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**BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
OF GREATER HOUSTON**

Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Houston Newsletter

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LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT & CEO

Dear Friend,

Summertime is here at our Clubs! We are having fun all day at each of our 13 BGCGH locations, Monday to Friday from June 6 to August 12. Nearly 1,200 more children will attend our Clubs every day in the summer.

Our summertime programming offers our Club members exciting and educational experiences all around Greater Houston with trips to our cities parks, museums and water parks. We have many exciting competitions and volunteer events this summer, and our older members are visiting potential colleges.

Our focus is to provide our members with a positive summer experience while also addressing the summer slide. We know that it is important for our members to have fun and retain all of the academic progress gained during the school year. Help us ensure our members stay on track for graduation by making your summer donation today!

Wishing you and your family a wonderful summer 2016,

Kevin R. Hattery
President & CEO



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WE ARE PROUD TO ANNOUNCE...

THE NEXT STEP IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE HOUSTON TEXANS...



THE HOUSTON TEXANS TEEN CLUB!

Opening this Summer

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Houston is proud to announce a \$750,000 pledge by the Houston Texans to build a new facility designed specifically for teens. This pledge is the largest single donation to the Boys & Girls Clubs by a professional sports team in Houston and places the Texans among our top donors. The new facility will be the first Boys & Girls

Teen Club in Houston and the first in the nation to be supported by an NFL team.

"We saw a need in the community for a facility and programming that is specifically designed to meet the developmental needs of Houston teenagers," Houston Texans President Jamey Rootes said. "The Houston Texans Teen Club will help area teens to navigate this often difficult age and enable them to transition more effectively to adulthood."

Construction on the new facility has begun, and the new teen club is scheduled to open this summer! The Club will feature a wellness center, a college and career center, a counseling office, a game room and a music studio. We are proud to continue this longstanding partnership with the Houston Texans and are extremely grateful for this gift that will allow us to build a new facility that furthers both organizations' missions to be champions for Houston's youth.

NCAA AND LOWE'S LEGACY PROJECT

Jim & Barbara Morefield Club Renovated in Major Volunteer Effort



As part of the NCAA Legacy Restorations presented by Lowe's Home Improvement, the Jim & Barbara Morefield Boys & Girls Club was renovated and revitalized. The facility's basketball court was repaired and refinished by Connor Sports; new basketball goals, wall padding and bleachers were installed by Spalding; and the gym's lighting and doors were updated by Lowe's. Lowe's many employee volunteers painted and weatherproofed the interior and exterior of the building and updated the restrooms, lighting and ceiling tiles. BGCGH was gifted brand new state-of-the-art water fountains, a hot water heater, a refrigerator and a washer and dryer. Potholes in the parking lot were filled, and the exterior pavilion area was landscaped and redesigned.

These changes have given the Club new life that materialized in the excitement of the members as they saw the updates for the first time. The final work was revealed to the community by U.S. Rep. Al Green; Houston City Council member, Dwight Boykins; Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Houston President & CEO, Kevin Hattery; NCAA Associate Director of Community Programs, Victor Hill; Division I Men's Basketball Committee chair, Joe Castiglione; and Lowe's Project Manager, David Guajardo. These much-needed updates weren't just an investment in this facility; they will make a difference in the lives of the 1,100 kids and their families the Morefield Club serves each year and into the next generation.

BGCGH RECOGNIZED AS 2016 HBJ LANDMARK AWARDS FINALIST

Richmond-Rosenberg Club Nominated for Community Impact Award.



Houston Business Journal's annual **Landmark Awards** recognize real estate projects that make a significant impact in the Greater Houston community. The Richmond-Rosenberg Boys & Girls Club has been recognized in the Community Impact Category, "marked by excellence in land planning, design, construction, economics, marketing and management". It is an honor to be recognized as a finalist and affirms our hard work is making a noticeable difference!

HBJ recognized all the finalists and revealed the winner in a special section of their April 15 edition and at the Landmark Awards event. Projects must have been substantially completed, financially viable and open to the public. The Richmond-Rosenberg Boys & Girls Club was a finalist among other impactful community organizations, such as the Alley Theatre, Buffalo Bayou Park, Midtown Arts & Theatre Center Houston and William P. Hobby Airport International. A special thank you to Kirksey Architecture for submitting the Richmond-Rosenberg Boys & Girls Club as a nominee for this prestigious award.

CLUB PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Find a Club near you at www.BGCGH.org

The 2016 Youth of the Year is Tea' Edwards! Tea' is a remarkable young woman and has been a member at Johnny Mitchell Boys and Girls Club in Galveston for seven years where she is a valuable leader tutoring in Power Hour, participating in SMART Girls, SMART Moves, Healthy Habits, Triple Play and Keystone programming.

Tea' will share her impactful story at the annual Great Futures Dinner on **September 8** at the Hilton Americas!



More than 100 volunteers from **Sherwin-Williams** painted the exterior of our John & Cissy Havard Club during company-wide participation in National Paint Week.

We are so grateful for the amazing results that gave our longest running Club a fresh face for summer!

Houston Rockets #13, James Harden, spoke to 300 Club members about the importance of staying active and physically fit at the **Kids Foot Locker Challenge** kick-off party that challenged our members to physical competition and awarded BGCGH with \$7,500!



More than 20 **Charles Schwab** employees visited the Stafford Club to volunteer for Summer Matters lesson planning. They also visited the Holthouse and Spring Branch Clubs for facility upkeep. Thank you Charles Schwab!



**COPA AMERICA
CENTENARIO USA 2016**

BGCGH members represented the city as flagbearers at opening ceremonies during the **Copa América Centenario** games at NRG Stadium. The flagbearers' responsibilities included leading the referees and players onto the field for the start of the match and to position the country flags for the playing of the national anthems of the competing teams. What a cool opportunity for our teens!



Houston Texans players, notably quarterback Brock Osweiler and running back Lamar Miller, cheerleaders and personnel volunteered at our John & Cissy Havard Club for the annual **Texans Care Volunteer Day**.

VOLUNTEERING IS EASIER THAN EVER

The process for volunteering has changed. Now, to volunteer, all we need is your full name and personal email address. To get involved as an individual, please send this information to Sara Kruger at skruger@bgcgh.org. To coordinate a corporate volunteering event, please contact Tiffani Wesson at twesson@bgcgh.org. We look forward to hearing from you!

THE 28TH ANNUAL GREAT FUTURES DINNER IS QUICKLY APPROACHING

Secure a table, donate to the auction & get involved!



The 28th Annual Great Futures Dinner will be held on **Thursday, September 8** at the Hilton Americas in downtown Houston. This annual celebration enables us to continue to provide the essential after-school and summer programming that encourages our members to learn, motivates them to be healthy and inspires them to lead. The Dinner is truly a one-of-a-kind event because our supporters have the opportunity to meet and spend time with Club members. This year's honored guest will be **Tea' Edwards**, the 2016 Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Houston's Youth of the Year from our Galveston Club. Tables start at \$2,500. Please contact Laura Renaud, Special Events and Marketing Manager, at Irenaud@bgcgh.org or 713-400-2160 with any questions regarding sponsorship information or donating to the auction.

BGCGH AWARDED BRIDGEUP AT MENNINGER INNOVATION GRANT



BridgeUp at Menninger, supported by the David and Helen Gurley Brown Trust, awarded Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Houston a grant to support the collaborative effort to incorporate service opportunities as well as social and emotional learning into our after-school programming. BGCGH was among seven Greater Houston organizations to be supported by the BridgeUp program at the Menninger Clinic. This program was created to advance sustainable changes that improve health, well-being, academic achievement, and social and emotional learning in vulnerable adolescents from communities in Greater Houston.

FORT BEND COUNTY BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS SPORTING CLAYS TOURNAMENT

Secure a team now for our inaugural tournament on Tuesday, October 4th!



Chaired by Ray Brown and Kevin Zlotnik, the Sporting Clays Tournament will be held at the Greater Houston Gun Club on Tuesday, October 4th. This event unites individuals and organizations in Fort Bend County to raise critical funds to support our three Clubs in the area: the Fort Bend Club, the Richmond-Rosenberg Club and the Stafford Club. Four-person teams start at \$1500, and there are many sponsorship opportunities available. For sponsorship information and any questions, please contact Laura Renaud, Special Events & Marketing Manager, at Irenaud@bgcgh.org or 713-400-2160

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