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25
BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
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1997 - 2022
YEARS

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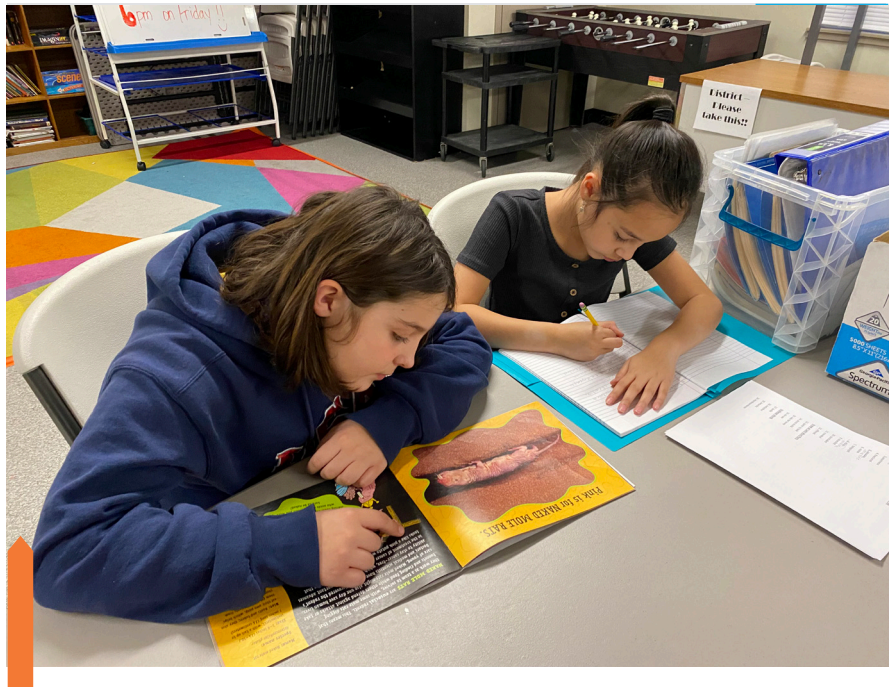
It has been quite the year at the Boys & Girls Club! In spite of the challenges of a global pandemic, I can't help but be humbled by all of the amazing blessings we have received. With the help of our many supporters, we have continued to grow our operations and deepen our impact by adding some new and exciting programs.

As you read through this newsletter, I hope that you feel, as I do, that the future of our young people is in good hands. At the Clubs, kids are surrounded every day by adults who truly care about them. They benefit from a support system that includes nutritious meals, academic enrichment, mental health Counseling, and connection with friends, old and new. They experience the joy of discovering new interests, being of service to others, and learning what it means to be good human beings. We need that now more than ever!

Wishing you a happy, healthy 2022!



AROUND THE CLUB



Power Hour: A daily program that helps Club members develop academic, behavioural, and social skills through homework completion. This program includes high-yield learning activities and tutoring. This time also allows kids to serve others by helping each other with their homework while learning from dedicated staff. - Dana C., Peregrine



New Games: All eight of our locations received new electronic board games! These massive tablets hold hundreds of different board games... from Checkers and Chess to Hungry, Hungry, Hippos! The kids have so much fun trying all the new games. And, the best part for staff? No more games with missing pieces! - Cam B., Koelsch

Idaho native, Boise State Broncos Alumni & New England Patriots Super Bowl Champ, Shea McClellin spent the afternoon speaking to our Club kids about the importance of hard work and pursuing your dreams! After the talk and a Q&A, the Club members all received multiple wrapped trading cards as gifts.

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YOUTH DEVELOPMENT APPRENTICESHIPS

Governor Little Signs Apprenticeship Proclamation



Garden City, ID -

Governor Brad Little made a special visit to our Moseley Center to help us celebrate a new career opportunity for youth and adults, age 16-24. Beginning in 2022, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Ada County will offer a paid apprenticeship in Youth Development. The apprenticeship is registered with the Idaho Department of Labor and will give participants the opportunity to earn a credential in

Youth Development. This credential, which will require classroom and on-the-job training, will be meaningful for those seeking careers with Boys & Girls Clubs or for careers in teaching, counselling and social work. We are thankful to our friends at the Idaho Department of Labor and Idaho Business for Education for their support in helping us develop this new opportunity.



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TEENS2 TRADES

We have exciting news to share! Thanks to our partnership with **The Inspire Excellence Non-profit** & the **John F. Nagel Foundation**, beginning in 2022 the Boys & Girls Clubs will roll out the **Teens 2 Trades** program that will ensure teens have a better chance for a great career future!

Our mission is to empower young people to reach their full potential as responsible, productive and caring citizens. We feel passionately that the **Teens 2 Trades** program is the next critical step in fulfilling that mission. Stay tuned for more information on this exciting program.



TEENS 2 TRADE PROGRAM WILL -

- Provide teens with direct pathways to trades and careers through skills training, internships, and apprenticeships.
- Offer career exploration and counselling to youth 13 and older.
- Connect teens to local mentors in Idaho companies.
- Create early access to job training and education programs that help guide teens to productive and self-sufficient lives.
- Provide a platform for local companies to engage and educate potential employees.
- Offer courses to teens in financial literacy, work ethic, conflict resolution, time management and job acquisition.



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- Colleen Braga, E.D.





Thank you to the countless individuals, businesses, & organizations that brought such joy to Club kids this holiday season!

OPERATION SANTA



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So many have opened their hearts to create an amazing Christmas for Club kids.

Because of you, every Club kid & teen who needed a gift, received one!

A special thank you to:

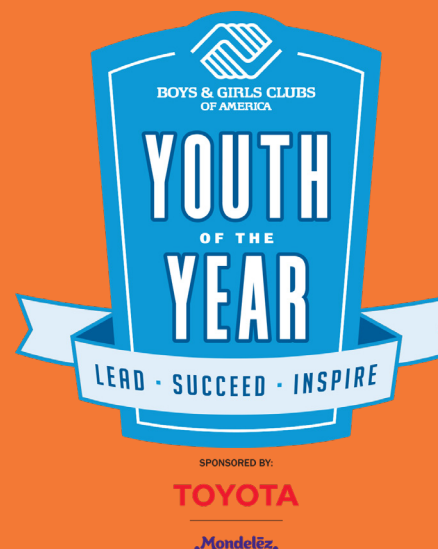
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- JUNK KINGS
- CINDER WINES
- THE WSU ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
- PLANET FITNESS
- PARADIGM OF IDAHO
- SHOP WITH A COP

(GARDEN CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT,
WALMART, & GARDEN CITY CHAMBER)

“We would also like to thank all the individuals and businesses who offered to be a Secret Santa to 95 deserving kids and their families. Thank you for making it a magical Holiday Season!”



YOUTH OF THE YEAR



Introducing our Youth of the Year candidates for 2022!

Katelyn Y. , Meridian Center, is a student at Owyhee High School. She has been a member of the Meridian Boys & Girls Club for 7 years. She is currently serving as Keystone Vice President and has previously participated in Torch Club and a wide variety of other Club programs. If chosen to be Youth of the Year, Katelyn plans to use her platform to advocate for mental health resources to be more accessible to youth across the country. The three leadership characteristics she selected that she possesses that will help her make an impact as Youth of the Year are Advocate, Creative Thinker, and Motivator of others.

Katelyn's personal quote is, "Things don't always work out the way you want them to, but that doesn't mean they can't still be good."

Julle R. , Moseley Center –

Julle is a student at Capital High School, Boise. He has been a member of the Moseley Center Boys & Girls Club for a little over 2 years. Julle has not only been an involved member of the Teen Center, but he also works in the Nutrition Department, helping prepare and serve meals to all of our youth.

In his spare time, Julle likes to work on his basketball skills.

Two words that Jule chose as his defining characteristics are advocate and kind. He enjoys giving back to his Club by handing out meals to families that need them because he knows how important it is for families to have access to food during these difficult times.

Jule's personal quote is, "When I am at the Boys & Girls Club I try my very best to help as much I can because in life we all need to help each other because if you help me I will help you if I can."

The Youth of the Year candidates will earn a combined \$4,500+ in scholarships & gifts with a chance for more at State & beyond!

Thank you to Katie Riley, Steve Patterson, & Rob Perez for serving as judges for the Ada County Youth of the Year!

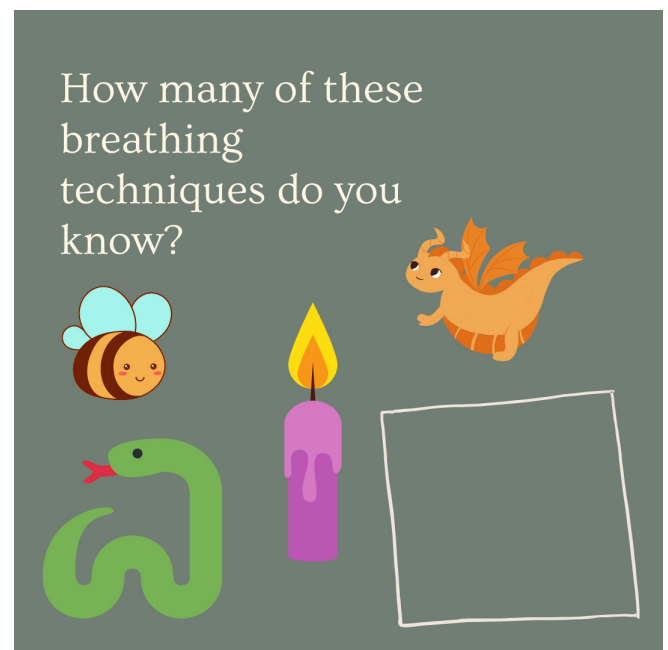
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Emotional Regulation is a high priority for youth. The ability to recognize, regulate, and respond to emotions of all kinds. The graphics in the picture are all different Focused Breathing techniques that allow a child to start the process! Over the last year, youth and staff have been taught techniques like this to add to their coping toolbox.

Did you know over 100 youth, teens, & adults have been seen by the Club LPC since October 2020?



IT'S BACK!

2022

WILD WEST Auction

A BENEFIT FOR THE BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF ADA COUNTY

APRIL 29, 2022

The Wild West Auction is BACK LIVE in 2022!

Please join us for the
24th Annual Wild West Auction
Benefiting the Boys & Girls Clubs of Ada County!

2022 Wild West Auction is back LIVE at the Boise Centre!
Friday, April 29, 2022 @ 5:30pm get your boots on and join us for an
evening not to be missed!

Call or email **Jodi** for sponsorship information or to reserve your spot,

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You are the heart of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Ada County!



Happy Valentines Day!

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