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A Message From The Executive Director

In 2016, the Boys & Girls Club of Chester (BGCC) successfully completed its Strategic Plan goals which included: 1) Building Program Capacity and Outreach; 2) Strengthening Financial Stability; 3) Formalizing Governance & Infrastructure, and 4) Fostering Responsiveness and Connectedness of Board Members. The completion of these goals allowed BGCC to develop new programs; expand existing programs; improve financial systems; increase membership; multiply community outreach efforts; and increase board participation. Increases in program capacity is highlighted by:

BGCC Scuba Diving Program, taught by divers from the **National Association of Black Scuba Divers** and the **Atlantic Rangers**, was a major success. 4 young people received skin diver's certification and 3 youth received national diver certifications. This experience was both triumphant and humbling for me as I witnessed inner city youth, with minimal water experience, overcome their fears, take a risk and excel in this sport. Kudos Young Divers!

Our **Gardening & Nutrition Program**, was awarded **1st Place in Delaware County Cooperative Extension Garden Contest** and **1st Place in the Statewide PA Search for Excellence Contest**. I am particularly grateful to the **Delaware County Master Gardeners** for their commitment to BGCC helping to provide our youth with fun and engaging STEM activities while extending the learning day.

Our largest program, **Face Forward II (FFII)** enrolled and supported 187 court-involved youth, ages 14-20 years old by providing case management, social work, career development, workforce preparation, mentoring, and academic enrichment services.

As an organization, BGCC's overall value to youth was evidenced through data generated by our **2016 National Youth Outcomes Initiative**, sponsored by Boys & Girls Club of America.

- 100% of BGCC members abstain from smoking cigarettes
- 89% of BGCC members abstain from drinking alcohol
- 82% of BGCC members reported feeling safe
- 79% expect to complete a 4 year college or better.
- 77% reported not skipping school

As an Executive Director, I realize that continuous quality improvement is paramount. However, each day at the Boys & Girls Club of Chester confirms my confidence in the collective power of community, united with the shared belief that **ALL youth deserve a successful today and a successful tomorrow**. Thank you all for this amazing opportunity.



Robotics & Scuba Diving Program

THIS PAST SUMMER...

- o Traylen Sadler & David Robison became Certified Open Water Divers
- o Daniel Murray became a Certified Scuba Diver
- o Sherry Dyitt-Stokes, Ice'Zhane Lee, Yan Rivera-Zays & Terrance Brown became Certified Skin Divers



Boys & Girls Club of Chester Master Gardeners Win Search for Excellence Award

BGCC Master Gardeners were recognized for their outstanding contribution to the Chester community with the Search for Excellence Award presented at the bi-yearly state conference in State College, PA. **The Delaware County Master Gardeners were Awarded 1st Place in the Youth Category** at the 2016 State Conference, for their "Gardening and Better Nutrition Program" at the Boys & Girls Club of Chester.

GREAT FUTURES START HERE.

MEMBERSHIP

Become a Member Today!



Dr. Fulani with FFII Youth & Staff

Visit Our Website TODAY and Download a Membership Application

For the cost of only \$30 per year, the Boys & Girls Club of Chester welcomes children between the ages of 6-18 who are interested in taking advantage of our wonderful activities. On average, the Boys & Girls Club of Chester serves over 100 kids per day.

OUR GOALS

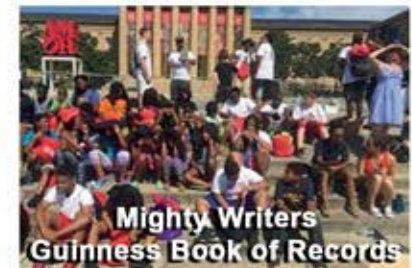
- To provide a home away from home.
- To provide vocational counseling and career guidance.
- To provide and create an adequate learning environment.
- To help combat youth idleness and help curtail juvenile delinquency.
- To help develop athletic skills and create good attitudes.
- To help combat teenage drug and alcohol use.
- To increase the awareness of the general public to the existence of The Boys & Girls Club of Chester and its service to the community.
- To support our present and future programming and activities of The Boys & Girls Club of Chester through effective solicitation and corporate giving.



Activity & Recreation



Chess Club



Mighty Writers
Guinness Book of Records



Built to Explore Event



Pancake Breakfast
& Aviation Field Trip



Delco Master Gardeners



Al Motley
Youth Summit



BGCC Dance Team
Widener Univ. Cheerleaders



Geena White
WCU College Intern



Tyreke Evans
National Celebrity



Blacks in Wax Museum

PROGRAMS



After school homework help and tutoring to ensure academic enrichment for all ages.



Teaching through technology, computer and digital photography instruction.



Face Forward II

Addressing the employment barriers of court-involved youth.



Teaching gardening, farming and horticulture in our garden along with healthy eating and cooking lessons.



Youth learn scuba diving and underwater exploration along with building underwater robotic devices for competition.



Mentors promoting responsibility and trust through sports and career exploration.



Activities used to empower young ladies; teaching them self confidence and how to use their skills to better themselves and the world around them.



Mentoring youth through art, expression and poetry to promote cultural awareness and awareness of self.



Enjoy swimming, trips, horseback riding, activities and game time when you join us for the coming summer camp session.



BGCC HIGHLIGHTS



Student of the Week

Favorite Movie: Blink Man

Favorite Color: Orange

Favorite Food: Spanish Rice

Favorite TV Show: Disney Channel

"I like coming to the club because it's fun, there are kids I can play with and the people here are nice."

Dancing Dolls Bakery



Originated as part of the Villanova Youth Entrepreneurship Program; founders Navaye Sadler, Ciani Motley, Paige Evans Gabriel Allen & Da'Myah Ware, have been successful entrepreneurs and philanthropists donating a percentage of their proceeds back to the Club.

SO GET YOUR REQUEST IN! BAKE SALES WILL BE HELD ONCE A MONTH.



Way to Go Chan! Face Forward II

Chan is an 18 year old Chester native who was first introduced to the Juvenile Justice system as a result of an altercation she had at school. During her meeting with her probation officer she was informed about the **FFII Program**. Chan has completed the **FFII Program** and is attending **Pennsylvania Institute of Technology's Accelerated Nursing Program** and is working. When asked what advice she would have for an angry teenager, struggling through life; her response was... *"Stay off the streets and get your education...it's the only way out."*

Thank You

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