



BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF BENTON COUNTY

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2019 in Review

What a great year 2019 was for the Boys & Girls Club of Benton County. Here are just a few highlights from the year:



In March of 2019 we celebrated the accomplishments of our Youth of the Year winner, Shakira, at our annual Youth of the Year event. Shakira has been an active member of our Rogers Club for 3 years, during which time she served as President of the Keystone teen leadership club. She is a senior at Rogers High School and manages a full load of honors courses all while being an active leader in the Club and community.

SAVE THE DATE

Youth of the Year Gala



Time:
6 - 9:30 PM

Location:
John Q Hammonds Center

In May of 2019 we opened the doors to our new Teen Center in Rogers. The space includes a game room, technology center with computers and a Learning Center where teens can do homework and study. The new facility has the capacity for 80 members in 8th - 12th grade.



In August of 2019 we launched a new program, Girls Who Code, at our Rogers Teen Center and Bentonville Unit. The program equips young girls with the necessary computing skills, such as programming, robotics and web design, to pursue 21st century opportunities.

We can't wait to share more exciting news as the next twelve months unfold, but one thing is for sure: we are confident that 2020 will be a strong and exciting year for the Boys & Girls Club of Benton County.





BOYS & GIRLS CLUB
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MISSION

To enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens.

VISION

To ensure all kids who need us the most have access to a world-class Club experience, which ensures that success is in their reach, they graduate high school on time & they become productive members of the community.

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MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

Happy New Year! I can't believe it's been nine months since I joined the team here at BGCBC. The time has flown by and I couldn't be happier to be here. I am so proud of my staff and the Club for what we have accomplished this year and the steps we have taken to set ourselves up to better serve the community in the future. Success of any non-profit, however, is contingent on the support and generosity of the community, corporations, individual donors and volunteers. We are extremely fortunate to live in such an amazing community that we call Northwest Arkansas; the generosity I have witnessed here has been overwhelming. I can't thank our supporters enough for their time, energy, moral and financial support because we couldn't do what we do without you.

As we head into 2020, I am extremely excited about what lies ahead as we continue our mission to enable our youth to achieve their full potential. As they say, it takes a village to raise a child and I'm proud of the role that Boys & Girls Club plays in helping our kids stay healthy, get good grades and make better decisions. Here's to a great 2020!



Sincerely,

Matt Taliaferro

Whatever It Takes to Build Great Futures.

At BGCBC we never take a single approach when it comes to helping kids succeed.

We believe it takes a safe environment, skilled staff and high-quality programs to ensure kids have a great future. For 28 years, we have relentlessly provided young people with the guidance to be innovative, brave and confident. We are boys & girls & tech & tutoring & fitness & arts & music and so much more.



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2019 Club Highlights

Bella Vista



Bella Vista staff members frequently visited Club members at their schools during lunch time. Lots of smiles ensued! We love how dedicated our staff members are to the Boys & Girls Club mission and how passionate they are about the service they provide the youth in the community.

Pea Ridge



The Pea Ridge Unit hosted its 2nd Annual Mini Prom and Spaghetti Dinner, which served as both a fundraiser and recruitment tool. They raised \$350 and served 20 non-club members. The night was a hit with dancing, king and queen announcements, and dinner!

Rogers



The Rogers Club hosted a Halloween Party for Club Members & their families. It was a big hit and everyone had a lot of fun dressing up in costumes, eating pizza, playing games & winning prizes. There was also a "haunted" cave with fog, strobe lights and music where everyone could dance.

Rogers Teen Center



What a great day of giving back! In December, our Rogers' teens had a great time partnering with the Salvation Army to prepare and serve a meal during the holidays. These youth set a great example of what it means to give back to the community.

Bentonville



In September, Bentonville Club members learned how to prepare for emergencies on National Readiness Day. The fire department and 911 dispatchers came to the Club to teach the kids how to stay safe in case of an emergency. Club members learned about fire drills, stranger awareness, weather emergencies, and all things safety.

Bentonville Teen Center



Bentonville Keystone members hosted their first Speak Up Mental Health Awareness Event. Teens broke out into small groups to have open and honest conversations, shared their stories, and to unify as a support system for one another. Teens also were able to ask a licensed mental health professional questions about depression, anxiety, and how to positively find help if needed.

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



A BIG THANK YOU

A group of 21 members from Walmart's Black Tech Network volunteered at the Bentonville location on December 6th. These hard-working volunteers helped give the Club a much needed makeover by painting, cleaning, organizing storage sheds and straightening up books in the Learning Center.

We are so grateful to these volunteers, and to every volunteer who comes through our doors, for choosing to take time out of their busy lives to help our Clubs. Your support makes all the difference!

*To learn more about volunteer opportunities at our Clubs, please contact Jessica Roux
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CLUB MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Zoe Cheshire, 8, Pea Ridge Club

How many years coming to the Club:

3

Favorite thing to do at the Club:

I like playing Surface in the gym

One way the Club has helped you:

It helped me have fun after school and make new friends.

What you like to do in your spare time:

Gymnastics and watch 5 minute crafts!

What is something unique about you?

I'm funny and always willing to help a friend!



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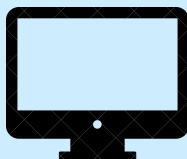
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When most people think about making a charitable gift, they think of giving cash. While we appreciate gifts of any kind to help support our Club and our members, there are many ways you can give and benefit from making a gift of other assets—such as real estate, annuities, life insurance, bequests, IRA roll-overs and more.

To learn more, contact
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Donate a Wish List Item!

We serve over 3,000 kids in the community, so we are ALWAYS in need of supplies for our Clubs.

These items include:

- books
- candy
- copy paper
- art supplies
- office supplies
- board games
- school supplies
- sports equipment
- cleaning supplies
- personal hygiene items

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