



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
OF SPOKANE COUNTY**

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"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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CEO's Report

Ryan Davenport

I am happy to kick off this year's newsletter with the announcement of the grand opening of our third and newest facility, the Lisa Stiles-Gyllenhammer Boys & Girls Club in Mead. On Monday, April 19th the new Club will open its doors to a community of kids in need of a safe and supportive environment with caring adults and life changing programs offered on a daily basis. This new chapter in our organization's short but exemplary history is even more special because it pays honor to Lisa Stiles-Gyllenhammer, a beloved teacher at Shiloh Hills Elementary who lost a long and brave battle with breast cancer in January of 2006. Lisa was known for her impassioned excellence and encouragement, support and going the extra mile for her kids EVERY time.

Of course the Grand Opening of the new Lisa Stiles-Gyllenhammer Club would not have been possible without the activism and support of our community champions. Our Campaign Committee, Board of Directors, and Advisory Board have provided critical leadership and guidance throughout this process and we are extremely grateful for all you have done for the new north Spokane Club. Projects such as these would not be possible without such wonderful people so please except my personal thanks for all you have done to make this dream a reality!

I hope you'll be able to join us on Monday, April 19th at 3:30pm as we open the doors to the Lisa Stiles-Gyllenhammer Club and celebrate the same spirit in which Lisa lived her life - to help every child reach his or her full potential.

Check out our website at
www.bgcspokanecounty.org

Zak!Charity Open 2010 Mark your calendars now!

POKER TOURNAMENT
Saturday - July 24, 2010
Northern Quest Resort & Casino
6:00 pm

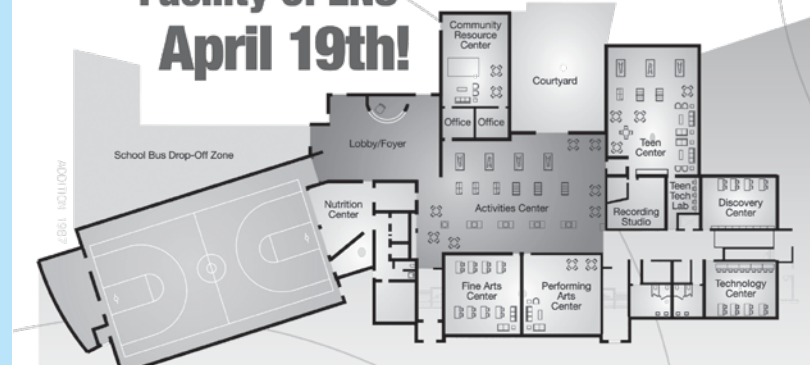
SUMMER CELEBRATION DINNER & AUCTION
Sunday - July 25, 2010
Northern Quest Resort & Casino
Pavilion Doors Open 4:30 pm
Event Begins 5:30 pm

ZAK!CHARITY OPEN GOLF TOURNAMENTS
Monday - July 26, 2010
Two Locations: Spokane Country Club and
Manito Golf & Country Club
Shotgun Start: 12:30 pm



For additional information on the cost to attend these amazing events, sponsorship opportunities or to find out how to volunteer, please visit www.zakcharityopen.org or call Erin Freehan at 489-0741. All proceeds to benefit the Rypien Foundation and Boys & Girls Clubs of Spokane County.

The Future is Here Our NEW Lisa Stiles-Gyllenhammer Facility OPENS April 19th!



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LISA STILES-GYLLENHAMMER BRANCH**

Thank You to our Community Champions For Their Support on this Project!

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Thousands of Spokane youth need your help -

to stay in school, to have access to a safe environment and to create a better future. With the opening of our third facility in Mead, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Spokane County will be able to not only continue to provide comprehensive programs and services but expand our reach to a greater number of neighborhoods facing the toughest challenges. For more about how you can help us make a positive impact on our community's greatest asset - our youth, visit

bgcspokanecounty.org
or contact us at (509) 489-0741.



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"Be A Hero For Kids"

Auction Sparkles Thanks to Kids, Community and Commodores



recently named Youth of the Year. In addition to these notable guests, David Sykes, Boys & Girls Clubs of America Pacific Region Vice President, made a special appearance to present the National Silver Medallion, one of the highest recognition awards in the organization, to Board member and dedicated volunteer, Denise Stanton for her years of service (pictured).

"We are inspired and appreciative of the great work being done at the Boys & Girls Clubs of Spokane County," stated David Sykes, Boys and Girls Club of America Pacific Region Vice President. "The Club's leadership and ability to continually create a positive and safe place for youth and in turn build a stronger community is a testament to all of the people involved in their success - sponsors, partners, board members, volunteers, friends and staff."

This event would not have been as successful without the hard work and dedication of many in this community including our auction committee, Board and Advisory members, volunteers, staff and our sponsors that stepped up to provide their time, money and support. We are looking forward to an even more memorable event next year!

The Kalispel Tribe of Indians and Northern Quest Resort & Casino once again served as Event Sponsor and host to the 2010 Boys & Girls Clubs of Spokane "Be A Hero For Kids" Dinner and Auction held on Friday, February 19th. More than 425 guests attended the annual event which included nearly 100 live and silent auction items as well as a Draw for his and her's TAG watches provided by Jewelry Design Center. To culminate an amazing evening that raised over \$240,000 for the Boys & Girls Clubs of Spokane County, guests were treated to a special performance by the Commodores (pictured), but not before they were serenaded by the angelic voices of the Club choir.

With a program designed to celebrate the organization, its community members and outstanding youth achievements, KHQ's Dave Cotton served as Master of Ceremonies and helped introduce the best of the best. The evening included remarks by Congresswoman Cathy McMorris Rodgers as well as Faith Proctor, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Spokane County's



MetLife Invests in Education



(Billie, age 12, completing her homework in the Discovery Center)

The MetLife Foundation recently awarded the Boys & Girls Clubs of Spokane County a \$10,000 grant for our new educational program, *Every Member, Every Year*, that was launched in September 2009.

This grant will continue to help our Clubs implement our new high school graduation strategy that focuses on exposing our members to the importance of high school graduation, paired with individualized support needed to succeed in school.

Through the MetLife grant, the Club plans to increase its participation in *Every Member, Every Year* from 31 to 50 members by next fall. These at-risk youth were identified through our partnership with Longfellow Elementary, Garry Middle School and Rodgers High School. Our Education Director uses a case management approach, assigning each member with a volunteer mentor who meets with them one-on-one, twice a week. These mentors have been a critical piece in the success of this program and were provided through a partnership with the Knights and Setons of Gonzaga University.

So far, the program has already seen success among its participants with an increase of grade achievement, improved engagement in school and less behavioral problems at both the school and Club. Of the 31 students involved in the case management portion of this program, all but two have missed less school than the previous year. In fact, in more than one case, students had as many as 15 absences less than the previous year.

Billie (pictured) is a great testimony to the groundbreaking work that the Club is doing in education. Billie, a sixth grader at Longfellow Elementary, was at the third grade level for reading, writing, and math. When Billie enrolled in *Every Member, Every Year* in early October, she had not turned in a single piece of homework this school year and was seriously discouraged with school.

The one-on-one homework help Billie has received daily at the Club from her mentor and Club staff has given her the encouragement and attention she needed to start turning in homework. Billie is now turning in assignments on time and her reading level has jumped to a fifth grade level in just six months.

"Before I came to the Club, I had no confidence in myself. Now I am able to turn in my homework with confidence. I love when the Club staff tells me that I am a successful student, because I now know that I am," said Billie.

Club Kids Honored At Annual Awards Night



On Wednesday, February 10th, the Boys and Girls Club of Spokane County showcased the notable achievements and fine characteristics of our youth members at this year's Annual Awards Celebration. Held at the Northtown Branch, nearly 100 members representing both Clubs (Northtown Club and Libby Teen Center) were presented with certificates by the organization's leaders and mentors.

During this family-friendly event, more than 250 guests including local Police Officers, Elementary school teachers, Board Members, parents and kids were treated to an Italian dinner from Luigis and served by the staff and other club kids. As club members received "Youth of the Year" awards in categories including Fine Arts, Performing Arts, Character & Leadership, Education & Career Development, Health & Wellness, as well as Sports & Fitness, the biggest award was given to Faith Proctor who was named Youth of the Year for the Boys & Girls Clubs of Spokane County (read below). After an evening filled with cheers and applause for every member and winner, the only thing left were the smiles on everyone's face as they headed home.

Dream Comes True for Club Kid



Faith Proctor, age 18, was recently selected as the Youth of the Year for Spokane County and competed against fourteen other Boys & Girls Club members for the Washington State Youth of the Year title on March 18th at the Museum of Flight in Seattle.

After a truly special event that featured speeches by these outstanding youth, the state Youth of the Year was announced at the governor's mansion the following day where Proctor and her family enjoyed breakfast with Governor Christine Gregoire and her husband. Although, Proctor was disappointed that she did not receive the state title she said, "the whole experience of being part of this amazing program has changed my life."

Gov. Gregoire with the delegation at her home.

Proctor will be graduating from Lewis and Clark High School this June and is looking forward to being a future WSU Cougar in the fall. Proctor was recently accepted to their honorary scholarship program, Future Cougars of Color. Thanks to her dedication and inspiring story, she has been asked by WSU to give a presentation at their upcoming fundraising event on May 2nd at the Northern Quest Resort & Casino. After learning of her acceptance Proctor said, "I am honored to be a Washington state cougar, this is a dream come true for me."

Proctor, first started attending the Boys & Girls Club Libby Teen Branch six years ago when she needed a safe place away from her neighborhood filled with violence and poverty as somewhere she could find support from caring adults. Despite her harsh surroundings, Proctor has proved to be a pillar of strength, working two part-time jobs for the last two years to help support her family. Proctor has also proved herself in the classroom and on the court by taking advanced placement courses and assisting her varsity basketball team to four state championships. She also enjoys giving back to the underprivileged families in her community that she identifies with through volunteering at the East Central Community Center and the Martin Luther King Outreach Center.

The honor of being Spokane's Youth of the Year comes with a \$1,000 scholarship and two weeks in Great Britain this summer through our foreign exchange program with the Boys & Girls Clubs of Essex. Congratulations Faith!

Taco Bell's "Bells For Teens"

Raises \$20,000 For Club

On February 26, Taco Bell presented \$20,000 raised through its "Bells For Teens" Campaign to the Boys & Girls Clubs of Spokane County at a Chiefs Hockey Game. An on-going community initiative, the *Bells For Teens* Campaign encouraged local Spokane area Taco Bell locations to sell holiday bells for \$1 between November 27th - December 31st. Present on center ice to receive the check were Taco Bell's area coach Diane Smits and the Boys & Girls Clubs of Spokane County Executive Director, Ryan Davenport and Board President, Chad Burchard. (Taco Bell Area Coach James Besau was also



on hand to present the Boys & Girls Club of Kootnai County with \$6,375 from their efforts). The \$20,000 raised during the 2009 Campaign will be used to extend educational and teen programs provided at the three Spokane Boys & Girls Clubs.

"Taco Bell is dedicated to building strong communities in every corner of the country and we know it has to begin with our youth," stated Craig Langel, the President of the Spokane-Area Taco Bell Association. "Our solid relationship with the Boys & Girls Clubs of America including Spokane County has provided us with the perfect opportunity to directly and positively impact future generations of leaders."

Taco Bell's commitment to the development of local area youth through their advocacy and participation in programs such as the *Bells For Teens* Campaign has been further enhanced by their involvement in two other fundraisers for Boys and Girls Clubs operating in the Inland Northwest last year. In total, Taco Bell has generously donated over \$40,000 through various fundraising efforts such as the inclusion of canisters at Taco Bell locations which collected \$3,792 and it's Give for Graduation Day program held on April 23, 2009 which donated 15% of sales; this year it raised nearly \$10,000.

"Taco Bell has proven to be the perfect champion for Spokane's youth over the years - their generosity and active participation at every level speaks volumes," said Boys & Girls Clubs of Spokane County CEO, Ryan Davenport. "Thanks to Taco Bell's continued support, we have been able to greatly expand our programs and provide services to more local children than ever before."

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