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Doing Whatever It Takes to Continue Building Great Futures



BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
OF SOUTH ALABAMA



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Chief Philanthropy Officer
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Advocates For Girls Empowerment Conference

March 18TH 10:00AM - 3:00PM



EXPANDING OUR VISION

ADVOCATES FOR GIRLS
EMPOWERMENT CONFERENCE

CREATING RELATIONSHIPS & CHANGING LIVES

On Friday, March 18th the Advocates For Girls Women's Giving Circle held the **Expanding Our Vision Empowerment Conference** at the Junior League of Mobile's headquarters on North Sage Ave. Girls from 10-13 years old from the Boys & Girls Clubs of South Alabama were invited to attend this special event where they were mentored by women female leaders from the community. Despite the potential for bad weather, we had 47 women and girls participate.

The conference was held to engage, empower, and equip girls with the knowledge and skills to amplify their voices, be authentic versions of themselves, and propel them to pursue leadership roles in the future.

Our Social Media Director Tiffany Pogue planned the conference, and BGCSA's own Bri Burrell, Soynika Bush and Kim Collins joined other outstanding women from our community including Danielle Booth, Diane McCaskey, Jabaria Dent and Chris Gibson as Forum Panelists. Cassandra Burks, Private Banker at Renasant Bank and community leader, delivered the inspirational keynote address. Caitlyn Y. from Kiwanis Branch and G'Niya J. from the Malkove Branch were awarded scholarships to pursue their dreams of taking dance and art lessons.

"At Boys & Girls Clubs of South Alabama, we witness daily the impact of our programs specifically designed for girls," states Brenda Carlisle, BGCSA Chief Philanthropy Officer.

"They come from different circumstances, and some face challenges. However, they have the potential to excel and accomplish great things."

To become a member of Advocates for Girls, visit bgcsouthal.org or contact Brenda Carlisle at bcarlisle@bgcsouthal.org.

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**advocates
for girls**
women's giving circle

Corporate Spotlight SSAB

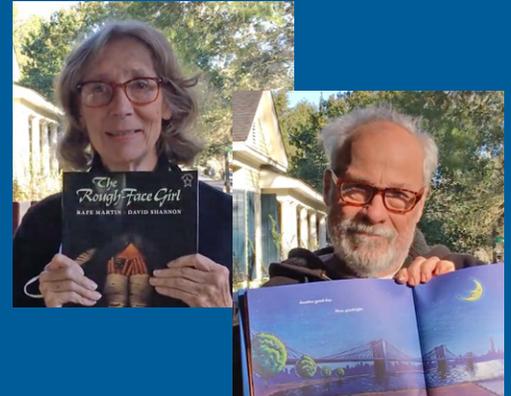
SSAB is a global market leader in steel production, and is headquartered in Stockholm, Sweden. With more than 14,000 employees nationwide, SSAB manufactures a wide range of quality steel products including advanced high-strength steels that are used in various industries. SSAB sells products both directly to end customers and to steel service centers which includes energy, heavy transport, construction equipment, and infrastructure.

SSAB's partnership with the Boys & Girls Clubs of South Alabama began eleven years ago, when a board member and SSAB employee, Ms. Felecia Hosey, approached a plant manager for support. But it wasn't until SSAB Special Steels President Mr. Johnny Sjöström, toured the Bernard Malkove Branch and was asked to become a judge for the 2022 Youth of the Year Scholarship Program when the relationship became personal. After hearing each candidate's personal story and essays, Mr. Sjöström said, "I was not expecting to be moved like this. They all deserve to win." Mr. Sjöström then decided to give not only the winner, but each participant, a scholarship award! Thank you, SSAB, for your continued support and commitment to doing Whatever It Takes to help us positively impact the lives of each young person that walks through our doors. Your eleven years of dedication to the Boys & Girls Clubs of South Alabama has helped to create great futures!

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Thank you Michelle Blake & Dennis McFarland



Michelle Blake and Dennis McFarland were introduced to Boys & Girls Clubs of South Alabama by their good friend, Amelia Bacon, a BGCSA Board of Directors member. Dennis stated, "We were deeply impressed by their dedication to helping the children in this area of Alabama. Later we attended a pancake breakfast at the Optimist Branch in Mobile, which featured a number of speakers and a talent show. Quite simply, we were instant believers!" Soon, they were "stars" of BGCSA's on-line "Let's Read, Mobile!" program, reading their favorite children's books.

Michelle says, "We hope in the future to offer the kids an opportunity to come over and learn how to grow vegetables. And now that pandemic restrictions are starting to lift, we also hope to do some tutoring at the Clubs."

Michelle and Dennis are now monthly donors, and have conducted a fundraising effort of their own among their vast network of friends. Their neighbors here in Mobile maintain a vegetable garden on the McFarland's property. Dennis says, "We look forward to an ongoing involvement with this wonderful and important organization, and we feel very grateful to have it in our lives."

BGCSA invites you to consider the many ways that you might become involved in helping to create great futures for "our kids." Contact Brenda Carlisle at bcarlisle@bgcsouthal.org for more information.

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LIVE ON
WKRG-TV5
JUNE 16TH**

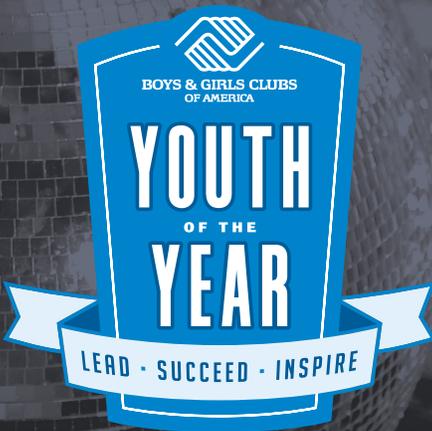


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OURFUTURE
TELETHON**
opening doors to great futures



**BY MAKING A PLEDGE YOU TOO CAN
TRANSFORM LIVES IN OUR COMMUNITY!
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**Youth of the Year
June 23RD
Begins at 11:30 AM**



**RENAISSANCE MOBILE RIVERVIEW PLAZA HOTEL
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Employee Spotlight **Jermaine West**



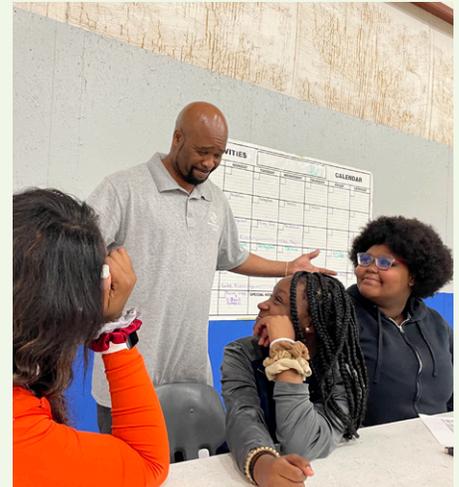
FROM MENTORING TO FATHERHOOD

Jermaine West, director of teen services at Boys & Girls Clubs of South Alabama, knows how change impacts youth. His 19-year career with BGCSA has allowed him to work in various Clubs serving as area director for five different Clubs in Mobile and Baldwin Counties. West attributes his longevity on the job to his passion for kids and youth development.

In college at Tuskegee University, he designed a summer camp curriculum while pursuing

studies in engineering. After obtaining his bachelor's degree, he sought employment working with teens. "It's something I always wanted to do-work with kids," West says. After graduation, he worked with the local YMCA and eventually worked with the BGCSA. Fortunately, their mission aligned with his goals of helping youth who need it most.

"There are so many distractions for teens," West says. "We want our Clubs to be an outlet for them as well as offer programming that prepares them socially and financially for adulthood."



However, his life changed when a Club kid participating in the job training program was experiencing some challenges asked to move in with him. West agreed, and his mentorship role quickly turned to fatherhood. West agreed to move Quinton in with him and says that was the best decision of his life. West is most proud of his son, a former Club kid and Trinity Gardens Youth of the Year who turned his struggles into triumphs. Quinton completed high school, graduated from Faulkner Community College, and studied social work at Tuskegee University.

West's experience shows how mentoring can change the trajectory of someone's life. The programs facilitated by staff and volunteers contribute to the success of those programs, and they work tirelessly behind the scenes to build those relationships.

West is most proud of the successes of Club alumni. Their success keeps him motivated to do his best. "All kids have different paths to success. Success means making a living being law-abiding, productive citizens in society. That's a success," West says.

To learn more about mentoring or volunteering with Boys & Girls of South Alabama, please visit bgcsouthal.org/volunteer.

Parent Spotlight **CASE McCOY**

Meet Case McCoy, the father of two of our Semmes Club members. Case has entrusted us with his children everyday after-school for the past two years! While he works, his children receive hands-on homework help, after-school snacks, positive mentors, and fun activities to stimulate their brains!

Our parents are the most critical component of our facilities. Thank you Case, and thousands of other Club parents, for trusting us and believing in our mission to create #GreatFutures in South Alabama.



In the Community **MLK DAY OF SERVICE**

In 1994, Congress passed the King Holiday and Service Act, designating the Martin Luther King Jr. Federal Holiday as a national day of service. Taking place each year on the third Monday in January, the MLK Day of Service calls for Americans from all walks of life to work together

to provide solutions to our most pressing national problems. The MLK Day of Service empowers individuals, strengthens communities, bridges barriers, creates solutions to social problems, and moves us closer to Dr. King's vision of a "Beloved Community."

We honor the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. by educating our youth. Every year on the MLK Day of Service, our Club members go out to serve their communities. To celebrate this year, teens from our Semmes Branch suited up in their safety vests to help clean up their surrounding environment.

Our Optimist Boys & Girls Club hosted their very own MLK Jr. Day program. They brought in Deacon Curtis and Mt. Olive Baptist Church to inform our Club members about lesser-known African history.

"The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically. Intelligence plus character—that is the goal of true education."

- MLK Jr.



Summer **Day Camp**



Your Daily Adventure

Summer Day Camp at Camp Chandler-Tonsmeire has exciting outdoor weekly sessions for children in grades 1-8. Daily activities include archery, hiking, games, canoeing, crafts, sports and swimming! There will be camps from June 6th - July 22nd that run Monday through Friday from 7:30 am - 5:30 pm. To learn more about our summer camps, visit our website at bgcsouthal.org/camp or call 251-423-2180.

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VIRTUAL GULF COAST CHILDREN'S BOOK FESTIVAL

READ.LEARN.ACHIEVE

Boys & Girls Clubs of South Alabama is inviting teachers and students to our virtual children's book festival for 2022. This free event features author interviews, book spotlights, and free book giveaways for an entire class! The virtual book festival is part of the BGSCA "Read, Learn, Achieve Initiative." The initiative also includes The Blue Roof Library Trail for getting books into the hands of children and Let's Read Mobile, our storytime video program of popular children's books read aloud by community volunteers. To help with this initiative, contact Rosa Monteiro, Director of Academic Success at rmonteiro@bgcsouthal.org.

MAY 3TH

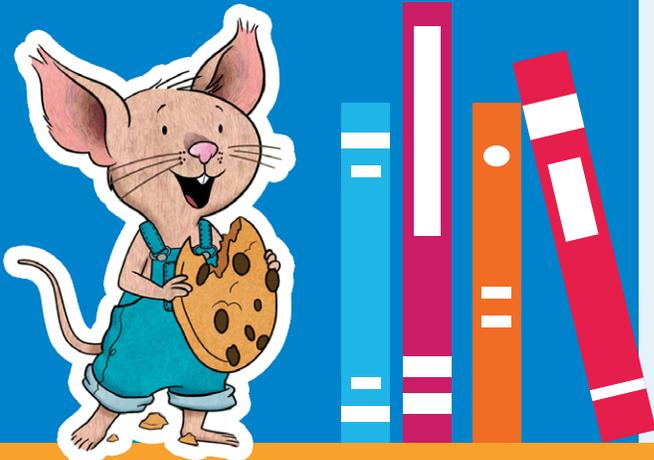
PREK - 1ST GRADE 1PM-2PM

MAY 4TH

2ND - 3RD GRADE 1PM-2PM

MAY 5TH

4TH - 5TH GRADE 1PM-2PM



Honor, Courage, Commitment NAVY WEEK



February 21 - March 1, 2022, was Navy Week in Mobile. Navy Week is a series of outreach events coordinated by the Navy Office of Community Outreach designed to give Americans an opportunity to learn about the Navy, its people, and its importance to national security and prosperity. Since 2005, the Navy Week program has served as the Navy's flagship outreach effort, providing the public a firsthand look at why the Navy matters to Mobile. Sailors from across the nation volunteered in the community and Boys & Girls Clubs of South Alabama and discussed why the Navy matters



to local and surrounding communities.

Navy members visited the Kiwanis Branch and talked to the members about their job and the USS Constitution as well as a demonstration with robots. Director Cory Penn had the opportunity to give RDML English a tour of the Club and the kids loved hearing about the Navy!



The Semmes Branch also had a visit from Explosive Ordnance Disposal and Meteorology and Oceanography Command that gave a presentation of the high tech technology that the Navy currently uses. Club kids were excited to be able to inspect a drone that is used for searching out mines.

Navy Fleet Ambassadors also visited the Bernard Malkove Branch on Cody Road and gave an Explosive Ordnance Disposal presentation.





Create Monthly Investment Plan For Success

By investing in today's young people you guarantee they will become the wholesome, well-balanced adults of tomorrow.

PLATINUM "ADVOCATE" STOCK \$84 / MONTH

A full year of programming for an youth including STEM, homework assistance, computer literacy, life skills programs, bullying prevention, healthy lifestyles, fine arts, arts programming, fitness and athletics.

Programming for a teen youth including STEM, financial literacy, career and workforce development, college tours, life skills programs, character and service learning, digital arts programming, fitness and athletics.

GOLD "HERO" STOCK \$63 / MONTH

Transportation to community service projects
 Career and workforce development tours
 One educational field trip for 50 children/teens

SILVER "BELIEVER" STOCK \$42 / MONTH

Full 8-week summer enrichment program for one child
 Repairs to Games Room equipment
 Provide attendance and achievement incentives for programs



BRONZE "FRIEND" STOCK \$21 / MONTH

Academic support supplies
 Food and supplies for Healthy Cooking classes
 Expenses for one #WeOwnFridays teen event

For individuals interested in making a larger impact, we offer two opportunities

General J. Gary Cooper Circle of Honor - \$1,000 - \$4,999

In recognition of Major General Cooper's outstanding leadership to his country and unwavering commitment to youth and teens in South Alabama.

Great Futures Ambassadors - \$5,000 - \$9,999

HOW WILL YOU BE REMEMBERED?

VISIONARY | INSPIRATIONAL | PHILANTHROPIC

These are just a few words used to describe donors who have made a planned gift to invest in the future generations of youth in our community.

WHAT IS A PLANNED GIFT?

Your planned gift gives future generations the programs, resources and guidance they need to help them achieve academic success, make healthy life choices, and develop the skills they need to reach their full potential.

There are several ways you can leave a legacy through a planned gift to Boys & Girls Clubs of South Alabama while enjoying tax and income benefits.

DEVELOP A LASTING LEGACY THAT POSITIVELY IMPACTS YOUTH FOR YEARS TO COME.

Bequest

Support the club in your estate, will, or living trust.

Life Insurance

Name the Club as a beneficiary of a life insurance policy.

Securities

Turn stock market gains into an investment in local youth.

Retirement Assets

Make a substantial gift while avoiding income and estate taxes.

Donor Advised Funds

Support the club with a designated gift from your DAF.

Gifts That Pay You Income

Benefit the Club while making your own retirement more secure through gift annuities, charitable remainder trusts, and charitable lead trusts.

Gift of Real Estate

Enjoy a tax deduction and avoid capital gains tax.





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This summer, you can help us meet our goal of providing 500 children the opportunity to enjoy an enriching and life-enhancing summer. **A gift of \$60 provides 1 kid a week of summer programming.** How many memories will you help create this summer? Thank you for your commitment and generous contributions.

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