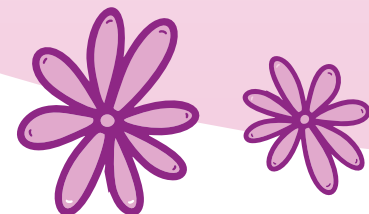




MARCH 18TH 9:00AM - 3:00PM



The Boys & Girls Clubs of South Alabama proudly presents the 3rd Annual Advocates For Girls Empowerment Conference. This conference serves as a supportive and informative space for young girls to gain knowledge, guidance, and empowerment, fostering a sense of confidence and resilience as they navigate their journeys into adulthood. This year's theme is "confidently resilient." This conference features a dynamic program where participants will delve into a series of breakout sessions exploring critical topics such as self-esteem, mental health, financial literacy, and physical well-being. Beyond discussions, girls will participate in a range of activity sessions to foster holistic growth. From dance, art, and yoga to improv and more, we aim to encourage creativity, self-expression, and personal development. Youth outside of the Boys & Girls Clubs are asked to pay a \$10 reservation fee.

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MENTORING OUR GIRLS THROUGH ART



Art instructor Soynika Edwards-Bush

A few of our Club kid's works of art were on display at the Mobile West Regional Library. This exhibit of works from the Jazz Art Writers South (J.A.W.S.) event was on display for the month of September. The collection included 27 paintings from children ages 8–18 who are members of the Sonny Callahan, Bernard Malkove, and Kiwanis Clubs, as well as students from ACCEL Academy. Local artist, Soynika Edwards-Bush shared a selection of jazz classics with the children at each campus and asked them to find inspiration in expressing their own unique interpretations of jazz music on canvas! The exhibit debuted at the Marx Library University of South Alabama and was made possible from a collaboration with the Mobile Arts Council.



Winter 2024 Newsletter



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GIRLS LEADING THE FUTURE



We are thrilled to announce that Za'Ryah has won our annual holiday card design contest! Za'Ryah is a member of our Kiwanis Branch and her creativity and colorful design truly stood out among many beautiful drawings. Thank you, Za'Ryah, and all our Club kids for sharing your artistic talents with us. Wishing you a season filled with warmth, happiness, and endless inspiration!

The focus of Advocates for Girls is to Educate, Engage and Empower. We were formed to provide a platform for women in the community to learn about and address issues faced by girls and young women today. Advocates for Girls offers opportunities for the Advocates to directly support Boys & Girls Clubs of South Alabama programs which address those issues, with their time, talents and financial resources. We empower other women to become Advocates and make a "forever" difference in the lives of girls and young women in our community.





Full Membership benefits include the opportunity to:

- Create Great Futures for girls
- Have your advocacy acknowledged on BGCSA's website, Facebook page & other social media platforms
- Volunteer as a tutor, guest speaker and/or field trip chaperone
- Provide job shadowing opportunities for girls

Annual Membership: \$500/Annually or \$42/Month
Young Professional: \$300/Annually or \$25/Month



ALUMNI, ELANNE EATON

Exciting news! Elanne Eaton, our 2019 Youth of the Year from the Bernard Malkove Branch, has written a brand new children's play, captivating audiences in Mobile! Elanne caught the acting bug as a junior at Baker High School and performed in Aida in her senior year. She says "That's when I realized how much I loved it." As the Youth of the Year, she had the chance to sing at the Boys & Girls Clubs of America National Conference in Houston in 2019. She went on

to study theater at Alabama State University and graduated this past May.

After returning home to Mobile, she combined her love for working with children and her love for theater by starting "le P.Y.T. Productions" (Performing Young Talents) sponsored by Bethesda Christian Center. Elanne's new play, "On This Soul Holiday" is about discovering who you are and learning to love yourself.



DISTINGUISHED YOUNG WOMEN



This past June, we had some special guests from the Distinguished Young Women Program visit the Optimist Club. Each summer, high school senior girls from all 50 states descend on Mobile, the birthplace of the program, for the National Finals. Thank you for visiting our Club!



EWI READING RALLY



Thank you to our very own Alycia Young and Executive Women International (EWI) for hosting a Reading Rally for our Sonny Callahan Branch! EWI members Melinda Edwards, Marcine Lang, and Leslie Phillips brought a Taco Tuesday feast, as well as a book goodie bag for each child that attended. Making reading fun is essential component for academic success. Thank you, EWI!



THANK YOU TO OUR CIRCLE MEMBERS

As the mother of a young girl, I know how important it is for the young women and girls who are members of Boys & Girls Clubs of South Alabama to receive nurturing, encouragement and opportunities in order to reach their full potential. I would like to personally thank each one of you who are supporting BGCSA's Advocates for Girls Giving Circle, with your gifts, time and talents. Because of you, we are able to meet the needs of our girls and help them to prepare to become tomorrow's leaders. Sincerely,

Angela Dunn
Angela Dunn, Chair
BGCSA Board of Directors



GIRLS WISH LIST

We are collecting feminine hygiene products for distribution to girls in need. Feminine products of all types, sizes, and absorbency are needed. They may be dropped off at our Administrative Office, or ordered online to be shipped to us from our Walmart or Amazon wish lists linked on our website www.bgcsouthal.org/giving-societies

