




**BOYS & GIRLS CLUB
OF SOUTHEAST KANSAS**

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DONOR SPOTLIGHT

Our club would like to thank Troy McChristian for his support to the Boys & Girls Club of Southeast Kansas. Troy has been a donor to our club for over 3 years now and never waivers in his passion and desire to help our club. Troy holds true to our mission and continues to support the movement and lives outside our Southeast catchment area. Our organization values every donation but it just resonates when individuals move away and continues to support our movement as they continue in their life progression. Big thank you to Troy McChristian!





A THANK YOU FROM OUR CEO

Thank you to all our supporters and Coffeyville Area Community Foundation (CACF) for supporting the mission during the Coffeyville Matchday event! Our club was fortunate enough to come into 2nd place with most funds collected during this awesome event. Boys & Girls Club of Southeast Kansas received over \$30,000 and last week the foundation scheduled a check presentation to give the club our check for \$23,000 and the remaining \$7,000 will be deposited into our endowed account at CACF. Again, we would like to thank all of our donors and to remind every donor or potential donor that our organization is a 501 c(3).



CANEY'S SITE

This semester we received a donation from Juice Plus of our own tower garden. 3rd-6th graders were able to plant two kinds of lettuce, rainbow chard, kale and basil. Tower gardens grow plants 3x faster than a traditional garden and provide students the opportunity to grow their own food. They use as little as 2% of water as traditional gardens and recycle 100% of nutrients and water. Tower gardens are excellent for beginners, there's no digging or weeding.



Our summer program is set to begin May 30th and run until June 22nd. Our focus this summer is Stay Fit, Stay Healthy, Stay Sharp and Stay Safe. We will use our tower garden to learn about healthy eating habits and how to stay physically active this summer. We will also be keeping our minds sharp with math, reading, art, Spanish and sign language morning rotations each day. We have lots of fun activities and trips planned and can't wait to begin.



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When your business invests in Boys & Girls Club of SEK, you are investing in the future of our community. Contact Griffin Walker at griffin.walker@cilleschools.com for more information.



SUMMER PROGRAM

Our summer program is just around the corner! The Summer Program will start June 5th and run till July 28th. During these eight weeks our doors will be open Monday through Friday 7:30-5:30, breakfast and lunch will be provided. Every day our members will participate many different sessions while at the club. Some of our favorites are Positive Action- a philosophy that reinforces that when we feel good about ourselves, we do positive actions.

Kidzlit- a reading enrichment program for grades K-5. Members hear fiction and nonfiction books read aloud and make connections between the stories and their own lives.

Summer Math- Members develop a sense of self-awareness and understand their schoolwork better with math programs that are in line with the school curriculum.

Art- Activities such as drawing, molding, cutting, and coloring require children to engage their minds in coordination with their hands thus reinforcing creativity, fine motor skills, and perception of shape and spatial relationship.

Sign Language- Interactive ASL lessons that enrich the whole child.

Team Building- Fun activities that help develop important life skills like problem-solving, listening, leadership, and creative thinking for all members.

Cooking- a hands-on learning opportunity for teens to learn easy meals to make at home.

Community Garden- Enrich academic learning opportunity for teen club members. Members will nurture relationships, and create a positive neighborhood environment that enhances their lives outside of school.

Along with all these sessions our members will participate in a number of different off site activities this summer. Activities like skating, swimming, Incredible Pizza, Discovery Lab and the Air and Space Museum are just a few places we will visit this summer! Our summer will surely be OUT OF THIS WORLD!



HEAR FROM OUR BOARD PRESIDENT!

At the beginning of May 3 board members, Blanca Lopez, Kisha Johnson and myself (Ashley Tatman) along with CEO, Griffin Walker traveled to Orlando, FL for the National Boys and Girls Club of America's National Conference. Before we dove into all the learning at the conference we got to spend part of the day, the day before the conference, at Universal Studios, where we traveled to two parks and experienced everything Universal and visited the Harry Potter areas. It truly was an amazing experience, you really felt like you were in a Harry Potter movie, especially when we visited Diagon Alley.

We had a busy three days of learning, attending receptions, watching celebrities get inducted into the Boys and Girls Club Hall of Fame, and listening to Keynote speaker, MLB superstar, Alex Rodriguez. The conference really focused on you building the best club for your local area, how to build a positive team, recruiting engaging board members and how to tell our club story to our community.

Every time we (board members) attend our Region Conference and now National Conference, we are always proud to be a part of this movement and to make a difference in kid's lives in our community. This is such an amazing organization to be a part of and we are motivated to recruit more engaged board members and bring our club to the next level.

The conferences that board members attend are twice a year usually in September for the Regional Conference and in May for the National Conference. The knowledge learned at these conferences can really be encompassed in and crossover to your corporate job.



A PREVIOUS CLUB KID RETURNS TO COFFEYVILLE

Deja Kuehn started as a Boys and Girls Club member in the 1st grade. Hear more about her time with Boys & Girls Club below!

My time as a Club member was filled with fun activities and staff who made the biggest positive impact on me. For that reason, I ended up becoming a staff member in 2018 when I was 16. Never did I think that working with the kids would impact my life as much as it did. Working at Boys and Girls Club led me to choose a career path in secondary education and I wanted to stay in Coffeyville to see the K-8 graders I've worked with over the years through their high school years.

A PREVIOUS CLUB KID RETURNS TO COFFEYVILLE CONT'D

During my three years of college, I still came back and worked and visited the kids as much as I could. With the experience and references from my time at Club, I've been able to achieve my goal of teaching math at the high school in Coffeyville. Boys and Girls Club is an amazing program, both for the members and the staff, and I'm happy to say it's helped guide me and showed me how important and special it is to be involved in the members' development as students and people.



COMMUNICATION CORNER

Communication is important to us, that's why we have a couple of ways for you to be in the know at all times! Remind is an app we use for parent/student communication. We send our updates, events, and you can even send us a message that you are here to pick up your student through this app! Follow us on our social media platforms!

We have a new website! Check us out at www.bgcsek.org



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April Staff of the Month Paige Brooks is a wonderful addition to our team! Ms. Paige is a lead teacher at our BG Tots program she does a wonderful job & the kids absolutely love her! She is a great role model for our littles to look up to. She has a kind heart & wants the best for the kids she works with. Thanks for choosing us, we are so proud of you!



May Staff of the Month Mary joined our team eager to work and learn. She comes to work everyday with a smile on her face and ready to make a positive impact on the kids. Our kids absolutely love her

GREAT FUTURES START HERE.

MISSION: It is the mission of Boys & Girls Club of SEK to enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens.

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