



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
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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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What Makes a Club Truly “GREAT”

CEO’s Report - Ryan Davenport

As the summer of 2010 comes to a close and we all prepare for the mad dash of back to school preparations, I feel this is the perfect opportunity to utilize this article and talk about something that unfortunately does not receive the attention it truly deserves. See, in these articles I usually try to highlight the challenges facing the youth our Clubs serve, a success story of a child who has overcome tremendous odds to find hope and opportunity, or even highlight a fundraiser that the Club has done. But as I sit back and think about the items above, I realized that I don’t spend enough time talking about HOW those stories are made because they truly do not just happen. So, I am dedicating this time to the singular most significant reason that our Clubs are able to address challenges facing youth, or help turn a kid from a statistic to a success story... our STAFF!

I will be the first person to say that a Boys & Girls Club is only as good as the people inside its walls. Lucky for us, we have tremendous people inside our walls! See, each and every day 32 caring staff members walk through the doors of our Clubs with a smile on their face and a willingness to take the time and energy to SHOW a child that they are loved and cared for. With over 3,000 kids served annually and over 450 daily, you can imagine the amount of understanding and patience this must take. But that is what our staff does. Each and every day they take advantage of the opportunity to truly get to know a child, find out what makes him or her tick, and do what they can to help guide them along a road that leads to success. This genuine caring and dedication of time is the reason that our Clubs are so impactful, the reason they are TRULY GREAT!

I want to highlight some key staff members and thank them for their unwavering dedication to our Clubs and unbelievable work they do every day.

Alise Delzell, Operations Director and the true captain of our ship. Thank you for being the spark that has helped lead us through the growth we have seen the past three years. Under your leadership, our Clubs have grown 200% but more importantly have become more impactful in our daily work than ever before. Thank you for the leadership, caring and sound work ethic you bring to the Club every day. Your example is infectious!

Jason Anderson, Chad Hammond, Bobby Hughes, and Christy Bauer, Club Directors. Thank you for the patience and dedication you demonstrate every day working with our youth. The challenges seem daunting, but your understanding and caring is what makes all three of our Clubs such a safe, fun and impactful place for youth.

Tami Meador and Erin Freehan, Administrative support. Running Clubs requires resources, and your passion and work ethic of ensuring these resources are available is so important and appreciated. It would not have been possible for our Clubs to experience such growth the past three years without all you do.

All our front line staff. Each day you change a child’s life by showing them you care and are interested in their future. Thank you for making every child that walks through our door feel as special as they truly are.

A Boys & Girls Club just doesn’t happen; the people above make them happen and they are on the front lines making a difference in our community each and every day. For that, I can say that I am truly grateful and extremely proud to be associated with the wonderful work they do. The next time you are in one of our facilities, I hope you take the opportunity to thank these wonderful people for all they do for the youth in Spokane County.

Check out our website at
www.bgcspokanecounty.org

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It Just Takes One
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One Campaign

The One Campaign is the Boys & Girls Clubs of Spokane County’s on-going fundraising effort used to support programs and initiatives that effectively and immediately impact our community’s most vital asset - our youth. Right now in Spokane County, 1 out of every 3 kids drops out of high school causing an epidemic that will not only impact that young person for the rest of his/her life, but will ultimately have an adverse affect on the greater Spokane community and economy. As a leader in trying to reverse this staggering “1 in 3” trend, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Spokane County currently offers comprehensive programs and life-saving services that focus on keeping at-risk youth engaged, supported and actively involved in school.

Please help us reduce this tragic number; every little bit helps. Our goal is to have 3,100 people donate \$31 to help reduce the 31% dropout rate in our community - your investment will truly help change the life of a child and our community!



Success of Summer Event Brings Hope to Spokane Youth

The addition of a new event as well as a second golf tournament helped make the 11th annual Zak!Charity Open one of the most successful in tournament history. This year the three day event wrapped up on July 26th and raised more than \$400,000 to benefit the Boys & Girls Clubs of Spokane County and Rypien Foundation.



Mark Rypien and Ryan Davenport "Spread Seeds of Hope" with local kids before the 2010 Event.

Since its inception, the Zak!Charity Open has become one of the premier charity events in the Inland Northwest having raised over \$2 million for Spokane's youth. As a way to do more and raise more, the Zak!Charity Open kicked off the 2010 weekend with the first ever "Beat the Pros" Poker Tournament. Held at the Northern Quest Hotel, 72 players competed against poker pros and celebrities such as Phil Gordon, Erick Lindgren, Kevin MacPhee, Rafe Furst, Mark Rypien, Blake Stepp and Nathan Doudney for a chance to win part of the \$8,000 pot. A huge success, organizers also added an additional golf tournament at Manito Golf & Country Club to accommodate the growing number of players who wanted to

participate in the event. These two new additions complemented both the Summer Celebration Dinner and Auction at Northern Quest Resort & Casino and the original golf tournament at Spokane Country Club to create a significantly expanded charity tournament.

"These kids can sometimes feel forgotten and alone," Zakheim said. "But when they hear about so many people coming together to help them...that's what gives them the hope they need to overcome the challenges they're facing. That's what gives them the hope they need to win."

Funds raised from the Zak!Charity Open will be used to support multiple projects, most importantly, to purchase a van needed to transport Club kids to and from hundreds of events every year. On behalf of the nearly 3,000 Club kids we currently serve, thank you to all of the individuals and organizations that helped make the Zak!Charity Open a huge success!

Pizza Hut Dishes Out Bikes for Kids

On June 3rd, Pizza Hut used its Regional Manager's Training as the perfect time to give back to the Spokane community. Riverfront Park served as the backdrop as kids representing the Boys & Girls Clubs of Spokane County and Kootenai County were presented with brand new bikes by more than 20 Pizza Hut store managers from all across eastern Washington. As a special gift, the managers personalized the children's bike with their favorite colors and hobbies. Selected by the staff as the best of the best, the Club kids chosen did not have any disciplinary action in the last year and also displayed good character through making positive choices.



Applebee's Restaurant Rewards Club Kids



On Wednesday, June 9th, twelve Youth of the Month winners representing the Boys & Girls Clubs of Spokane County became the inaugural group to receive a special afternoon out and a free meal at Applebee's. As part of a new community partnership to celebrate the accomplishments of local at-risk youth, Applebee's has also dedicated Booth 64 at its Northpointe restaurant which will permanently feature local Club kids and their great achievements. Over the course of the year Applebee's will host and provide a free meal to 144 Boys & Girls Club winners.

As part of its National "Youth of the Year" program, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Spokane County selects twelve winners each month that have excelled in categories that correspond to the organization's five focus programs. Nominated by mentors, program leaders and staff, Club kids are eligible to be selected and later included in the running for "Youth of the Year."

"The Youth of the Month winners are amazing kids and we couldn't be prouder of their accomplishments inside and outside of the Club," stated Mike Packwood, Applebee's General Manager. "We believe that 'there's no place like the neighborhood' and this was the perfect opportunity for Applebee's to give back to the local community and its youth."



Helps Clubs Inspire Kids to BE GREAT and Graduate

One every 26 seconds - that's the estimated pace at which America's young people are dropping out of high school to face an uncertain future of poverty, crime and failure. To help combat this epidemic, Boys & Girls Clubs of Spokane County is participating in a new drop-out prevention initiative from Boys & Girls Clubs of America, and generously funded by ConocoPhillips. **BE GREAT: Graduate**, introduced in the fall of 2009, is a comprehensive intervention program built on the University of Minnesota's Check and Connect model developed in 1990. In 2009, only 68% of students in Spokane Schools graduated high school according to Education Week. Moreover, dropouts from the class of 2008 will cost the nation more than \$319 billion in lost wages, taxes and productivity over their lifetime. **BE GREAT: Graduate** targets young people most at risk for dropping out of school.

Boys & Girls Clubs of Spokane County will track 50 youth over the next four years using the **BE GREAT: Graduate** model, and monitor the early warning signs of dropping out - also known as the ABC's - attendance, behavior, and course failure. Clubs will work closely with six schools in both the Spokane and Mead School Districts to better ensure the academic success of every child. The program will enhance home, school, and Club partnerships and communication. Through Club programming and developing relationships with mentors, the Club will monitor these youth daily. Data collected from this multi-year study will be collated and used by Johns Hopkins University.

Boys & Girls Clubs of Spokane County can make a difference. In many cases, Boys & Girls Clubs have become the last best hope for children and families in the communities that we serve by helping young people build supportive relationships with trusted caring adults and form positive relationships with their peers.

"We do not look to replace schools, but close the gap by creating a hope-filled environment where children are not labeled as slow or troubled, but rather afforded access to all of the necessary resources to succeed while building an even stronger foundation," says Alise Delzell, Operations Director of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Spokane County.

We are looking for college students, professionals, and retirees who want to become a mentor for this program. Through this mentorship program you would be paired with a child for one year and would meet with them once a week for two hours to have fun with one another at the Club and help with homework when needed. If you are interested or would like more information about this program, contact Alise Delzell at the Northtown Branch at (509) 489-0741 or at adelzell@bgcspokanecounty.org.

RIDE FOR THE BRAND



BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF SPOKANE COUNTY

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19TH

COFFEE & CLUB TOUR

7:00 AM - 7:30 AM

ONE CAMPAIGN BREAKFAST

7:30 AM - 9:00 AM

SPECIAL GUEST & KEYNOTE SPEAKER: JAMES P. OWEN



Although the Code of the West was unwritten, every cowboy knew what it was. The Ten Principles are Jim Owen's distillations of the timeless, universal cowboy values that are still relevant to our lives today. They are at the heart of cowboy ethics and of Jim's book, *Cowboy Ethics: What Wall Street Can Learn from the Code of the West*.

TEN PRINCIPLES TO LIVE BY

- 1 - LIVE EACH DAY WITH COURAGE
- 2 - TAKE PRIDE IN YOUR WORK
- 3 - ALWAYS FINISH WHAT YOU START
- 4 - DO WHAT HAS TO BE DONE
- 5 - BE TOUGH, BUT FAIR
- 6 - WHEN YOU MAKE A PROMISE, KEEP IT
- 7 - RIDE FOR THE BRAND
- 8 - TALK LESS AND SAY MORE
- 9 - REMEMBER THAT SOME THINGS AREN'T FOR SALE
- 10 - KNOW WHERE TO DRAW THE LINE

In his presentation, Jim Owen speaks from the heart about the relevance of Old West values— like honor, loyalty and courage — to the challenges of 21st-century life. In words, images, and music, he shows why the cowboy is such an enduring American icon — and why everybody needs a code to live by. Jim has already spoken before dozens of business groups, colleges and universities, non-profit organizations and trade associations all across the country.

A phenomenal speaker and human being, we are honored to have Jim Owen join us at the One Campaign Breakfast to share his passion with the Spokane community and Club supporters. Please visit our web site or contact Erin Freehan at 509-489-0741 or efreehan@bgcspokanecounty.org for additional information and/or to register as a guest or table captain.