



News from the positive place for kids  
Winter 2010



## *Making a Difference:*

### **How We Measure Success**

How do we know we are making a difference in the life of a child? We see and hear about the impact we are having on the youth we serve every day.

At the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Northland, our programs are based on research and shown to be effective. Our staff is trained and passionate about helping youth. Our buildings are fun and safe, and keep youth out of harm. Our programs continually change to meet the diverse needs and interests of our youth. We set high expectations for our youth and we stress accountability, performance and results.

#### **But how do we prove that we make a difference?**

To this end we have created a **Success Equation**. It is a plan of action that addresses three of the most vital needs of today's youth: **Academic Success, Good Character and Citizenship**, and **Healthy Lifestyles**. It is the process we will use for measuring and communicating the impact we have on youth. Our goal is to provide a brighter future for each child we serve.

Our programs and community partnerships are designed around meeting these needs. The Success Equation brings cohesiveness to staff, board, and volunteers as well as our strategic planning processes. It is a part of everything we do.

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### **Up-Coming Events**

March 1-2

Wisconsin Youth of the Year  
Madison

March 21-27

National Boys & Girls Club Week

April 26-27

Minnesota Youth of the Year  
St. Paul

May 7

**Please reserve this evening for an exciting Fundraising Event at Greysolon Ballroom by Black Woods**

June 23

Golf Outing - Nemadji Golf Course

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**BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS**  
OF THE NORTHLAND

## Michelle Hobbs Selected as 2009 Youth of the Year

Michelle Hobbs was selected as the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Northland's Youth of the Year for 2009 at a celebration attended by Club staff, parents, board members and community members to honor and recognize outstanding youth including the 2009 Teen Center Members of the Month.

Being named "Youth of the Year" is the highest honor a Club member can receive. Other Club finalists competing for the top honor included Amanda Kjenstad, Rafael Ramirez, and Kayla Osaben. Serving as judges for the competition were Cindy Stauber, Lynn Dart-Nelson, Brad Nelson and Dr. Geoffrey Witrak.

Michelle, a senior at Denfeld High School with a 3.8 GPA, has been a member of the Club for 11 years. She is actively engaged in the Club's programs including softball, Smart Girls, Communi-café, Career Launch and serving as the president of the Keystone Club. She was hired as a junior staff member and was recently promoted to a part time youth development staff position at the Lincoln Park School Branch. Michelle plans to attend college and pursue a career in teaching.

Michelle will compete in the Minnesota State Youth of the Year Competition in April. The state winners will compete regionally, and the regional winners will compete in the National Youth of the Year Competition in Washington DC.



Left to right: Cindy Stauber, Brad Nelson, Michelle Hobbs, Lynn Dart-Nelson, Dr. Geoffrey Witrak

## Service to Youth Awards

The National Service to Youth Award bears the inscription "For long and devoted service to boys and girls." The Award recognizes board members, standing committee members, volunteers, and professional Boys & Girls Club staff, who meet specific requirements and have served the Club for 5 years or more. The following individuals were recently honored with The National Service to Youth Award:

Warren Berg	35 Year Award
James Perrault, Jr.	20 Year Award
Steven Walsh	20 Year Award

Daniel Blank	10 Year Award
Matthew Beaumier	5 Year Award
Mike Dosan	5 Year Award





## Superior Branch Introduces New Programs

The *MusicMakers* and *Speedy Readers* programs are providing Superior members specialized programming each time they attend the Club.

Thirty-seven *MusicMaker* members are enjoying learning how to play a variety of instruments including trombone, trumpet, xylophone, and piano and studying basic music theory during twice weekly music lessons. In addition, each child receives instruction on Japanese Taiko drums which were constructed at the Club from tires. The drumming techniques teach rhythm, focus, and teamwork.

Forty-three members are participating in the *Speedy Readers* program to practice their reading skills and improve fluency. Each member's reading score is recorded to track improvement. *Speedy Readers* have one-on-one reading practice, group reading activities, reader's theatre, and comprehension worksheets. Several members have remarked that they read better at school and at home because of the reading practice they receive at the Club.

## Lincoln Park School Branch Hosts "Feast of Thanks" Celebration

The annual "Feast of Thanks" celebration was held on November 24, 2009 at the Lincoln Park School Branch. The event, now in its fifth year, is made possible by the generous sponsorship of RBC Wealth Management, their employees and their families. Club members, their families and the Lincoln Park neighborhood were invited to enjoy a traditional holiday meal.

"We are proud to partner with the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Northland and enjoy the opportunity to sponsor this event," stated Steve Patronas, RBC Wealth Management. "Our employees and their families look forward to making this holiday gathering a very special evening for the Lincoln Park neighborhood."

## Allegiant Air Donates 10 Duluth - Orlando Tickets

Allegiant Air recently inaugurated the only nonstop service from Duluth International Airport to Florida. In a special event before takeoff, Allegiant presented the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Northland with 10 Duluth to Orlando roundtrip tickets. Board President Matt Beaumier accepted the gift on behalf of the Club and said the organization plans to use the tickets for an upcoming fundraising event.



## Dave Goldberg Family Branch Dedicated

The Boys & Girls Club located at the Duluth Heritage Sports Center was officially renamed the "Dave Goldberg Family Branch" in a dedication ceremony honoring Dave Goldberg and family.

"The Goldberg's exemplify the true spirit of the Boys & Girls Club mission. Dave has been a long-time supporter of our organization's efforts to empower and inspire all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as caring, productive, responsible citizens," stated Todd Johnson, Chief Professional Officer, Boys & Girls Clubs of the Northland. "The Goldberg family's generous gift, which made this site possible, has increased our capacity to serve a greater number of area youth. It has diversified our membership and has allowed us to serve young people from a larger geographical area in a new state-of-the-art facility."

## **Rick Anderson, New Lake Vermilion Branch Director**

Rick Anderson was recently hired as the Branch Director at the Lake Vermilion Boys & Girls Club. Rick brings to the position considerable management and leadership experience working for the Fortune Bay Casino and the Bois Forte Band of Minnesota Chippewa. His experience also includes working with youth both as an instructor at Vermilion Community College where he worked with disadvantaged students providing tutoring, mentoring and classroom instruction, and as a youth and family counselor for Ely Community Resource where he coordinated youth activities, provided tutoring and mentoring services to adolescents. The Lake Vermilion Club serves youth ages 6-18 weekdays after school from 3:00 – 8:00 p.m.

## **Haunted Hallway**



The Lincoln Park School Branch of the Boys & Girls Club held their Club's annual Halloween *Haunted Hallway*. The event provided the community a safe place for kids to Trick or Treat. The 260 guests who attended had a scary good time. The younger guests enjoyed the Haunted Hallway with "lights-on" and the older youngsters enjoyed a "darkened" Haunted Hallway. Carnival style games, face painting, and a fortune teller made the evening fun for everyone. The Club's community outreach provided free winter coats for the first 40 families, and all youngsters received tooth brushes, safety glow bracelets, candy and door prizes.

## **Advanced Leadership Program Graduates**

Todd Johnson, Chief Professional Officer, Marcia Kane, Director of Operations and Carla Charlton, Director of Resource Development recently completed the Boys & Girls Clubs of America's Advanced Leadership Program. The program is designed for management professionals to significantly advance the Boys & Girls Clubs' abilities to deepen the impact on Club members through the development of leadership skills. Participants were required to plan, develop, and implement a project to advance their Club and their personal development as leaders.

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# Thank You, Donors!

We are most grateful.

The following gifts were given to the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Northland between Sept. 1, 2009 and Dec. 31, 2009:

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In Honor of Jana and Jason  
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Mr. & Mrs. James Holmgren

In Memory of John Olsvik  
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In Honor of James Perrault, Sr.  
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**\$500 - \$999 TRIBUTE GIFTS  
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In Honor of Sadie Jane Wasmer  
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*To Benefit the Superior Branch*  
In Memory of Tony Gigliotti  
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**\$250 - \$499 TRIBUTE GIFTS  
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In Honor of George Goldfarb  
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In Memory of Ben Overman  
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*To Benefit the Lincoln Park School  
Arts Program*

In Honor of the Lincoln Park School  
Branch Staff  
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**UP TO \$99 TRIBUTE GIFTS  
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In Memory of Farrell Ball  
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In Memory of Mildred Erickson  
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Gift Omitted? We apologize for  
any gifts or names that were  
omitted. Please contact our  
office and we will gladly make  
a correction in our next edition.



## ***Making a Difference***

*(continued from cover)*

### **Success Equation:**

#### ■ ***Improve Academic Success & Attitudes Towards Education***

Indicators:

90% of members who complete Project Learn will progress to the next grade level.

80% of members enrolled in Project Learn will show grade improvement.

80% of members' attitudes towards education will improve.

#### ■ ***Improve Character & Social Skills***

Indicators:

95% of members enrolled in character and leadership programs will participate in community volunteer projects.

30% of registered members will attend the Club 52 or more times per year.

70% of members will indicate staff has helped them find alternative solutions when faced with making a difficult decision.

#### ■ ***Increase Healthy Lifestyles***

Indicators:

70% of daily members will eat the meal provided for them at the Club.

90% of members enrolled in SMART programs will increase their knowledge of risky behaviors.

90% of members enrolled in physical education programs will show improvement in physical fitness.

To learn more about our Success Equation or how you can help, visit our website at [www.bgcnorth.org](http://www.bgcnorth.org) or visit us at any of our six Clubs.

## **Overman Family Scholarship Fund Announces Awards**

A young person's dream of a college education can become a reality for the members of the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Northland because of the generosity of Ben and Jeanne Overman and others.

Since 1981, the Overman Family Scholarship Fund has awarded over \$370,000 in scholarships to more than one hundred and twenty deserving young men and women. Many of these young people are the first members of their families to graduate high school and attend college.

The committee is pleased to announce the following scholarship awards recipients for the 2009-2010 school year:

Carl Bowman  
Dorian Cross  
Darris Garner  
Andy Sink\*  
Derek Smith

*\*Received the Sally Meinke Scholarship Award given in honor of Sally's service to the Club.*



# Foundation News



## ***A Legacy for Children***

Youth today face difficult challenges. To help youth prepare for their futures, the Boys & Girls Club is working with each individual child to provide them every opportunity to reach their full potential. Our Club children are often from disadvantaged circumstances – some were born into situations and some became so recently when the economy took a down-turn and parents lost their jobs and the family's home. The Boys & Girls Club works to empower and inspire all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as caring, productive, responsible citizens.

The Paul Staudenmaier Boys & Girls Club of Duluth Foundation supports the work of the Club by annually distributing at least 85% of the Foundation's earnings. In 2009, the Foundation distributed approximately \$54,000 to the Club.

Thoughtful and caring philanthropic individuals have generously given to the Paul Staudenmaier Boys & Girls Club of Duluth Foundation since it was established in 1995.

Some examples of this generosity include:

- a man gave over \$50,000 to the Foundation because he saw first-hand how the Club helped individual boys and girls,
- a teacher left \$40,000 in her will because she knew the impact of the Club on a former student who is now a successful business leader and board member
- an individual has designated a \$150,000 bequest in his will to the Boys & Girls Club's Foundation.

The fund has grown to \$1.5 million because of individuals in our community who know how important the future is for our children and how important our children's success is to the future of our community.

## **GIFTS TO THE PAUL STAUDENMAIER BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF DULUTH FOUNDATION**

The following gifts were given to the Paul Staudenmaier Boys & Girls Club of Duluth Foundation between Sept. 1, 2009 and Dec. 31, 2009:

### **Gifts of \$100,000 and over**

David & Lisa Goldberg

### **Gifts of \$50,000 – \$99,999**

Thomas L. & Katherine J. Gibson

### **Gifts of \$500 - \$999**

Dean & Debra Ager

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Mr. and Mrs. Jim Perrault, Jr.

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### **Gifts of \$250 - \$499**

Mr. & Mrs. Pat Cutshall

Oliver & Mary Ann Lucas-Houx

### **Gifts Up To \$99**

Mr. & Mrs. John De Santo

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## **TRIBUTE GIFTS**

### **Gifts of \$100 - \$249**

In Honor of Kate, Lindsey & Thomas Westman

Mr. & Mrs. James Westman



## ***Thomas and Katherine Gibson Bequeath \$55,000 to Foundation***

The Paul Staudenmaier Boys & Girls Club of Duluth Foundation recently received a \$55,000 gift from the estate of Duluthians Thomas and Katherine Gibson.

Thomas grew-up in Duluth. His father was a grain merchant and he worked on the Trading Floor at the Board of Trade building in downtown Duluth. Thomas's first job was as a grain merchant, too, and later he worked in real estate as a broker with the Ramsland Real Estate Company in Duluth. He married Katherine Joyce Gibson in 1942. Thomas passed away in 1968.

Katherine "Katie" Joyce Gibson was born in Minneapolis and moved to Duluth in 1915. She graduated from Stanbrook Hall and attended Mary Mount College, New York. Katie belonged to the Alpha Phi Sorority, Junior League of Duluth and the Republican Women of Duluth. She and Thomas did not have children. She died in June 2009 at the age of 96. Family and friends remember her as being a lovely, vivacious and very gracious woman.



***Katherine and Thomas Gibson***

"Katherine gave careful thought and consideration when choosing the beneficiaries of her and Tom's estate. She wanted their estate to help the community. She knew about the Boys & Girls Club and the important work they do with young people, especially those from disadvantaged circumstances, and wanted to help the children," stated the Estate's Executor.



***Lisa and Dave Goldberg***

## ***Dave and Lisa Goldberg Establish \$100,000 Endowment Fund in Foundation***

At the October 19<sup>th</sup> celebration dedicating the Dave Goldberg Family Branch located at the Duluth Heritage Sports Center, Dave surprised those present with the announcement that he and Lisa were establishing a \$100,000 endowment fund in the Paul Staudenmaier Boys & Girls Club of Duluth Foundation. Earnings from the fund will help support general operations.

In 2008, Dave Goldberg and his family recognized the need to broaden the scope of the Heritage Sports Center to reach more youth from diverse backgrounds. His concern led to the decision to establish a Boys & Girls Club on the mezzanine level of the facility. And because of that decision, Dave and his family made a \$1 million legacy gift to ensure young people of diverse backgrounds had a safe haven at the new facility.

"Helping young people find their way to success is very important to me," states Dave. "The day the Boys & Girls Club at the Heritage Sports Center opened I was very proud. Proud that I could give a gift to help many children become caring, productive, responsible citizens, and proud to instill in my grandchildren what my parent's instilled in me - the importance of giving. My family's legacy gift to the Boys & Girls Club is an investment in children's futures, an investment that pays huge dividends - for the child and for our community."

# Helping Youth Succeed



*Dan Blank,  
Douglas County  
District Attorney*

As a proud member of the Board of Directors of The Boys & Girls Clubs of the Northland, we send our New Years Greeting! One of the Twin Ports' greatest assets is the Boys & Girls Club and its four branches located in Superior, the Lincoln Park School, the Lincoln Park Teen Center and the Goldberg Family Branch at the Duluth Heritage Sports Center.

As many of you know, our Clubs exist to inspire and enable young people to reach their full potential as caring, productive, responsible citizens. Our Clubs are succeeding at their mission!

Are we having an impact in the lives of our youth members? Absolutely. One of the Boys & Girls Clubs' program strategies is aimed at improving academic success and attitudes toward education. Without the Superior Club, as our 2008 Youth of the Year Rafael Ramirez has often stated, he would not have remained motivated to keep his grades up to remain eligible to play high school football and pursue college applications. That's impact! That is how we are helping our communities combat the national high school dropout crisis.

Our Clubs provide a safe environment that encourages and rewards school attendance and effort and participation in extracurricular activities. The national high school drop-out rate is nearing 50% in major

urban minority areas, and the dropout rate in our area is a legitimate concern. Our Clubs are faced with an opportunity to serve our youth through our strong staff and partnerships with this community. We will continue our successful homework Power Hour when our kids arrive at the Club. And we implemented Project Learn, a program that incorporates high-yield learning activities into various programs, making learning on-going and fun!

I have served as Douglas County, WI District Attorney for the past 19 years, prosecuting adult and juvenile criminals and child abuse and neglect cases. During that time, I have found that the Boys & Girls Clubs are one of our greatest community assets in truancy and delinquency prevention. All of our Club sites are in good locations easily accessible for many kids that need a safe and structured place to succeed during the high risk unsupervised after school / early evening hours. The dedicated professional staff and volunteers, and quality programming, provided by an established 100 year old Boys & Girls Clubs of America service-to-youth movement, is a key tool for us all in developing our future public and private citizen leaders.

Our Clubs need and deserve the continued support that this area can offer from government, foundations and private contributors. Community dividends and return on investment are guaranteed! Please join the movement to secure the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Northland as "**The Positive Place for Kids**"!



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS  
OF THE NORTHLAND**

## **Mission Statement**

*To empower and inspire all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as caring, productive, responsible citizens.*



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**Teen Center  
Property for Sale**

The Boys & Girls Clubs of the Northland have decided to sell the Teen Center property located at **2623 West Second Street, Duluth.** The property was gifted to the Club by Ben and Jean Overman and has served the Club for almost 40 years. With the recent addition of the Dave Goldberg Family Branch which is located at the Duluth Heritage Sports Center, the board decided that it needed to reduce the costs incurred by having three facilities located in the same neighborhood and use the proceeds towards quality programming.



Board members and administrative staff are exploring new locations to house the teen program and administrative offices. Anyone interested in purchasing the Teen Center property should contact **Gary Kalliger at Re-Max 218-722-2210** or if you have a space that could meet the needs of the Teen Center or administrative offices please contact **Todd Johnson at 218-727-1549.**

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