

ClubNotes

BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF TRENTON & MERCER COUNTY

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Boys & Girls Clubs Matter, Now More Than Ever

What if there never had been a Boys & Girls Club? How would kids' lives be different? How does a Boys & Girls Club affect our community?

These are the critical questions answered by David Condon, a Boys & Girls Club alumnus and now a member of its Hall of Fame, during his talk at the annual President's Reception.

There are now 4,000 Boys & Girls Clubs nationwide in cities and suburbs, on Indian reservations, and at military bases overseas, Condon noted.

"What if the millions of kids we've served over the past 100 years had never belonged to a Boys & Girls Club?"

"Today, in Trenton, if there were no Boys & Girls Club, thousands of kids would have no place to go, no one who cares, and they would become liabilities to their community instead of assets," Condon stated.

In a Harris Interactive survey last year of Boys & Girls Club alumni, 57% said the Boys & Girls Club had saved their life. "They didn't say the club made their lives better," Condon said, "they said they would be dead without the Boys & Girls Club."

"Our country is facing a crisis that confronts our youth on a daily basis," Condon asserted, and he offered these statistics:

- Every 9 seconds a high school student drops out
- Every 35 seconds a baby is born into poverty
- Every 41 minutes a child or teen dies in an accident

- Every 6 hours a child is killed by abuse or neglect
 - Every day, 7 million children are left alone after school, tripling their risk of becoming crime victims
- "Boys & Girls Clubs matter even more during an economic downturn because it's even worse than usual for our kids. Where else are they going to go for attention if not the Boys & Girls Club?"

The guest speaker highlighted the accomplishments of a host of famous alumni including Denzel Washington, Derek Jeter, Jennifer Lopez, and Michael Jordan. But, he added, "We celebrate all of our members."

"The great majority of Boys & Girls Club members stay in the communities where they grew up, become productive citizens who pay taxes and take care of their families, and often become that one person who makes a difference in the life of another," Condon said.

A Boys & Girls Club is a gift that our kids receive every day, Condon said. "Clubs provide friendship, learning, feeling safe, someone who truly wants to listen, and assurance that every child has value."

"The Boys & Girls Club is the richest organization in town," Condon concluded, "based on the number of lives we touch. We are a vital thread in the fabric of this country's history."

PROUD MEMBERS –Boys & Girls Club teens were eager to tell guests what the Boys & Girls Club means to them. Left to right: Timothy Pagan, Bentrice Jusu, Tieisha Tift, Shanika Peck, Stephen Moore, Octavia Sealey, and Shawn Webb.



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MISSION STATEMENT

To inspire and enable all young people, especially those from disadvantaged circumstances, to realize their full potential as productive, responsible, and caring citizens.



New Bristol-Myers Squibb Program Helps Kids Recognize Mental Illness

The Bristol-Myers Squibb Foundation is funding a mental health awareness program at six Boys & Girls Clubs in New Jersey to reduce the stigma of mental illness. The curriculum, called Mind Matters, was developed in partnership with the staff of the Boys & Girls Club and the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI).

“Many of our kids have first-hand knowledge of mental illness at school and in their families,” observes Evonne Williams, teen services director at the Boys & Girls Club of Trenton.

“Our role is not to diagnose or treat mental illness,” Williams notes. “We help kids recognize the behaviors associated with various illnesses, and teach them that mental illness is treatable and not to be feared.”

The innovative curriculum uses role-playing, puzzles, and games to educate members about

the various diseases and to create empathy for the afflicted. The program also gives members someone to talk to about their personal experiences. At the end of the 10-week session, participants receive information on community resources that offer assistance.

Pre- and post-test scores from the pilot program at the Trenton Club show that Mind Matters is effective in helping youths understand how mental illness affects the individual, the family, and the community. An independent evaluator will assess the program’s impact during the coming school year.

In addition to underwriting the pilot program at the Trenton Club, the BMS Foundation awarded \$100,000 to the Boys & Girls Clubs of New Jersey for a second year of Mind Matters.

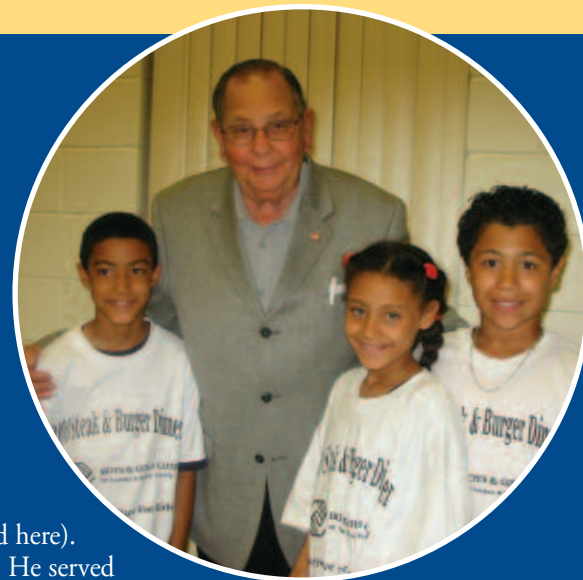


Block Party Ushers In School Year

Boys & Girls Club mom Brandy Hayes enjoys Day for Kids with seven year-old daughter Nadiyah, who attends the Club’s after-school program, and younger siblings, Naloni, 2, and Dayron, 3. The annual celebration coincides with the new school year and provides an opportunity for families to meet and have fun with staff members. Local sororities and teens from the Club’s Keystone service group helped run games and serve refreshments to more than 500 area residents. Race-car and batting cage exhibits, provided courtesy of Wal-Mart of East Windsor, were big hits. “This is the best Day for Kids we ever had,” observed several Boys & Girls Club members.

Remembering Lew Coleman

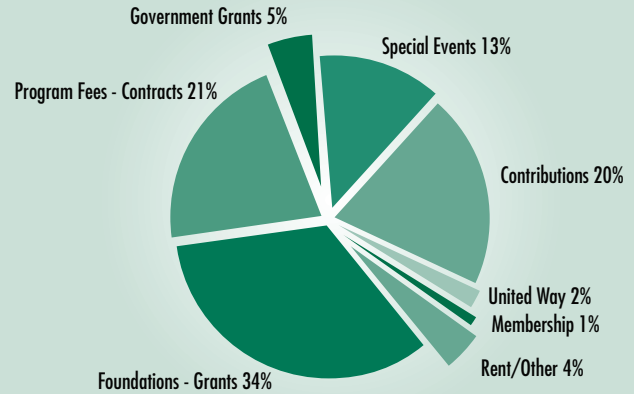
The Boys & Girls Club of Trenton lost one of its bright, shining lights on September 20 when Lewis D. Coleman, a longtime Boys & Girls Club champion, passed away following a courageous battle with cancer. A passionate supporter of many causes, Lew had a special place in his heart for our kids. He was a frequent visitor at the Boys & Girls Club and supported dozens of events, including the Steak & Burger Dinner (pictured here). Lew gave generously and volunteered selflessly. He served several terms on the board of directors and never missed an opportunity to advance the mission of the Boys & Girls Club. We will miss him greatly.



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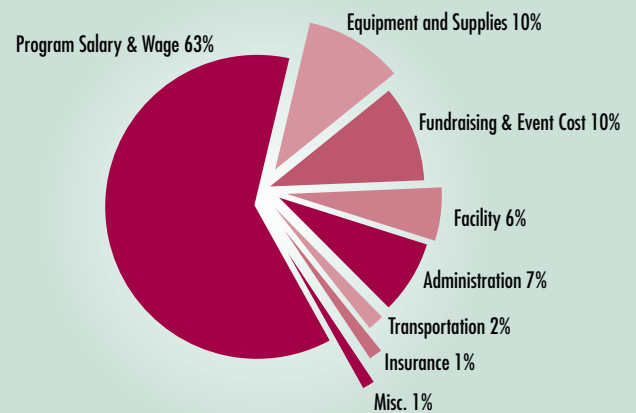
Revenue

	Year Ending June 30, 2008 <small>2008 Budget</small>	Year Ending June 30, 2007 <small>2007 Audit</small>
Foundations	861,640	858,221
Program Fees - Contracts	527,335	545,120
Government Grants	424,000	124,551
Special Events	178,813	333,193
Contributions	551,434	512,510
United Way	54,292	55,000
Membership	22,646	20,796
Rent - Other	107,291	104,223
Total Income	2,727,451	2,553,614



Expenses

Program Salary & Wage	1,736,219	1,426,927
Equipment & Supplies	269,677	236,725
Fundraising & Event Cost	218,878	229,645
Facility	125,362	138,033
Administration	143,313	169,462
Transportation	37,134	36,000
Insurance	38,254	33,606
Misc.	27,828	26,376
Total Expense	2,596,665	2,296,774
Net	130,786	256,840



Thanks for Your Continued Support!

\$500+ from July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008

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Rita Allen Foundation	Boys & Girls Clubs of America	Harbourton Foundation	Rose & Louis H. Linowitz Charitable Foundation	PNC Bank	Unilever United States Foundation
Allstate Foundation	Bristol-Myers Squibb Foundation	Horizon Foundation	The Olsen Foundation	Princeton Area Community Foundation	United Way of Greater Mercer County
David and Patricia Atkinson Foundation	The Bunbury Company	International Free & Accepted Modern Masons	McMaster-Carr Supply Co.	PSE&G	Edward & Stella Van Houten Memorial Fund
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CLUB KIDS

COLLEGE BOUND!

At the Boys & Girls Club, everyone is there for you... always willing to listen and share their wisdom.

When I became a part of the Club around four years ago, I found a stable place where I could realize my dreams as a better person.

The opportunities are endless and the connections I have made are priceless. I will always and forever be a Club Kid.

Before coming to the Club I was doing well in school but I was hanging out with gang members. I really could have decided to continue on that path. The only thing that saved me was the Boys & Girls Club.

The Club gave me a sense of escape from the streets and helped me stay out of trouble. My advisor also helped me get on track and get ready for college.

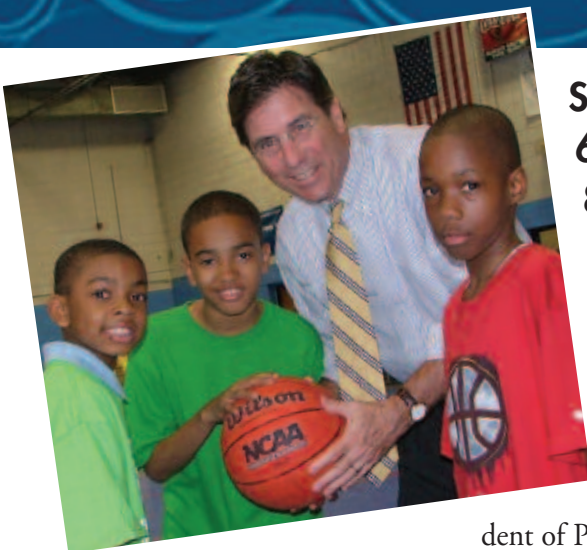
The Club knew that I wanted to go to school for business so they gave me a business scholarship to expand my knowledge.

The staff is a big reason why I'm still here today... they helped so much with my education.

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Candlelight Ball to Honor Kevin Tylus and PNC Bank



Saturday, November 15 • Princeton Marriott Hotel
6:30 p.m. – Reception and silent auction
8:00 p.m. – Dinner and dancing

TRIPLE PLAY – F. Kevin Tylus, 2008 Candlelight Ball honoree, accepts pointers from Boys & Girls Club kids during recent visit. "I'm pleased to have this opportunity to help kids in Trenton have a safe place to play and get ahead."

Our signature black-tie gala is now in its 42nd year and continues to provide critical support for after-school programming. This year, the Boys & Girls Club is delighted to recognize F. Kevin Tylus, regional president of PNC Bank, for his service to the community, and PNC Bank for its generous partnership with the Boys & Girls Club.

Tylus joined PNC Bank through a merger in 2007 with Yardville National Bank and continues the longstanding traditions at both PNC and the former Yardville bank of helping youths in need

through their outstanding support of the Boys & Girls Club of Trenton.

Funds raised will ensure that any child or teen can participate in Boys & Girls Club programming, regardless of their ability to pay.

Board members Tom Hogan and Ed Kozmor are co-chairs. Presenting sponsors include BlackRock, Bristol-Myers Squibb, PNC Bank, MetLife, and Merrill Lynch.

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