

The Howard sponsored a '00s night at a February Wisconsin Herd game and special throwback jerseys were sold with proceeds going to the Club. Thirty members and their families were able to attend the game and four lucky boys were captains on the court before the game!

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BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF OSHKOSH NEWS

INSIDE

Meet our 2020 Youth of the Year winner Brandon Moench! Plus, learn how the Club is celebrating our 50th anniversary in 2020!



A Day in the Life at the Club

Throughout the fall semester and winter months, Club members have taken part in many cool activities and programs in the areas of academic success, healthy lifestyles and good character and citizenship.

In the computer lab, kids have participated in STRIDE Academy which is a fun, online learning platform that focuses on improving participants' math and reading scores using a captivating gaming format that keeps learning fun.

To stay active, youth have been involved in volleyball and basketball leagues through the Club, and youth in Wednesday programming took part in special skiing field trips both locally to Nordic Mountain in Wild Rose and to Big Snow Resort in Michigan.

In our learning center and beyond, kids have worked on their literacy through reading and writing activities, receiving homework help from our academic tutors (over 2,000 Power Hour homework help hours were logged during last year school alone with the Club's tutors!), improving spelling through the Zap spelling game and playing literacy games like Quiddler, Miss Bernard is a Wild Card and Mad Libs.

In the Art Room, each day of the week Club members were able to express themselves through a different activity. On Mondays, kids draw and have dance parties, on Tuesdays they get to paint, on Wednesdays they create a work of art using different recycled materials, on Thursdays they create a work of art for someone else like necklaces and bracelets and on Fridays, members get to work with fusion beads.

The Club's more recent programming addition is the STEM room where all sorts of activities take place related to science, technology, engineering and math. Recently, Club member learned about using scientific tools like scales, pipettes beakers and graduated cylinders. They conducted fun STEM experiments with snow like taking the temperature of the snow, seeing how much space the snow took up before and after it melted and observing the dirt and dust particles that were present

after it melted that weren't visible beforehand. They participated in a water drop challenge to test how many drops of water would fit on the surface of different coins. As a part of Black History Month, Club members learned all about Bessie Coleman, the first female African American to hold a pilot's license. Afterwards, kids made and flew their own paper airplanes.

If you are interested in helping with programming in a specific area of the Club, we would love to have you come and take a tour and be a part of the daily Club experience! Volunteers engage youth through homework help, art projects, board games, sports, field trips and other recreational activities. For more information about volunteer opportunities with kids, please contact Director of Member Services Debbie Henschel at 920-233-1414, ext. 110, or debbieh@bgcosh.org.

SAVE THE DATE

JUL 14 Afternoon Tea

AUG 30 Block Party on Broad

SEPT 25 WineFeast

NEW DATE!

Mentor & Mentee Matches from the Club's 'Great Futures Mentoring Program' escaped with 7 minutes to left from Escape Oshkosh!





FROM THE CEO

Dear Friends of the Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh,

My, how we've changed! It our 50th anniversary, though, so of course we've changed over the years (new locations, buildings, programs, leadership, youth, etc.).

I've been blessed to be CEO of the Club for past 17 years which wraps up at the end of 2020. I've been reflecting on some of the milestones and changes that have occurred during my tenure here.

The location of our old teen center and administration offices was previously a grocery store, a bar and a strip club before we bought it and tore it down and built our playground.

Our baseball field used to be three old houses.

Our Radford Center Club was once the location of the Dunphy Boat Works!

Our Camp Radford in New London was once a duck hunting property.

Our former unit Club, Boys & Girls Club of the Tri-County Area in Berlin, was housed in an old worn out school building which we considered closing for lack of funding. Today, it's a new building with a strong board, staff and funding, and its own separate organization their community is proud of.

When we made the decision to build a new Oshkosh teen center and administrative wing back in 2004, there was excitement but also skepticism. Could we raise the money? Could we acquire more property? It was a glorious day in fall 2006 cutting the ribbon on the new building, watching the people who made it happen smile as teens came in to see what was built by the community just for them. The teens from that time are now adults in careers, married, parents, educated or trained in their field and giving back to their communities. Hopefully, their kids are now utilizing our amazing facilities.

When I started at the Club back in September 2003, we weren't sure we could make payroll that December. Today, we are grateful for an amazing board of directors, strong community support and dedicated donors who understand our mission of changing lives and helping youth and families succeed.

What hasn't changed is every day youth can walk through our doors and be greeted by someone who cares and have their needs met, thanks to our thoughtful community.

Thank you for 50 great years, Oshkosh!

Marc Dosogne

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

PHOTO GALLERY



Thank you Oshkosh Media for giving our teens this awesome opportunity to film a monthly segment! Our teens named it Club 10 News and spend the time updating the community on Club Updates and interviewing staff members. They really enjoy creating a script, coming up with content and filming!



The Club partners with the YMCA to offer middle school basketball league for boys and the games take place at the Club. We are thankful for this partnership that helps keep youth active.



Some furry friends came to the Club to listen to stories read by Club members. The dogs are certified from Alliance of Therapy Dogs, Intermountain Therapy Animals & The Oshkosh Public Library. Club members absolutely loved this! We hope our canine friends can visit again soon.

BLOCK PARTY ON BROAD

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Save the Date for the Block Party on Broad!

The Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh is celebrating our landmark 50th anniversary this year and we are capping off the festivities with a citywide, end of the summer block party—Block Party on Broad—here at the Club.

Broad Street will close down for a cookout with live entertainment, activities for families, Club tours and more. Everyone in the community is invited to attend this free event on Sunday, August 30th, 2-6 p.m. Come celebrate the Club's birthday and amazing history over the years and reunite with alumni and friends from years past to share memories, because all of you really are 'the Club'!

If you attended the Club, worked at the Club, volunteered at the Club or know someone who has, or you just want to see what Boys & Girls Club is about, then this family-friendly party is for you!

Are you a past Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh member, volunteer, staff or friend of the Club? We would love to hear from you! Reach out to us online at: www.bgcosh.org/alumni-friends

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

Club Timeline

The Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh is proudly celebrating a milestone of 50 years of impacting youth of and families in Oshkosh. We have come so far in the past five decades and we are excited to see what the future holds and to continue making a lasting impact in our community.

1970

The Boys Club of Oshkosh was founded, and the headquarters officially opened at Main Street and Merritt Avenue.

1974

The Rockwell Foundation purchased the property at 502 N. Main and donated it to the Boys Club of Oshkosh. The Club became owners of its headquarters, which now is the Walter F. Rockwell Building.

1981

45-acre parcel of land near New London is donated to the Club by William Radford and his family and becomes Camp Radford. The Boys Club of Oshkosh Alumni Association was formed. It now raises about \$10,000 annually for the Club and Camp Radford.

1988

The Boys Club of Oshkosh began after-school programs in local elementary schools.

1989

Girls were officially welcomed in common membership, and the Club was renamed the Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh, Inc.

1992-93

The Club constructed a new facility and Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh moved to the current facility at Parkway Avenue and Broad Street.

1994-97

A new facility was constructed to house Head Start. Adjacent property was purchased and converted to a functional Teen Center and administrative offices.

2007

A new, modern Teen Center, "The CLUB," and administrative offices were constructed on Broad Street and opened in April.

2016-2017

Camp Radford was renovated, including the building of a new Arts & Crafts building and a new garage. Improvements were also made to the main cabin, including installing a new roof and windows, building an enclosed porch, fixing the foundation and remodeling the interior (new bunk beds, new appliances, etc.).

2018

The main Clubhouse on Parkway Avenue and Broad Street underwent an interior remodel that included building safer more secure entrances, the addition of four new offices, and making updates to many of our program areas in the CLUB Teen Center and the Radford Center.

2020 Youth of the Year



Brandon Moench

The Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh is pleased to announce the 2020 Youth of the Year winner – Brandon Moench. Each year a local Youth of the Year committee interviews teenage

applicants 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 2019, Brandon competed against three other local Club members for the title and ultimately won. As the Oshkosh Club's 2020 Youth of the Year, Brandon was awarded a \$10,000 scholarship from the Boys & Girls Club's Charles F. Hyde, Jr. Youth of the Year Scholarship Endowment.

Brandon is a senior at Oshkosh North High School and plans to pursue higher education at Fox Valley Technical College and later transfer to UW Oshkosh to major in Political Science and minor in Philosophy.

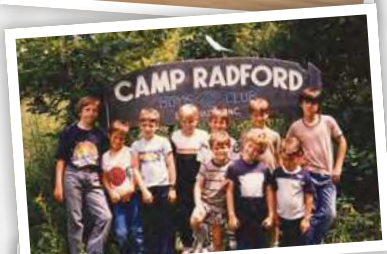
"I have been a member of the Club for over twelve years," Brandon explained. "The Boys & Girls Club has been helping mold my life since I was six years old."

Brandon has also given back to his community through his involvement with the Club. For one of his Keystone projects, he took a leadership role in helping coordinate a national project on emotional wellness. This included breaking emotional wellness into multiple categories such as social health, emotional health, environmental health and more. Each month, Keystoners worked to build awareness of one of these areas of health amongst fellow Club members.

This past summer, Brandon worked at the Club serving meals to members as well as volunteered for various Club events such as the Teen Center Open House, making flower pots for community members in honor of Earth Day and other projects.

Please join the Boys & Girls Clubs of Oshkosh in congratulating Brandon in all of his accomplishments and Youth of the Year title.

Thank you to the 2020 Youth of the Year Judging Committee: Mike Castle (Castle Pierce Printing), Karlene Grabner (Oshkosh Area Community Foundation), Chief Dean Smith (Oshkosh Police Department), Peg Wachtel (Committee Chair), Kim Wetzel (Amcors).





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Lifetime board member Bill Radford may be a little way's away from Oshkosh down in the Sunshine State, but he still proudly supports the Club even from afar, most recently sporting his handsome 50th anniversary vest!

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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Afternoon Tea will be held at the Oshkosh Country Club on Tuesday, July 14th, 2020.



This summer, girls ages 7 to 10 are participating in a special program learning about manners, self-esteem, how to treat others and themselves with respect and much more. To celebrate completing the program, they will join women from the community in attending a special tea. Attendees will enjoy tea, crumpets, finger sandwiches and petit fours and hear from speaker Mona Dixon. Mona was homeless sleeping on the streets and in shelters until age 13. A few short years later she received the coveted Boys & Girls Clubs of America "National Youth of the Year Award," and was appointed to serve as the youngest member of the U.S. Presidential Committee. Proceeds from the event will benefit the



Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh. For more info or to sponsor Afternoon Tea, please contact Katie Talken at (920) 233-1414, ext. 129 or katiet@bgcosh.org. Thank you to our sponsors Nicolet National Bank, Oshkosh Area Women's Association and Silver Star Brands.

The Youth of the Year Dinner was celebrated at the Best Western Premier Waterfront Convention Center in February. It is the Club's opportunity each year to congratulate our members on their efforts to grow in Health & Wellness, Academic Success and Character & Leadership during their time at the Club.



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