



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS  
OF SPOKANE COUNTY**

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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

## Executive Director Report

Ryan Davenport

*"There is a high school dropout epidemic in America. Each year, almost one-third of all public high school students - and nearly one half of all black, Hispanic and Native Americans - fail to graduate from public high schools with their class. Many of these students abandon school with less than two years to complete their high school education."*

*\*Source -John Bridgeland, The Silent Epidemic, 2006*

If you are anything like me you cringe a little every time you hear this horrific figure. This is however our reality and it is having a huge impact on our community and country. We at the Club feel this is the number one issue facing young people today and we are dedicated to ensuring that the youth who attend our Clubs have the support, resources and expectations they need to achieve academic success. We cannot do this alone however. As this holiday season grows closer, I encourage you to show your support by sending \$31.00 to help us continue our efforts of positively addressing this unacceptable number.

Thank you for all you do for our Clubs and please know your efforts are helping to shape and change the life of a child today.

Wishing you a Happy Holiday Season,

Ryan Davenport

Check out our new website at  
[www.bgcspokanecounty.org](http://www.bgcspokanecounty.org)

**Save Your Table NOW**  
8th Annual Auction for the Boys & Girls Clubs of Spokane County

## Be a Hero for Kids

**Who:** Friends of the Boys & Girls Club

**What:** Silent and Live Auction

**When:** Friday, February 19, 2010, Doors Open at 5 p.m.

**Where:** Northern Quest Casino

**Table Sponsorship Costs:** \$1,500 and includes:

Four course dinner for eight, three bottles of wine, and an exclusive live performance by the



**Reserve Your Table by December 31, 2009 and Receive a Complimentary  
Bottle of Champagne for Your Table.  
RSVP Today at (509) 489-0741**



**31%** of freshmen starting high school in Spokane County will not graduate with their class. **One out of three!** There is an organization that's dedicated to doing something about that, The Boys & Girls Clubs\* of Spokane County.

**\*90% of Boys & Girls Clubs' alumni graduate from high school. Source: Harris Poll**

**OUR GOAL: 3,100 people in Spokane County donating just \$31 each.**

**It just takes one...**  
One person to make a difference in the life of a child. Are you the one? Support the Boys & Girls Clubs of Spokane County and our goal to help reduce this unacceptable percentage of high school drop outs. Go to [bgcspokanecounty.org](http://bgcspokanecounty.org) and donate your \$31 and to learn more about Boys and Girls Clubs, or call us at 509.489.0741 to donate by phone.

**Boys & Girls Clubs of Spokane County - The Positive Place for Kids.**

[www.bgcspokanecounty.org](http://www.bgcspokanecounty.org)

# Did you know?

That Boys & Girls Club members have read over

# 10,000

minutes since September. Our goal is to read 30,000 minutes by the end of the 2009/2010 school year!!



(Above) Members compete for costume contest.

## Trunk-or-Treat Brings Treats but no Tricks!

On October 30th, the Club celebrated its Fourth Annual Trunk-or-Treat at the Northtown Clubhouse. Over 500 participants came out for the spooktacular event that included a Halloween carnival, costume contest, and over forty decorated car trunks passing out candy. The great turnout this year was due to the overwhelming support of the community; the Club had more car trunks than ever before donated through the Board of Directors, Gonzaga University students, local businesses and Club families. "During these difficult economic times, the Club couldn't have pulled this event off without the tremendous support of our volunteers and candy donations from our local grocery stores," said Alise Delzell, Operations Director for the Boys & Girls Club. This year, the Club was recognized for its efforts of providing a safe alternative to trick-or-treating by KHQ 6 News and several radio stations. "We look forward to volunteering again next year, this was so much fun," said Mike Rusk from ZLB Plasma Center.

## Numerica Invests in America's Future

Numerica Credit Union stepped up to the plate last May in providing the Club 20 brand new monitors and 20 refurbished workstations. Like the Club, Numerica Credit Union has a strong commitment to the needs of the community where they live and work, and that is why their giving focus for 2009 is on projects that support children. That's why it was easy for Numerica to choose the Club as their recipient of a new computer lab, because we too want to make sure that our members are receiving the best education to continue in building a better community. Cutting edge technology in our tech lab is vital to ensure our members are receiving skills in both internet safety and computer literacy, especially since many of our members do not have computer access at home. This year alone, we have had over 250 members graduate from the NetSmartz program, ensuring that our members are both knowledgeable and safe while surfing the net. Technology has also been used in our Club to promote education through programs like PowerHour and Foreign Language. Our new computers capture the interests of all our members while giving them the technological edge necessary to be successful in today's high tech world.



(Above) Numerica team with Club members



(Above) Paige and Quintin with Mayor Verner

## Spokane First to Start Exchange Program

Local Club members represented the Boys & Girls Clubs of America in its first year of the International Club Exchange Program with the Boys & Girls Clubs of England. Spokane was chosen to represent the BGCA out of more than 1,000 Clubs across the United States last fall. The Boys & Girls Club selected Spokane's Youth of the Year, Quintin Norris (age 17) and runner-up, Paige Hines (age 18) with the chance of a lifetime to travel to the English countryside July 27th through August 13th. While in England, Norris and Hines stayed with local Clubs in Manchester and Essex, participated in a week long camp in the Lake District, and enjoyed all that London has to offer. After returning to Spokane, Hines commented, "It has been such a great experience that will not be forgotten. Seeing all the Clubs and different cultures, even the accents have been such an amazing opportunity for someone like me." (Story continues on to page 7)

## Exchange Program (continued from page 2)

The Spokane Club was fortunate enough to host two members from the Clubs in England for the month of July. Charlotte, 18, from the Manchester Club and Sam, 18, from the Essex Club both enjoyed interacting with the local youth and participating in the Club programs. "I absolutely love these kids. I can't wait to move to Spokane someday," said Charlotte.

The Club teens raised enough money to take Charlotte and Sam to Seattle for three days to visit Clubs on the west side. It wasn't all business though, the teens were also able to take in the sights such as the Seattle Space Needle, Pike Place Market, and the Seattle Aquarium.

Due to the enormous success of this program, both Clubs have agreed to continue the program for the summer of 2010. Funds for the trip are already being raised by the Club's teen leadership group, Keystone, in anticipation.

## Spokane Indians Win Big for Club Kids

On Friday, August 31st Club members and their families were treated to a night at the Spokane Indians baseball game with all the fixings, including hotdogs, soda pop, and popcorn.

Through the generosity of Associated General Contractors, the Club was given 40 tickets to treat our members and their families to a sold out game.



Erik and Allison Larson enjoying the game with their children, Dakota age 10, Dayton age 8, Camden age 7, and Daxton age 4

Erik Larson, a father of four, who's children started attending the Club after his wife was laid off in March said, "We have been praying recently that something would change so that we could do something super fun with the kids, that would be memorable over the summer." Through the continued support of local companies, the Club is able to provide families like the Larson's to have a family night out that they would normally not be able to afford. "I can't thank you enough for this awesome memory! You are an inspiration of hope and generosity," Larson said.

## Fred Meyer Funds Epidemic



(Above) Lisa working in the Discovery room on homework

The Club was awarded a \$20,000 grant from Fred Meyer to fund a breakthrough program that focuses on preventing the high school dropout epidemic in Spokane County.

With recent reports showing that 31 percent of students are dropping out of Spokane schools the Club is more determined than ever to ensure that Club members are graduating from high school.

Studies show the Boys & Girls Clubs are uniquely positioned to play a vital role in improving high school graduation rates, especially among at-risk youth.

The new program funded by Fred Meyer, "Every Member, Every Year" launched this October. The Boys & Girls Club partnered with neighboring schools to identify 30 Club members that are showing the three indicators for possible dropout, low class attendance, poor behavior, and course failure.

A portion of the Fred Meyer grant is being used to fund our new Education Director, Christy Bauer. Bauer has her masters in education from Eastern Washington University and oversees the program by providing guidance to members in meeting their behavioral and academic goals through working with their teachers, counselors, and parents.

Julia Lockwood, the principal at Longfellow Elementary said, "This is exactly what these kids need, support systems that communicate with each other to make sure they are succeeding."

The program has already received overwhelming praise from the local schools, both at the elementary and high school levels.



## Save the Date



January 7  
Art Exhibit

February 10  
Annual awards Night

February 19  
Annual Auction

February 22  
Soccer Registration begins

**(Stewards continued)**

Ottersen, Guy  
Party In A Bag  
Pathology Associates Medical Laboratories  
Peak Performance  
Pearson, Larry and Cathy  
Peters and Sons  
Peterson Dental  
Peterson, John  
Peterson, Mark  
Philly, Christopher  
Phipps, Dr. and Mrs. Gerald  
Pioneer Baseball League  
Pitney Bowes-Global Impact  
Pizza Hut  
Planet Beach  
Platinum Towncar Service  
Portrait Creations  
Poser, Sharon  
Postlethwaite Chiropractic  
Prairie Falls Golf Course  
Premera Blue Cross  
Pring, Brad and Terra  
Rae's Beauty Supply  
Rasmussen, Heidi  
Red Lion Hotel-Lewiston  
Repp, Rick  
Richardson, Carli  
Riese, Carol  
Riggan, Nate & Darla  
Ringer, Danni  
Riverso, Peter and Lorrie  
Rock Placing Company  
Rosauers Supermarkets, Inc.  
Rowe, Randy and Stephanie  
Sampson, Donald  
Sandoval, David and Shirley  
Schafer, Paul  
Schlotzsky's Deli  
Schultz, Christine  
Schultz, Rose  
Scratch Rain Lounge  
Scuba Center of Spokane  
Seattle's Convention and Visitors Bureau  
Semeliss, Wade  
Sheraton Seattle Hotel  
Sky City Restaurant  
Smits, Brian and Diane  
Somerdar, Diane  
Sorenson, Larry  
Sound & Image Interiors  
Spackman, Brandon  
Spackman, Don  
Spokane Association of Realtors  
Spokane Chiefs Hockey Club  
Spokane Hotel & Motel Assiaton  
Spokane Interplayers Ensemble Theatre  
Spokane Shock  
Spoke 'N Sport Inc.  
Sports Creel  
St. Aloysius Parish  
Staples #486  
Starbucks Coffee Company  
State Protection Services  
Stewart, Nick  
Streets, Nancy  
Summit Capital  
Supervalu, Inc.  
Swank Boutique

Swinton, Duane & Janet  
T.G.I. Friday's  
Tennanbaum Capital Partners, LLC  
The Davenport Hotel and Tower  
The Leather Factory  
The Old Spaghetti Factory  
The Onion  
The Regence Employee Giving Campaign  
The Tin Roof  
Tomboy Tools  
Tonani, John  
Tonani, Tim  
Townshend Cellar  
Trisha B Watson Eye Brow Design  
U District Physical Therapy Foundation  
U. S. Bank  
Umbdenstock, Lauren  
United Way of Brown County  
United Way of King County  
United Way of Spokane County  
URM Cash & Carry  
Varallo, Christopher & Serina  
Veach, Pamela  
Vino! A WineShop  
Vital Forces  
Warren, Justin  
Washington Film Works  
Watts, Jordyn  
Weldon Barber  
Wells Fargo Community Support Campaign  
Wells, Keith  
Welsh, Jamie  
Wendle Motors  
Werschler Aesthetics  
Wessman, Joe  
White, Rob  
Wilcox, Cort and Valerie  
Williams, Gayle  
Williams, Michael & April  
Wilson, Mike and Carol  
Winfrey, Kami  
Wintersport  
Wolf Lodge Inn  
Wolfe Architect  
Wolfe, Jesse  
Wolford, Sue  
Wood, Eddie and Joy  
XS Wholesale Jewelers Incorporated  
YMCA of the Inland Northwest  
Yoke's Fresh Market  
Zepeda, Tracy  
Zwarg, Steve



2009 Golf Tournament

2009 has been a wonderful year for the 2,600 young people served by our Clubs this past year.

# THANK YOU

*To all of those that made 2009 so memorable for our youth!*

**Trustees: (\$10,000 +)**

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Ellsworth, Brian  
Gourmet Way  
Hansen, George and Deborah



2009 It Just Takes One Campaign

**(Sustainers continued)**

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 Spokane Overhead Door Inc.  
 Spokane Troika Triathlon Association  
 Telect  
 Tomlinson Affiliate Services, Inc.  
 Toone, Brian and Beth  
 UBS Financial Services, Inc.  
 US Tax Credit  
 Walker Construction, Inc.  
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 White, Crissy & Todd  
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 Anderson, Jason  
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 Angel, Tim  
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 Armstrong, Ann and Richard  
 Armstrong, Ann Marie  
 Atkins, Beverly  
 Audrey`s Boutique  
 Audubon Park Wellness  
 Auntie`s Bookstore  
 Bacon, Ken and Barbara  
 Bacon, Kent and Laura  
 Bainter, Annie  
 Bambino, Major  
 Bank of America United Way Campaign  
 Barbieri, Mark & Heather  
 Barnes & Noble Bookstore  
 Bastine, Juana  
 Bauer, Christy  
 Beacon Hill Catering & Events Beau k Florist

Beijo  
 Bell, Christopher  
 Benson, Mark  
 Berglund, Jeff  
 Better Health Massage Therapy  
 Beutler, Ann and John  
 Bischoff, Jacqueline  
 Bogard, Rebecca  
 Bollum, Terry  
 Bourekis, George  
 Branson, Jim and Christy  
 Brazil, Catherine  
 Briggeman, Thomas & Tomi  
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 Brown, Mickey and Sharon  
 Bruchi`s CheeseSteaks & Subs  
 Bruya, Ed and Katy  
 Butler, Sam  
 CABI  
 Cameron, Randy  
 Camp Automotive Inc.  
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 Camtek  
 Caputo, Kent  
 Carter, Terry  
 Casa de Oro-North  
 Cascade Coffee  
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 Central Pre-Mix Company  
 Chandler, Kathleen  
 Chapter BO of PEO  
 Chock, Kalae  
 Christiansen, Dave and Jill  
 Clarke Stephens Golf Shop  
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 Clements, Ryan & Beth  
 Cleveland, Ken  
 CoBank  
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 Cole, Avori  
 Collinge, Robert & Dorothy



*Temptations Performance at the 2009 Auction*

Columbia Paint & Coatings  
 Cook, Dave  
 Cook, Kenneth  
 Cook, Richard & Debbie  
 Cookies by Design  
 Copeland, Tony and LaDean  
 Costco Wholesale-Spokane No. 66  
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 Critzer, Gary and Teri  
 Cronin, Tim & Barbara  
 Daniels, Shamerica  
 Darling, James  
 Davis, Ryan  
 DeLeon Foods, Inc  
 DeLeon, Sergio  
 Delzell, Alise  
 deRoulet, John  
 Dickinson, Reid & Marty  
 Discount Tire Co. Inc.  
 Distefano`s Hair Salon  
 Divcon, Inc.  
 Dodson`s Jeweler  
 Doric, Inc.  
 Downtown Kitchen Design  
 Dullanty, Rick  
 Durkin, Tim  
 Durnford, Robert  
 Dutch Bros. Coffee  
 Eagles Ice-A-Rena  
 Egger Better Meats  
 Elements Therapeutic Massage  
 Elements Therapeutic Massage-South  
 Elite Electric of Washington II, Inc.  
 Ellingsen, Ron DDS  
 Engineered Control Systems  
 Etter, Frank & Patsy  
 Executive Women International  
 Exquisite Skin Therapy  
 Fackler, Curt and Tammy  
 Farmer, Jean & Samuel  
 Finders Keepers  
 Finney, Daniel  
 Focus on Shoes  
 Fontana Bread  
 Fontana Interior Design  
 Forster, Robert and Mary  
 Foster, Chris  
 Frank`s Diner  
 French, Al  
 Gee, Ryan and Jen  
 George, Richard  
 Ginger`s Therapeutic Massage  
 Global Impact  
 Gonzaga University  
 Gonzalez, Mike  
 Goodell, Timme  
 Gotzian, Jim  
 Goyen, Bill  
 Gregory, Mike  
 Gudgel, Vickie  
 Guthrie, Kevin and Jenny  
 Hadden, Chelsie  
 Halpins Pharmacy & Treasure Room  
 Harbaugh, Daniel  
 Harrington, Joe and Margaret  
 Haugen, Phil and Ricki  
 Heath, David  
 Herb, Nelson  
 Hertz, Jared  
 Hicks, Jessica  
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Hector, Robert & Donna  
 Holdren, Tamara  
 Hoskins, Wayne  
 Howard, Stacey & Donald  
 Howser, Martin  
 Hubbard, Skip  
 Hughes, James  
 Hunter, Charles  
 Hyndman, Emily  
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 Inland Capital LLC  
 Inland NW Car Club Council  
 Jacobsen, James & Lindsay  
 Jennifer Olson Weir, LMP  
 Jensen Distribution Services  
 Jerry Rochelle Insurance Agency, Inc.  
 Jigsaw Clothing Boutique  
 Johnson, Amanda  
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 Jones, Tony  
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 Kelli Dionne Design  
 Kelly, Terry  
 Kiwanis-Country Homes  
 Kobus, Michael  
 Kostelecky, Kari  
 KXLY Broadcast Group  
 LaRochelle, Ian  
 Latah Bistro  
 Latah Creek Winery & Gift Shop  
 Lenz, Sarah  
 Lewis, Jay  
 Lukins & Annis PS  
 Maas, Linda  
 Madison Home Furnishings and Floral  
 Manito Golf and Country Club  
 Manzak, Allan and Melody  
 Marjoni Marketing  
 Martin, Frank  
 Mary Kay Cosmetics - Melissa Diluzio  
 Mauer, Gerald  
 Mayo, Shawn  
 McDaniel, Ralph and Susan  
 McDowell, Mick and Shelly  
 Meador, Tami  
 Mercedes Benz of Spokane  
 Mikkelsen, Chris and Kris  
 Millard, Dawn  
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 Moloney, O`Neill, Corkery & Jones Inc.  
 Monson, Don  
 Monteon, Jesse  
 Morgan, Daniel  
 Mountain Gear  
 Mouser, Theresa  
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 Mumm, Candice  
 Murphy, Dan and Joyce  
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 Nance, James  
 NBC Camps  
 Neely, Jamie  
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