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BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF OSHKOSH NEWS

Mirrorless Productions, a videography company in Oshkosh, gave teens the opportunity to do voiceovers for a drug and alcohol prevention and awareness video for Breakwater. The teens felt inspired to be a part of this project and hoped it would inspire other teens.



INSIDE

Learn about the great programs that have been happening at the Club!



Looking forward to Summer at the Club

Summertime at the Club is always a favorite for our members! This coming summer the Club has 4 different programs for Club members. These include:

Great Explorers Program

Great Explorers is for our members who are 5-6 years old and have completed kindergarten. There are four classrooms each with a teacher. During the day, the 5 and 6-year olds participate in a variety of lessons and activities including reading, writing, science, math and social skills. They also do daily arts and crafts, technology activities and playground time.

Radford Center Adventure Program/ Peace Adventure Program

These two programs are for our 7-12-year-old members. We have two locations for our Adventure Program, our main location at 501 E Parkway Ave. and Peace Lutheran Church is in its second year of hosting the program. These programs focus on academic success, health and wellness, character and leadership, sports, fitness and recreation and arts. Members are broken into groups to participate in age appropriate games and activities during the day. Also this year, the Radford Center will have a specialized

program for our middle school age members.

Teen Program

This summer our Teen Summer Program will be partnering with the Oshkosh Community YMCA to offer a NEW Teen Summer Program starting June 7, 2021. Every day the teens in the program will meet at the Club. Two days of the week, they will walk over to the Downtown Center or be bussed to the 20th Ave Center where they will participate in various programs and use the workout facility, gym, pool, teaching kitchen, and other recreation areas in the building. Teens will also participate in other Club programming on the days they are at the Club and will take fun field trips each week. The program will run from 6:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. each day. The days when the teens go to the Y, they will leave from the Club at 10:00 a.m. and return before 5:00 p.m.

Each of these programs serve breakfast, lunch and a snack for all members who attend. Members also take

many field trips like pool trips, picking out books at the Oshkosh Public Library, going to Menominee Park, going to our camp in New London, Camp Radford and other fun trips. While at Camp Radford members participate in activities such as a low ropes course, archery, fort building, gaga pit, art projects, making a campfire and eating campfire made food, team building activities and fishing. These experiences are invaluable for some of our members who have never been outside of Oshkosh. Camp Radford allows kids the opportunity to experience a new environment, sunshine and fresh air. For many of these youth, it is their first ever camp experience, and the memories they make last a lifetime.

We are looking forward to the sun and fun times of summer!

SAVE THE DATE

▶ JUNE 6

Block Party on Broad

▶ JULY 14

Afternoon Tea

▶ OCTOBER 30

WineFeast



BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF OSHKOSH



Dear Friends of the Boys & Girls Club,

These last few months have brought a lot of changes for us at the Club. We went from serving our members from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. to shutting down for a week to fully clean, sanitize and get reorganized while our members went back to school full-time for in-person learning. Then we were back to serving our members during after-school time like we normally would during the year.

Our staff have loved seeing our members after-school again. There are many fun activities and programs going on while they are here such as NBA Math Hoops game, Youth for Unity inclusion program, STEM programming and outdoor exploration programming. Some of these programs are featured in this newsletter and others are featured online on our website blog or on our social media pages.

We also opened our summer registration this spring with many families registering so their children have

a safe place to go this summer. We filled up quickly again this year and continue to have a waiting list. We are excited for summer to come and for the great new partnership with the Oshkosh Community YMCA for our teen program. We love that we are able to partner with other non-profits in our community so we can serve our members even better.

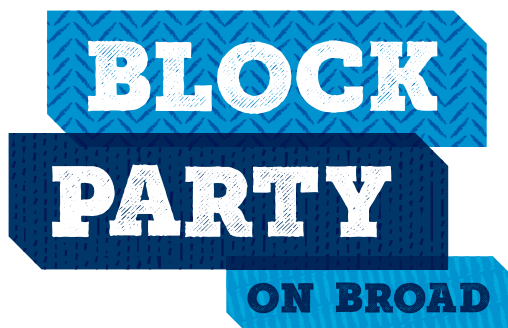
I hope you take the time to see some of the amazing things happening at the Club right now. Thank you for your continued support in helping us serve our mission!

Tracy Ogden, CEO
Boys & Girls Clubs of Oshkosh, Inc.

The Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh is proudly celebrating a milestone of 50 years of impacting youth and families in Oshkosh.



Sunday, June 6, 2021



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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. We hope you will join us on June 6th from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. for a family-friendly block party to celebrate our 50 years of serving the community. There will be food, music, Club tours and more!

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Our members had a great time celebrating Youth of the Year while at the Club. They had a fun lunch catered by the Best Western Premier Hotel, played fun games and were celebrated by their peers.



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

Keystone Project

Our teen leadership group, Kesytone, has been very busy this school year with volunteering and their National Keystone project from Boys & Girls Clubs of America.

The 10 members have been doing monthly community service projects including painting cute holiday themed windows at Father Carr's shelter and making snack bags for Day by Day Warming Shelter. The teens are also focused on the National Keystone project with this year's theme of climate change. The teens started by doing an education campaign at the Club with posters in each of the classrooms about what climate change is, the effects of climate change and how youth can make a difference. Their next step was to do a recycling drive at the Club in which they collected over 1,200 pieces of recyclables in a month. They are starting to plan their activities for the spring and summer semester and are talking about using their bikes more instead of cars and how they can make some cool 3D printed objects to take place of one-use plastics they usually use like straws or plastic forks. Keystone is excited to keeping sharing their projects and making a difference to help with climate change.



Mentoring Program

Our Great Futures Mentoring Program has been running for over 7 years now and has had lots of success with having members graduate high school and start to think of what their lives will be life after high school.

The newest edition to this program is placing two staff members at Oshkosh North High School to directly work with members while at school. This extension of the program allows us to reach the ultimate goal of helping youth grow academically, develop decision-making and life skills and create a career plan for after high school.

The program also has the goals of making sure members are maintaining or improving their grades from semester to semester, are not truant, have the correct number of credits to graduate and are graduating on time. The two staff meet with members one on one at the high school to provide additional support to those that need it to help them succeed. It also allows them to better integrate with the school, have more communication with teachers and be able to meet with students during their free time. The program has been going really well for the last two school years and even continued to run virtually when school was virtual. We are also in discussions with Oshkosh West High School to add a staff member as well and are excited for the opportunities that will bring.



Meet Our Staff

▶ Jessica Carr



Jessica became the Marketing & Communications Director in March 2021. She was born and raised in Oshkosh and is a UW Oshkosh alum. During her time in college, she was an intern at the Club and fell in love with its mission to help kids and families.

She's spent the last eight years working in marketing and event planning, both with nonprofit and for-profit organizations in the fox valley area, and loves staying connected to her hometown. She is excited to be back at the Club as a full-time member of the team.

In her free time, she enjoys spending time with her family and friends, watching the latest movies, and boating in the summer. She lives with her husband, Kory, and their three dogs in Neenah.



Our members had a lot of fun celebrating Valentine's Day! They made fun crafts, played games and showed others that they cared for them.

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
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We started a new program with the Oshkosh Police Department where police officers are reading to members. Thank you to the Oshkosh Noon Kiwanis for sponsoring this program!

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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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 the opportunity 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 Tracy Ogden at (920) 233-1414.



This winter our members were able to participate in lots of winter activities. They went skiing at Nordic and they all went skating with Dr. Eric's Skate Club!

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