



GREAT FUTURES START HERE.



22 of our Club kids participated in the Downtown Oshkosh Holiday Parade. Despite the chilly weather they had a blast carrying banners and getting to ride on top of a fire truck.

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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.

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Meet Our New Board Member

► Walt Quinlan



Walt joined the Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh Board of Directors in October 2021. He was born and raised in the south side of Chicago in a close-knit Irish Catholic community. Walt is a graduate of Western Illinois University with a bachelor's degree in public relations and communication. He currently works for Leeco Steel as the Regional Sales Manager. When

Leeco opened their Oshkosh facility in 2006, Walt moved to help get the business off the ground. He currently resides in Oshkosh with his wife, Jessica, and their four children: Walt, Calum, Luke and Elise. In his spare time, he enjoys coaching youth sports teams at the YMCA and Oshkosh Youth Baseball. Walt says he's "excited to be a part of the great community at the Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh and to do what he can to make an impact with the youth in our area!"

Sarah from the Winnebago County 4-H has been doing a weekly STEM activity with our members! Recently, kids in 3rd grade learned how to build and code different LEGO projects that included motors and sensors.



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BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF OSHKOSH NEWS

Our Adopt a Family program served over 215 children this year. Thank you to everyone who helped make our Club members' Christmas special.

INSIDE

Learn about Big Futures Mentoring and our growing tween programming!



WineFeast, sponsored by Community First Credit Union, is now back to its usual spring timeframe in April and will be held on Saturday, April 2, 2022 at the Best Western Premier Waterfront Convention Center in Oshkosh.

WineFeast reservations include both the Cellar Select dinner (sponsored by CR Meyer) and the private post dinner Night Cap event (sponsored by Bergstrom Automotive). Cellar Select (sponsored by the Best Western Premier Waterfront Hotel) is a relaxing five-course dinner and wine pairing (sponsored by Baker Tilly) experience which begins with a champagne reception promptly at 5:00 p.m.

During dinner, guests will enjoy feature five mouth-watering courses each with a wine pairing, an exciting live auction (sponsored by First Weber Foundation) and a short program including a mission moment video (sponsored by MARCO Promos) and a story from our Youth of the Year about the impact the Boys & Girls Club has on Oshkosh youth and families and how Great Futures start at the Club (sponsored by Oshkosh Corporation).

Night Cap is exclusively open to Cellar Select guests only following dinner at 8:00 p.m. and will feature the smooth jazz sounds of the Mike Kubicki Quartet (sponsored by Menasha Corporation Foundation) and the opportunity to sample wine, domestic and imported brews and delicious light appetizers from

a number of your favorite local restaurants. Guests will receive a complimentary Riedel red wine glass (sponsored by Fox Communities Credit Union).

There is also a silent auction (sponsored by Verve, a Credit Union) with over 50 unique items. Back this year is the Reverse Raffle (sponsored by Craft Coating). Plus, a wine raffle (sponsored by Festival Foods), Faris Gourmet Popcorn, Hughes' Home Maid Chocolates, and Simon's Specialty Cheese raffle opportunities (sponsored by Silver Star Brands).

All proceeds from WineFeast go to the Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh and directly benefit families and children in our community who most need the services the Club provides. This includes healthy meals and snacks, homework help, basic needs support, one on one mentoring and quality programming that focuses on STEM, staying active, and building character and leadership skills.

WineFeast reservations cost \$125 per person and tables of eight are available for \$1,000. Reservations include the Cellar Select dinner and a full-access pass to Night Cap. To purchase reservations for WineFeast, please visit the Boys & Girls Club online at bgcosh.org.

To learn about sponsorship or volunteer opportunities or for other questions, contact Director of Development & Strategic Initiatives, Katie Talken, at (920) 233-1414, ext. 129 or katie@bgcosh.org.

WineFeast is in need of both silent and live auction items. Donating auction items gives businesses and individuals the opportunity to display their product and get free advertising. For more information on donating an auction item, please contact WineFeast Auction Coordinator Heather Holly-Pinnow at WineFeastAuction@bgcosh.org.

SAVE THE DATE

► APRIL 2

► JULY 19

► OCTOBER 27

WineFeast

Afternoon Tea

Youth of the Year Dinner





MESSAGE FROM CEO

To our Friends and Supporters of Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh:

As we finished out the year, we've been thinking about all the things we are grateful for in 2021. After a very different year in 2020, the Club was able to get back to some sense of normalcy in our programming this past year. While still being mindful of the safety of our members, we were able to expand the number of kids per classroom in our summer and school-year programs.

We're excited to continue building upon our new Omro Elementary School and South Park Middle School Programs. We've added two additional busses to provide transportation from more schools to the Club's after-school programs. In addition, we just launched our new Big Futures Mentoring Program in partnership with Big Brothers Big Sisters. You'll read more about South Park and Big Futures in this newsletter.

We are beyond grateful for the incredible support we've received this year, most recently with our end of year programs like Thanksgiving Meals and Adopt a Family as well as Turkey Trot, which benefits the Club and the Oshkosh YMCA. Thanks to generous donors like you, the Club was able to give out 59 Thanksgiving meals with all the fixings this year. We had a record-breaking 215 kids adopted out for our Adopt a Family Program. You are truly helping us make a difference in the lives of the children and families we serve. Thank you!

I hope you had a wonderful holiday season and I wish everyone the best year in 2022!

Tracy Ogden, CEO

The Club delivered 39 Festival Foods Thanksgiving meals and an additional 20 meals from TJ's Harbor were given out. We also held our annual Thanksgiving family night where Club families got to enjoy a delicious meal. Thank you to those that donated and to our volunteers!



Home Base talked to teens in November about homeless youth awareness month. They painted green footprints on our windows as an indication that The Club is a safe space for youth!



GALLERY

2,450 people joined in on the annual Festival Foods Turkey Trot benefiting the Club and the Oshkosh YMCA.



Meet 2022 Youth of the Year

► Goodness



The Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh is pleased to announce the 2022 Youth of the Year winner – Goodness. 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.

Goodness is a senior at Oshkosh North High School and is Co-President of our Keystone Leadership Club. She is also an active member in a number of clubs at school and aspires to be a neurosurgeon in the future.

In November 2021, Goodness competed against three other local Club members for the title and

ultimately won. As the Oshkosh Club's 2022 Youth of the Year, Goodness was awarded a \$10,000 scholarship from the Boys & Girls Club's Charles F. Hyde, Jr. Youth of the Year Scholarship Endowment!

Goodness will now compete in the Wisconsin State Youth of the Year in March alongside Youth of the Year winners from all over Wisconsin.

"Not only is the club a great place for kids like myself to have fun, but the staff at the Club provides a great amount of help to me in excelling my education."

Thank you to our panel of judges Christina Keller (Pediatric Physical Therapist), Florence Makope (Oshkosh Corporation), Greta Shimon (Amcor), Kevin Ralofsky (Verve, a Credit Union), and Jeff Trembly (Oshkosh Coil Spring).

Make sure to Save the Date for the Youth of the Year Dinner on Thursday, October 27, 2022 at the Best Western Premier Waterfront Hotel & Convention Center in Oshkosh. Goodness will be recognized at the celebration dinner along with all of our youths of the month.

Please join the Boys & Girls Clubs of Oshkosh in congratulating Goodness in all of her accomplishments and Youth of the Year title!



Teens took tours of UW Madison and Fox Valley Tech's S.J. Spanbauer Aviation and Industrial Center. While in Madison they learned about the college application process, toured multiple academic buildings, explored the campus and learned about the community!

Our Tween Programs are Growing

► Quest Program at the Club

Our tween-specific Quest program is currently in its first year here at the club. This past summer was the first year that we offered a specific program directed towards our tweens, those in their pre-teen years from ages 10-12 years old, in our summer program. Our school-year Quest program includes those ages 9-12. Our goal for this program is for members to feel that they have their own space to be themselves and prepare them for middle school and high school. The older children in the group are given opportunities to learn more responsibility before moving up to the Teen program.

With this program, we have been able to offer this age group many different and new opportunities. We incorporate activities to help with navigating the tween years, middle school, and learning how to acknowledge what they're feeling in order to improve mental wellness. We began offering Tween Nights on Tuesdays from 6-7 p.m. Each week kids can participate in themed activities outside of our regular programming like game shows, pizza or baking cook-offs, club jeopardy, staff vs. kids volleyball games, or holiday themed crafts. Tween Nights have provided a place for members that don't typically attend our regular programming to get to know other kids. We're excited to say that many of these members have now begun coming to the Club regularly.

We have also been able to expand Torch Club. Torch Club is a student-led Boys & Girls Club of America program, for kids in middle school, that focuses on community service and leadership skills. The Club works to show kids that their voices matter and that they can truly make a difference. We are excited to have started this program and continue to welcome new members!

► South Park Middle School Program

Our first year at South Park Middle School is underway and we couldn't be more excited to be there! Currently, this program runs in sessions. There are two eight-week sessions with the opportunity to expand. The programs run from 3:30 - 5:30 p.m. Monday - Thursday and includes academic tutoring and a snack followed by a different activity or program for the day. We run activities relating to STEM, social & emotional learning, arts and crafts, healthy habits and more. When the program is not in session Club staff continue to offer an academic hour and snack from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. We continue to work with the wonderful staff at South Park to meet the needs of their kids & families and offer the best programming possible. We are looking forward to seeing the South Park Middle School program grow!

Become a Big Futures Mentor



We're excited to have launched the Big Futures Mentoring Program and introduce you to Jay Gibson, our Big Futures Mentoring Coordinator. Jay has over 30 years of experience in youth mentoring in multiple capacities.

This collaborative effort between the Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh and Big Brothers Big Sisters of East Central Wisconsin combines the expertise of both organizations, the Club's Great Futures Mentoring Program with Big Brothers Big Sisters' evidence-based mentoring program and case management expertise, to continue to match adult mentors with youth in 6th through 8th grade at the Boys & Girls Club.

The program focuses on helping youth grow academically and develop decision-making and life skills. Youth will meet mentors at the Club or at school, where they will get homework help, read together, learn to cook together, and get access to all Club spaces and programs such as basic needs, mental health support, art room and active time in the gym.

We are now looking for mentors! Fill out the application today at bgcosh.org/services/mentoring-program. As a mentor you have the opportunity to:

- Be a positive influence in the life of a young adult
- Enhance the development of life skills
- Open a new world of life changing experiences for you and your mentee

This program is made possible by the Basic Needs Giving Partnership, which is 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. The Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh and Big Brothers Big Sisters of East Central Wisconsin would like to thank these organizations for this generous award.

BIG FUTURES MENTORING PROGRAM



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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For additional information or questions, please contact (920) 233-1414 or info@bgcosh.org.

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