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**Our Mission:**

*"To inspire and enable all young people, especially those from disadvantaged circumstances, to realize their full potential as productive, responsible and caring citizens."*

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# KIDS Connection



## President's Board Report

By Stephen Prince

### Greetings Friends!



As President of Boys & Girls Clubs' Board of Directors, I am honored to extend this note of thanks for your continuing interest and generous support. Truly, the Board's year-round commitment to serve as stewards and leaders on behalf of such an important youth-guidance organization gains great inspiration from the greater Spokane community.

2011 has been a solid 10th year for the Clubs, especially for meeting our mission of helping young people to reach their full potential. And, as you can see in this newsletter, we continue to make very good progress with resource development; a critical component of the Board's work towards ensuring the Clubs are open as much as possible with a high-impact diversity of programs.

The Board is also making outstanding progress in the area of developing itself. We're in the midst of strategic Board expansion, with the objective of building a strong structure that can help the Clubs endure for decades to come.

Looking ahead, we've just launched the Board's annual ONE CAMPAIGN. It's our most important challenge of each and every fall as we make personal appeals to individuals, families and businesses for program support. With an aggressive goal to meet growing community and youth needs, the ONE CAMPAIGN fuels the Clubs through the upcoming, busy winter and helps keep a child's membership fee to just \$10. Let me be the first to ask for your help with this year's Campaign.

Thanks again for helping make the Boys & Girls Clubs a tremendous asset for Spokane's kids and teens.

## One Campaign

The One Campaign is the Boys & Girls Clubs of Spokane County's Annual fundraising effort; this year the goal is to raise \$90,000 in support of our Clubs and the critical programs we currently provide to more than 4,000 at-risk youth.

### How You Can Help

Help comes in many forms and starts with just one person; one business; one pledge to make a difference. Enclosed in this newsletter you will find a donation envelope. Funds raised ensure that we are

able to keep the doors open for more than 4,000 at-risk area youth who need the Clubs most. Think about it - our members pay only \$10 a year for membership. For every \$10 you donate, a child receives access to life saving programs and meals. Donate \$100 and 10 kids have a chance at a better future. Your dollars do make a difference. Local businesses are also stepping up to get involved. Whether as a program sponsor, event supporter or a "Partner For Kids" that hosts its own fundraising campaign, help comes in all forms. Get involved today!

## Announcing, The One Campaign's Annual BE GREAT For Kids Rally

Wednesday, October 12, 2011  
5:00pm - 6:30pm

*Invitation Only*

**Keynote Speaker:**  
Bill Moos, WSU Athletic Director

Skyline Ballroom,  
Red Lion Hotel at the Park

If you have questions or want to get involved in the One Campaign, please contact Erin McGann at [emcgann@bgcspokanecounty.org](mailto:emcgann@bgcspokanecounty.org)



## Save The Date! February 24, 2012

### 10th Annual Auction For Kids

*"We've Only Just Begun"*

Featuring the Dueling Pianos of Jimi Finn and  
Steve Ridler

Northern Quest Resort & Casino

Silent and live auctions! Fabulous food!  
Performances By Club Kids!

Details coming soon!  
Check our web site and facebook page for more  
on our biggest event of the year.



**Early table reservations now available. Please contact Erin McGann at 489-0741.**

## The Gift of Generosity From Behind Bars

On May 28th, 750 offenders at the Airway Heights Correctional Center (AHCC) participated in a quarterly fundraiser for charity and selected the Boys & Girls Clubs of Spokane County as the recipient. As part of the AHCC's Community Partnership Program, each participant pre-purchased a pizza that they knew was marked up 35% with proceeds to be donated. While the concept of food fundraisers and offenders



Community Partnership Program Coordinator Don McIntyre (R) presents the check to Executive Director Dick Hanlin (L) and Club kids at the Northtown Club.

doesn't seem like a natural link, this program has been going on for years. According to AHCC, the introduction of volunteerism and charitable giving to the offenders is a big step in a positive direction.

In serving more than 4,000 at-risk youth, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Spokane County is not immune and

unfortunately many of our kids currently have a family member behind bars. We are however thankful to the AHCC and all of the participants for taking a positive step forward and helping to raise \$2,235 which will likely be used to support an anti-bullying program in the Clubs.

## Summer Stats: Did You Know?



	Northtown Club	Mead Club
# of breakfasts served this summer	1,350	1,300
# of lunches served this summer	7,975	6,981
# of snacks served this summer	5,850	5,557
# of swimsuits given to kids	500	500
# of summer swimming passes given to kids	100	100
# of Members who attended fieldtrips	500+	500+
# of Members who received cooking classes	25	45
# of Members who visited the Da Vinci exhibit at the MAC:	180	180
# of Members that had private music lessons this summer through the Village Experience:	65	NA
# of Members that attended an Indians baseball game	115	115
# of Youth of the Months that got to eat lunch at the NorthPointe Applebee's:	36	26
# of Members that learned about Great Britain from a BGC member of the Essex Clubs:	400	300

## The Boys of Summer

The Spokane Indians game against the Boise Hawks on August 18th provided the perfect backdrop to the end of the summer celebration for Club kids and their families. Thanks to a generous donation by Ralph Dahman at Shirtworks, 78 tickets and nearly \$400 in Indians "bucks" were given to Club families that may not have otherwise been able to attend an Indians game. Seated in the left field section, Club kids and their families enjoyed all of Avista Stadium's amenities

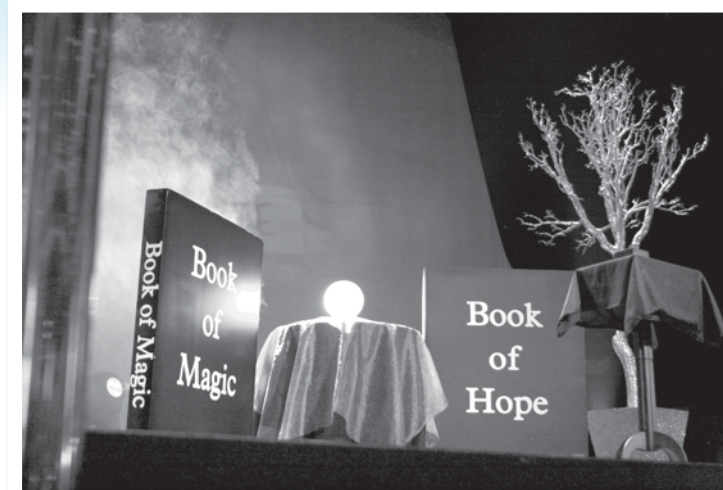


including a few foul balls hit their way and naturally fell in love with the mascots - Otto, Doris the Spokaneasaurus and Recycle Man. From the kettle corn to the ice cream and a win for the home team, the evening was filled with families coming together to enjoy America's favorite past time. Thanks to everyone that made this special night possible!



## The Magic of Hope: Zak!Charity Open

by beautiful silent and live auction items up for bid, Mark Rypien (pictured) also wowed the crowd once again with a "football toss" that had everyone's heart pumping. We would also like to congratulate Denise Stanton (pictured) who, on such a special night, received the 2011 Dan Fitzgerald Humanitarian Award in recognition of her dedication and on-going efforts in support of the Boys & Girls Clubs as well as all children in Spokane.



For many children across the Inland Northwest, hope is a rare treasure. For these children, the reality of the cancer they are battling, or the economic conditions they are struggling against, is so much more powerful than the promise of hope. Thanks to the Zak!Charity Open, however, hope can once again be something worth believing in for many of these children. This year's Zak!Charity Open raised more than \$435,000 to benefit the Boys & Girls Clubs



of Spokane County and the Rypien Foundation, bringing the total amount raised in the tournament's 12-year history to more than \$3 million!

"The fact that we were able to surpass this milestone in a year where many people and businesses are still struggling to recover from the tough economic times we've faced in the past few years is a testament to the generosity and selflessness of this community," said Irv Zakheim, founder of the Zak!Charity Open.

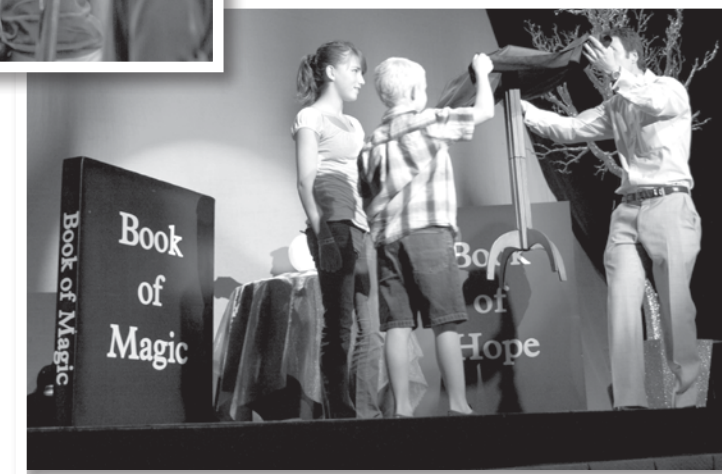
As one of Spokane's premier fundraising events, the 2011 event took place over July 24-25 and kicked off with the highly anticipated "Summer Celebration" Dinner & Auction at Northern Quest Resort & Casino. More than 450 guests were treated to an act that featured world-renowned magician Matthew Furman (pictured) who incorporated unbelievable sleight of hand tricks, levitation and mind reading skills that left the audience in sheer amazement. Surrounded



Rounding out the 2011 event, the Zak!Charity Open held two separate golf tournaments the following day - one at the Spokane Country Club and the other at Manito Golf & Country Club.

Per tradition, the tournament at both courses were led off by the honorary first drive hit by kids (pictured) representing both charities. Fueled by a great lunch, 55 golf teams teed off for their chance to spend time with friends and naturally vie for bragging rights. The highlight of the day came not once, but twice at the Spokane Country Club, where two holes-in-one were made... on the same hole! As the evening wrapped up with a fabulous prime rib dinner and an awards presentation, players and sponsors ended on a high note knowing that their participation had made a difference in the lives of local youth in need.

"Sometimes, all these kids need is a little reminder of just how powerful hope can be," Zakheim said. "When you get the opportunity to give them some of that hope, it really is magical."



## BE GREAT: Graduate Gets “A” On Report Card

Over the past year you’ve probably heard about the BE GREAT: Graduate program. It’s the Club’s dedicated case management program that focuses on those students most at-risk of dropping out of school, primarily in the pre-teen and teenage years. The success of this program is built on the collaboration between student, mentor and teacher - allowing for all three to work together for a common goal of helping the student improve his/her grades and keeping him/her interested in school all the way through graduation.

Of our 54 participants enrolled in the program as of spring 2011, we have already seen fantastic results in all three of our targeted areas: school work, attendance and behavior. Proving that the program works, data taken from participants’ report cards showed significant improvements when comparing their first and third trimester grades. What we found:

- The data tells us that 35% of the members improved their math grade level and 45% of members improved their reading grade level.
- There was an improvement in school tardiness of 44% and 69% of members improved their overall school attendance.
- We had a 47% improvement in school behavior; 25 of the 54 participants had a significant decrease in school suspensions this year compared to last year.

This year we also partnered with Gonzaga University’s Master of Business Program and allowed a group of students to analyze our data comparing second year participants at our Northtown Club to first year participants at the Lisa Stiles-Gyllenhammer (Mead) Club. Their study revealed that although second year participants came to the Club with less frequency, they still “excelled at the same rate as those that attended the Club regularly.” This finding tells us that the program continues to be effective even with less regular attendance. In addition, they found that a decrease in Club attendance in year two, told us that the program is working because through our program we were able to re-engage them in school and get them more involved in extra-curricular activities and school sports.

The BE GREAT: Graduate program has found many successes and thanks to a \$30,000 Bold Goals Grant recently awarded by United Way, the program which currently serves 54 Club members will increase to approximately 100 participants by adding an additional 25 participants at our Northtown and Mead Clubs and expanding to the Libbv Club to include another 25 students.

**Spokane County  
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## Club Director Named National Trainer

The Club’s own Director of Operations, Alise Delzell, was recently selected by Boys & Girls Clubs of America to serve as a Training Associate for the BE GREAT: Graduate program. In this role, Alise will receive extensive training by National staff and serve as a key coach and trainer for other Boys & Girls Clubs as they develop ways to improve and enhance their own BE GREAT: Graduate programs. Since inception, Alise has been instrumental in the BE GREAT: Graduate program we offer at our Clubs and we couldn’t be more proud of her national designation.



## “Like” Us On Facebook

Well, it was only a matter of time, but the Boys & Girls Clubs of Spokane County made it to the social scene last month by launching its very own Facebook page. Folks have already started to LIKE us and that makes us very happy. To tell the truth, this new medium enables us to spread the word about anything and everything going on at the Clubs from the opening of flag football registration to local community promotions; we even have a 22 minute show about the 2011 Zak!Charity Open that benefited the Boys & Girls Clubs. We have never been more excited to share what’s on our minds, so make sure to check us out on Facebook and LIKE us.



## Thanks to the Old Spaghetti Factory

For the fourth consecutive year, OSF International, which owns and operates the Old Spaghetti Factory, teamed up with the Boys & Girls Clubs of Spokane County in July to raise money to support the critical after-school programs that we offer to more than 4,000 area youth. Throughout the month, Old Spaghetti Factory patrons were given the opportunity to donate at the end of their meal and for a minimum donation of \$1, they were also given a coupon for “Sicilian Garlic Bread” to use on their next visit. While the money is still being totaled, we’d like to thank the Old Spaghetti Factory and its entire staff for helping to raise funds and awareness on behalf of our Clubs!



that was easy.<sup>sm</sup>

## Help "Staples" Get Club Kids Ready For School

This summer, the stars of ABC Family's *Pretty Little Liars* - Lucy Hale, Troian Bellisario, Ashley Benson, and Shay Mitchell - teamed up with Staples and DoSomething.org for the 4th Annual Staples for Students Supply Drive. The program encourages teens to collect and donate school supplies at their local Staples store to support kids in need within their community. Through Staples' national partnership with Boys & Girls Clubs of America, Spokane County's Clubs were selected to participate in this program and receive donations - but we still need your help!

From now until September 17th, you can donate school supplies and/or cash donations at all three local Staples Stores.

- 9960 N. Newport Hwy.
- 15224 E. Indiana Ave.
- 2624 N. Division

The donations received will be used to help Club kids prepare for the new school year. Together, we can supply young people with the tools they need to realize academic success and enable them to achieve great futures as productive, caring, responsible citizens. Find out more about the program at [StaplesforStudents.org](http://StaplesforStudents.org).



## JCPenney Round-Ups: two down, two to go.

JCPenney in the Valley Mall has once again teamed up with the Boys & Girls Clubs of Spokane County to offer its customers a chance to "Round-Up" their purchases during specific times of the year. During these times shoppers are invited to round up their purchases to the nearest whole dollar and donate the difference to support our amazing after school and summer programs. Thanks to this great partnership we raised nearly \$10,000 last year alone!

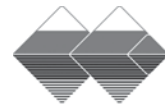
The first two Round-Ups in 2011 have already been held and we're ahead of last year's record setting efforts. There are two more "Round-ups" this year so please consider "rounding up" your next purchase at JCPenney in the Valley Mall during the following weeks.

October 12-25  
November 30-December 12



The 3rd Annual Mountain West Bank VIP Golf Tournament 4Kids is scheduled to tee off at Meadow Wood Golf Course on Wednesday, September 14th. The even more exciting part is that for the first time ever, this tournament will benefit the Boys & Girls Clubs; more specifically proceeds will be used to enhance and expand the great programs at the Lisa Stiles-Gyllenhammer Club in Mead.

With raffles, prizes, contests and of course a fabulous dinner included in the day's festivities, this is one tournament you won't



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want to miss! Plus, be on hand as outstanding kids from the Mead Club mingle with the golfers and share their stories. Visit the web site or find us on facebook for additional information about how to register a team and help provide hope to our Clubs!

## *The Clubs Have Talent!*

To celebrate the last day of the 2011 Summer program, the Clubs held a Talent Show at both the Northtown Club and the Lisa Stiles-Gyllenhammer Club. Open to the public and Club families, the talent shows were non-stop entertainment that featured a wide array of amazing talent. In total, nearly 60 performances were held and included talent that showcased singers, musicians, tumblers, cheerleaders, dancers and even magicians. Kids of all ages participated, including one Club member's father (pictured) who joined his daughter on stage to sing their favorite song - Zippity Do Da. All in all, it was the perfect way to end this great summer. Our Club kids definitely have talent!

