

Because YOU cared

Doing Whatever It Takes to Continue Building Great Futures



BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
OF SOUTH ALABAMA



“Everything you’ve seen or heard about me began with lessons I learned to live by at the Club.”

Denzel Washington

Boys & Girls Clubs of
America Spokesperson

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Programs for Teenagers

Boys & Girls Clubs believe in strong leadership development experiences for teenagers. Youth participate through Keystone activities in three focus areas: academic success, career preparation and community service.



College Closet




National Keystone Conference



August was back to school for our college students! Through a generous donation from Target, our College Closet program provided some of our college students with dorm room must-haves. Good luck this year to Madison from the Semmes Branch, Amari from Optimist and Brandon from Sonny Callahan!

You can support Boys & Girls Clubs through the end of the year by voting in the Target Circle giving program.

[Learn more at target.com/circle.](https://www.target.com/circle)



NKC Some of our teen Keystone Members traveled to California this summer for the 2022 National Keystone Conference - also called The Great Comeback. Keystoneers attended the Gold and Legacy Social, various breakout sessions - Adulthood 101, I Stand for Peace, The Struggle is Real, #WEOWNFRIDAY, Keystone 101 and some Just for Fun Tracks. They also attended the Smart Girls Super Session and the Tell Your Story Super Session. After a day of learning, Keystoneers enjoyed a day at the happiest place on Earth - Disneyland.



"I was part of the 2022 National Keystone Steering Committee and I will be forever changed, because I was an integral part of creating the best National Keystone Conference thus far, 'The Great Comeback'!"
- Pam Thompson

10th Annual White-Spinner Fishing Trip



WHITE-SPINNER REALTY



The 10th Annual White-Spinner Realty Inc. Boys and Girls Club Fishing

Trip was very successful! Each year, White-Spinner Construction and White-Spinner Realty host up to 40 children, ages 9 through 12, for a day of fishing, fun and fellowship. The annual fishing trip allows area children the opportunity to learn about a new hobby while meeting potential mentors and friends. Each year, area captains and boat owners generously volunteer their time, deckhands, boats and fishing supplies to provide underserved children with this opportunity. Our Club Members had a chance to make fun lifetime memories out on the water. Thank you to Bradley Craig for volunteering your time and doing whatever it takes for our kids.



Holiday Gifts



With the holiday season approaching, we are starting to think about gifts for the special people in our lives. This year, consider a gift from our Africatown Shop.

Members of the Boys & Girls Clubs of South Alabama created a painting to represent the history of Africatown, with each letter depicting something about the region. The original painting has been photographed and applied to a variety of items available for purchase through our Africatown Shop. A gift from the shop not only will be well received, but 100% of the profits from merchandise sales will fund camp and educational experiences for any youth who live or attend school in the greater Africatown community.

[Shop at bgcsouthal.org/africatown.](http://shopatbgcsouthal.org/africatown)



EWI Book Rally

The Mobile Chapter of Executive Women International (EWI) held a book rally on Sept. 27th at the Sonny Callahan branch of the Boys & Girls Clubs of South Alabama. Executive Women International is a professional women's organization based on three core tenets: connections, careers, and communities. Alycia Young, EWI member and Manager of Donor Relations at Boys & Girls Clubs and Sharmyn Wall, Administrative Assistant at Airbus held a party with the kids complete with snacks while they watched the virtual book readings by EWI members. Each elementary-aged Club member received a bag stuffed with school supplies and swag from the EWI members, and our very own Director of Academics, Rosa Monteiro, gave each child a book of their own. The Club kids also had a special treat when Miss Mobile Bay, Brianna Burrell read them "Oh, the Places You'll Go!" by well-loved author Dr. Seuss.





31st Annual Mayor's Golf Tournament



LEXUS 31ST MAYORS' CUP GOLF TOURNAMENT

2022 Boys & Girls Clubs of South Alabama hosted its 31st Annual Lexus Mayors' Cup Golf Tournament on Friday, October 7, at Magnolia Grove Golf Course. Magnolia Grove is part of the Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail, a collection of public golf courses in Alabama.

This annual event presented by Lexus of Mobile is one of the oldest and most popular charity Golf Tournaments in the area and was a day filled with fun, camaraderie, and friendly competition. After a day of golf, participants enjoyed a steak dinner followed by the Mayors Cup awards presentation. Proceeds from the tournament allow BGCSA to continue providing high-impact activities and programs for thousands of

youth annually at six year-round Clubs, four summer-only programs, and summer camp programming at Camp Chandler-Tonsmeire.

This year, 40 teams played in the tournament with 160 golfers. Registration included green and cart fees, as well as, a hot dog lunch and a steak dinner



for a team of four. Participants won door prizes ranging from gift cards to golf apparel and other goodies. Congrats to the teams taking first-place honors:

- Crossings Team - Mitchell, McLeod, Pugh
- Falls Team - Hilburn Timber Company.

If you are interested in being involved in next year's tournament, contact Brenda Carlisle at (251) 432-1235 or bcarlisle@bgcsouthal.org.



"Anytime you are part of a corporation, you look for ways to be involved with and give back to good organizations. The Boys & Girls Clubs has always been a top organization to me."

- Craig Mathews, General Manager of Lexus of Mobile



2022 Tournament Photos



2022 Board Installation



Boys & Girls Club of South Alabama honors board members, staff, volunteers, and sponsors at their 2022 Board Installation Ceremony and Luncheon at Heron Lakes Country Club on Thursday, October 20.

Rev. David Frazier, Sr., 2022-23 Board Chairman and Board Members were officially installed by Judge Spiro

Cherigotis. Board members, staff, businesses, and non-profit organizations were recognized for their immeasurable contributions to the Clubs. Congratulations to award recipients and thank you to all our current and new board members for doing whatever it takes to create Great Futures for our kids.

Employee Spotlight

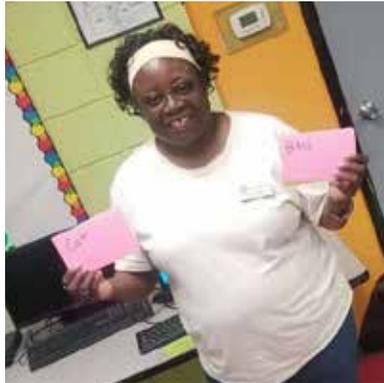
When Club kids, parents, and visitors walk through the doors of Kiwanis Boys & Girls Clubs, they're greeted by Paulette Anderson, the high-spirited, caring bus driver/membership clerk. She provides clerical support, maintains membership files, and transports Club kids.

"Language has a way of bringing people together. You learn to understand, communicate, accept differences and experience new cultures."

She's held this position since 2017 and views her responsibilities as more than a job. It's an experience. Club programs contribute to those successes through academic enrichment, sports, art, and leadership programs. Volunteers provide "something extra" by teaching quilting, knitting, cooking, and other crafts.

Seeing their reaction to learning sparked Anderson to share her gift of language by volunteering to teach Club kids Spanish and an 8-week course in American Sign Language (ASL). The self-described linguist is passionate about learning; she speaks conversational Spanish and is fluent in ASL. "I was amazed they learned so quickly," Anderson says.

She hopes more youth learn ASL and that schools will incorporate it into their curriculum. "It would enhance the school experience for hearing-impaired students seeking to communicate with their peers," Anderson says.



Parent Spotlight



Meet Corliss York, one of our Kiwanis Club Parents.

For the past 3 years, Corliss has been sending her child to our Kiwanis Branch while she assists patients at the Alabama Orthopedic Clinic. "The staff is very trustworthy and understanding," Corliss says.

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 Great Futures in South Alabama.

Become a Club parent by registering your child at bgcsouthal.org/clubs.



Torch Club

Torch Club is a chartered, small-group leadership and service club for boys and girls ages 11 to 13. Torch Club members learn to elect officers and work together to implement activities in four areas: service to Club and community; education; health and fitness; and social recreation.



Ross Dress for Less



To show their continued support in preparing today's youth for a brighter tomorrow, Ross Stores, Inc. partnered with Boys & Girls Clubs of South Alabama this past summer with a three-week program, "Help Local Kids Learn." Customers in Mobile and Baldwin County were able to make a monetary contribution at their local Ross Dress for Less location during checkout to be donated to the Boys & Girls Clubs. Several Club teens and youth were able to go to the stores to promote the program. They^o were overwhelmed with the amount of support from the local stores! "BGCA and Ross' strong partnership of many years is rooted in our shared commitment to help young people reach their full potential as productive, caring, and responsible citizens," said Fred Shuey, Senior Vice President of Ross Stores.



In Memoriam



The Optimist Boys & Girls Club's long time Boy Scout Master and mentor Deacon Fredrick Young passed away at the end of August. Deacon Young dedicated over 13 years volunteering as Scout Master to our members through Boy Scouts of America. He was truly loved and respected by our members and staff. Please keep the Young family and the Optimist family in your prayers. Rest in Peace Deacon Young.



Boys & Girls Club friend and Mount Vernon police officer Ivan Lopez was killed in a two-vehicle wreck this past August in Summerdale. Officer Lopez is remembered fondly by the Mt. Vernon club. He always checked in on the staff and kids at the Mt. Vernon summer program to make sure everything was okay. We send our condolences to Officer Lopez's family at this time and know that he will be greatly missed.

"Ivan Lopez was an officer who loved the community and the community loved him,"
- Chief C. Duncan Herrington



Optimist Cooking Club



We search for every opportunity to practice realistic life skills with our Club members, and our Optimist Branch Cooking Club is working to enhance cooking skills and build confidence levels in the kitchen. The kids in the cooking club have made homemade pizza and wings, fajitas, and even a lasagna. Their cooking skills are impressive! Teaching kids basic cooking skills sets them up to be self-sufficient as adults. It's also a great way to teach them about nutrition while making memories together.



Volunteer



Individual Opportunities

As little as one hour per week can make a positive impact on a child's life. Each Club offers opportunities to work directly with youth as mentors, tutors, sports referees and coaches, and teachers of games such as chess, pool, scrabble-or possibly ballroom dancing. If you have a special talent you'd like to share, just let us know. The time of greatest need for volunteers is during the middle-to-late afternoon hours during the school year.

Group / Corporate Opportunities

We also welcome corporations and other organizations seeking one day, project-based volunteer opportunities. Short-term projects and single event opportunities do occasionally arise. So, if you can't make a long-term commitment, you may still be able to get involved!

At Boys & Girls Clubs of South Alabama we are proud of our excellent reputation as a safe haven for youth. Therefore, all volunteers must fill out an application, pass a background check, and read the volunteer handbook prior to being oriented by the Branch Director at the location where they wish to serve.

[Learn more at bgcsouthal.org/volunteer](https://bgcsouthal.org/volunteer)



E.B. Peebles, Jr. Giving Society



The E.B. Peebles, Jr. Giving Society honors the memory of Mr. Peebles, a native and life-long resident of Mobile, who was committed to the betterment of his beloved community and its citizens, particularly the thousands of young people whose lives have been impacted by Boys & Girls Clubs of South Alabama.

Annual membership is for individuals who make gifts of \$10,000 or more. Exclusive benefits of being a member include special recognition, invitations to exclusive events, and a complementary table at our annual Youth of the Year Luncheon.

[Learn more at bgcsouthal.org/giving](https://bgcsouthal.org/giving)





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Club tour times are available between 3:30 - 5:00 PM

Email Alycia at ayoung@bgcsouthal.org
or Brenda at bcarlisle@bgcsouthal.org
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See the difference you can make in kid's lives.

