs and lows every single day of someone struggling with mental health. When Al's mother recently passed away this Spring after enduring the reality of living with a debilitating mental illness for over 50 years, Al and Sue discussed their options. They determined to start a Mental Wellness endowment fund through the Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh to assist with mental health needs in our community which in recent years has seemed to only increase.

"Many of you have heard me explain that the reason I am involved at the Club is that growing up there was no Club in our community," Sue explained. "My family would have benefited tremendously from having a safe place to go. And Al's family would've benefited from having mental health services more readily available. My belief is that we can change the dynamics of families in one generation and that has been my life's work in my own family."

The Ackermans have placed \$50,000 into the fund and are now asking the community to step up and raise another \$50,000 for the new endowment. If mental health is a passion of yours and you would like to contribute to this fund, you may reach out to the Club's CEO Marc Dosogne (marcd@bgcosh.org, ext. 115) or the Club's Director of Advancement Tracy Ogden (tracyo@bgcosh.org, ext. 116) on how you can make a gift to this endowment.

In total, the Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh has six different established endowment funds in which donors can invest funds.

BGCO Mental Wellness Fund: Provides the support and resources necessary to foster mental wellness and resiliency for Club members and their families.

BGCO Unmet Needs Fund: Provides assistance to Club members and their families most in need with basic social, health and welfare issues.

BGCO Charles F. Hyde Youth of the Year Scholarship Fund: Provides support for Club members needing assistance with post high school education.

BGCO Operating Fund: Supports operations and capital expenditures for the Boys & Girls Club.

BGCO Alumni Fund: Supports programming and youth development activities at the Boys & Girls Club.

BGCO Outdoor Education Fund: Provides for maintenance or special improvement projects on buildings or equipment at Camp Radford and/or for scholarships for Club members to attend Camp Radford and other outdoor education opportunities.

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SAVE THE DATE

OCT 24 Club Family Halloween Party

OCT 31 Community Trick or Treat

NOV 28 Festival Foods Turkey Trot

DEC 10 Radford Center Christmas Party 5-7 p.m.

NOV 27 Thanksgiving Dinner

Club members took a trip to Steve Mosling's Little Pine Creek Farm this summer to learn the importance of agriculture, go fishing and learn about bees!



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FROM THE CEO

Dear Friends of the Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh,

The weather is cooling down and it's hard to believe the holidays are

just around the corner. The time has been flying by this season at the Club, as it always does.

The usual busyness came to a crashing halt for us this summer, though, when we lost our longtime Center Director, Lori Fields. Lori was instrumental in helping this Club succeed over the past several decades.

From starting out at the building at Merritt and Main, running a Gold Level Keystone Leadership Group, to seeing each high school graduate walk across the stage and helping raise Club members, she was monumental in changing the lives of children in Oshkosh.

Her funeral along with her Celebration of Life afterward at the Club allowed us to shed our tears, tell stories and reconnect with alumni, staff and supporters from years gone by. Lori was honored and many, many people were able to say their goodbyes.

Lori will be greatly missed by every person she came in contact with. While we close this long amazing chapter in our Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh history, we do not replace Lori. We turn the page, we remember, we learn and we move forward.

Lindsay Clark has assumed the new role of Director of Club Operations as of August. Lindsay has been

with our organization for going on 8 years and has done a great job managing after school sites and taking us through many positive changes in our summer program. Lindsay is excited to lead us forward in program operations and implement changes in our school year structure and daily operations.

Kevin Mueller is now filling Lindsay's former role as Childcare Services Director. Kevin has capably worked with our after school care programs for 9 years, some of those in a lead staff role. He has also directed our 5 and 6 year old licensed care summer program and has worked at one of the school district's community learning centers.

While these are big changes for the Club, Lindsay and Kevin have a long history with the Club, love working with youth and are thriving in these new roles. If you see one of them around the Club, please say hi!

Thanks for caring about our Club kids and our mission. "We improve the lives of children and families" with your help.

Marc Dosogne

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



Make the Festival Foods Turkey Trot fun run your family's Thanksgiving tradition!



It's a great opportunity for everyone (including your dogs!) to get some fitness in before the Thanksgiving meal. The 12th annual Turkey Trot will be held on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday November 28th at 8 A.M. starting at the Menominee Nation Arena, 110 S. Main Street.

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.

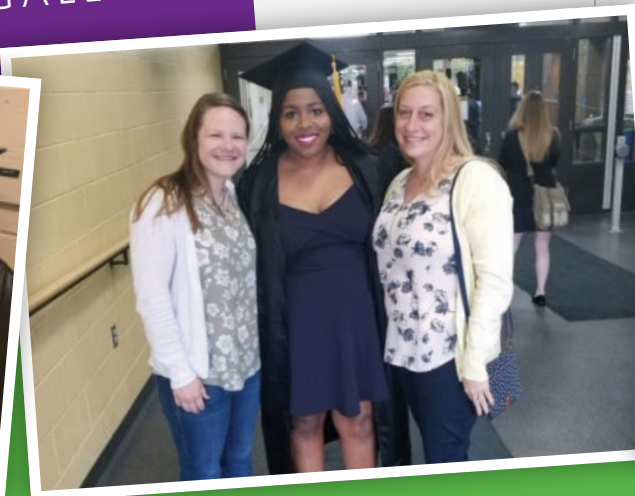
Runners or walkers can register at www.festivalfoodsturkeytrot.com. Early registration is open now until October 31st and the cost is \$25 for adults and \$15 per child. Regular online registration will run from November 1st through the 24th. Cost for adults is \$30 and \$15 for children. Race Eve/Day registration cost is \$35 per adult and \$15 per child. T-shirt sizes will not be guaranteed for those who register on Race Eve/Day.

Many volunteers are needed to make this event a success. Positions include course monitors, 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. For more information, please contact Boys & Girls Club Marketing Director, Katie Huebner at 920-233-1414, ext. 122 or katieh@bgcosh.org.

PHOTO GALLERY



2017 Youth of the Year Hayllie Sorenson earned her Technical Diploma in Baking and Pastry Production at Fox Valley Technical College in Appleton this spring. She is currently looking to find a fulltime position decorating cakes and pastries.



2014 Youth of the Year Ashley Corley graduated this spring from UW Oshkosh with a degree in Biology with a pre-med emphasis. Currently, she's waiting to hear back on her Peace Corps application and studying for the MCAT.



Club alum Heather Alexander graduated from Loyola University with a Master's in Social Work in August and immediately started a full-time position at Allendale Youth Center in Lakeville as a social worker.

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

Meet Our Childcare Services Director



Kevin Mueller

Kevin has worked at the Club for over nine years. Here at the Club, he has directed our 5 and 6 year old summer Great Explorers program, and served as the Assistant Childcare Director. Previously, Kevin worked for the Oshkosh Area School District for the Special Education and Community

Learning Centers programs. In August of 2019, Kevin was promoted to Child Care Services Director and now oversees the after school care programs, the Great Explorer's Program, CLC Staff, and the Club's membership management system. Kevin is currently a coach for a tournament level soccer team and plays volleyball and softball. Kevin volunteers at many of Oshkosh's local events, so you will see him helping out in many different ways throughout the year.

Meet Our Athletic Director



Steve Wells

Steve was born and raised in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He attended the YMCA where he developed a love for competitive sports. He graduated from Rufus King International High School. He played three years of basketball including as a member of the state qualify 2013 team. He then went

on to play basketball for Iowa Central Community College where he earned all-academic 2nd team and was named co-captain as a freshman. After graduating with his associate's degree in general education, he enrolled at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater and graduated in the spring of 2019 with a bachelor of science degree in health promotion. Steve has coached boys and girls basketball ranging from elementary to high school. In his free time he enjoys spending time with family, watching or learning about basketball and reading. Steve is excited to develop our daily programs for a broad range of kids, as well as the sports team coaching opportunities. "What inspired me to join the Boys & Girls Club was being able to use athletics to mentor at risk youth," Steve explained. "And being a part of the Boys & Girls Club will help me continue my passion of serving the community."

Meet Our Newest Board Member



Patty Shea

Patty has been a resident of the Oshkosh area for 27 years. She and her husband, Dan, have been married for almost 29 years and have 2 beautiful daughters, Jessica (24) and Danielle (22). Patty works with Dan in their electrical contracting business, Shea Electric & Communications, LLC. Patty also started her business, Sanguine LLC, in

July of 2014. Prior to these ventures, Patty worked in the insurance industry for approx. 25 years. Patty is a member of the Oshkosh Chamber, Chamber Ambassadors Group, GEMS giving circle, a Women's Fund Power Team member, and President of the Oshkosh Chapter Professional Women's Connection. Patty is a past graduate of Leadership Oshkosh 2012 and recipient of the Rotarian of the Year award in 2014. When Patty is not working she enjoys time with her family and friends, long walks, exercise, traveling, and biking. Patty's favorite quote is "Faith sees the invisible, believes the incredible and receives the impossible."



Save the Date for WineFeast Saturday, April 25, 2020

Sponsored by: Community First Credit Union

Adopt a Family



During the holidays, 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 referred to the program by fulltime staff, create wishlists for each child in their household (including both toys and clothing items that are needed). From there, the Club matches each family with a donor and provides the donor with the family's wishlists so they can shop and wrap gifts for their adopted family. If you are interested in adopting a family this year, please contact Boys & Girls Club Marketing Director, Katie Huebner at 920- 233-1414, ext. 122 or katieh@bgcosh.org. Donors will be matched with families from November to early December as families become available. 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 2019 holiday season a joyful one again for many Boys & Girls Club members and families.

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
- I'd like to set up (ACH) regular electronic fund transfers. Please contact me for details.

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- Visa MasterCard Discover American Express

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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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Thank you to Amcor for providing the Club with a new van to transport kids from school to the Club and to field trips and also for the colorful van wrap!

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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!

Phone: (920) 233-1414 | Fax: (920) 233-1816 | Email: info@bgcosh.org



Were you a part of the Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh in the past (Club member, staff or volunteer) and have since lost touch? We would like to connect with you, keep you informed about current Club events and hear your Club stories! There are so many people whose lives were positively impacted by the Club in the five decades our organization has been serving youth and families in Oshkosh and we would love to hear about your own personal Club experience and how it impacted your life.

We are also starting preparations for our 50th Anniversary Celebration in 2020 which will take place at the Club on Sunday, August 30th, 2020 and we want to make sure you receive an invitation. The party will celebrate the Club's birthday and amazing history over the years as well as reunite alumni and friends from years past with the Club so we can share memories and successes together! Please reach out to us online at: bgcosh.org/alumni-friends or call Director of Advancement Tracy Ogden at tracyo@bgcosh.org or (920) 233-1414, ext. 116. We look forward to saying hello and catching up!

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Endowment funds are permanent charitable funds from which the Club can draw income every year while still maintaining the principal balance in the fund. This provides operational flexibility and stability, allowing the Club to focus on emerging needs.

You can help ensure the longevity of our organization and sustain our important work with our community's youth by investing any amount to one of the Club's established endowments or by starting a new endowment with a gift to the Club. Gifts of \$100,000 or more allow you to establish a new endowment and give you exclusive naming rights for the endowment. Some Club donors have decided to include one of more of the Club's endowment funds in their estate plans.

"Endowments are lasting and can be created by you to provide for whatever you are passionate about at the Club, the possibilities are infinite." explained CEO Marc Dosogne. "Sometimes people don't realize how many facets there are to being a youth serving organization. They think sports, meals and programs, but Boys & Girls Club is so much more than just those things. It's college and career readiness, mentoring, meeting basic needs, health and wellness and more. Whatever it takes to start each youth who walks through our doors on a path to a great future. Endowment funds ultimately help ensure that the Club will continue to be here serving the needs of tomorrow's youth long after we are gone, so they are a great investment."

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