

Alumni



Chatter

November 2017

Dear Alumni and Friends,

Happy Holidays from the Neighborhood Boys & Girls Club (NBGC)! As the NBGC enters its 87th year, there is much to celebrate.

This year, over 1,600 children were kept off the streets during the out-of-school time. Over 400 children were enrolled in Summer Day Camp. Each age group attended two field trips every week and looked forward to daily "Theme Days". Over 120 teenagers were engaged in the Leadership Program. The Leaders in this program not only received vital youth development training on safety, age-appropriate games, and conflict resolution, but also were eligible for post-secondary educational scholarships. Actually, \$42,500 was awarded this year to deserving leaders to pursue a college degree. Over 1,000 unduplicated children enjoyed participating in athletics. These youth and teenagers learned the fundamentals of flag football, soccer, volleyball, floor hockey, and basketball. Some of these sports leagues even had 30 enthusiastic girls cheering on each player in the spirit of sportsmanship and teamwork. There is huge demand for our afterschool programming. At NBGC's 3 satellite schools, 300 children received help with their homework, ate healthy snacks and were active in physical and cultural activities.

2018 looks very promising. NBGC plans to expand its outreach and serve more children in its athletic, out-of-school time, and leadership programs. One initiative that we will embark on is enhancing our Leadership Program by hiring a Director of Youth Development. This person will be responsible for recruitment, training, and retention of teenagers for the Leadership Program. The Leadership Program has produced thousands of outstanding individuals that are responsible, caring, and productive citizens. One shining example of this program is Dalia Arroyo. Dalia's picture and recent achievement can be found in this publication.

I am thrilled to announce that NBGC received an anonymous \$10,000 pledge that is being leveraged as a 2:1 match from now until Giving Tuesday (November 28, 2017). If you donate \$100 before November 28, your gift will have an impact of \$300! Your gift would have an immeasurable impact on the life of a child.

The need to serve at-risk youth and teenagers has never been greater. With the reduction of government funding, we need your help to continue providing quality programs and services. Please consider donating TODAY and YOUR contribution will be matched 2:1, up to \$10,000. Rest assured that YOUR gift is providing a child with hope and opportunity. YOU are making this world a better place by "Building Better Men & Women" that will positively contribute to society. Thank YOU for your continued support and generosity.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey Sadowski

Executive Director

We have some exciting news to share, NBGC has received a \$10,000 anonymous donation! When you donate between now and November 28th, your gift will be matched 2 to 1 up to \$10,000. To give a gift to NBGC, please fill out the enclosed donor envelope and return to the clubhouse or go to our website www.nbgc.org and click donate.



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86th Anniversary and Hall of Fame Dinner

On October 20th, NBGC celebrated 86 years of service to the youth and families of Chicago. This year we inducted 6 Alums and one entire family into our NBGC Hall of Fame at the Des Plaines Elks Lodge. This year's group of inductees spans over 60 years of history at the clubhouse! **The Cooney Family** has had 2 generations of NBGC members and also expanded the NBC neighborhood boundaries. **John Chambers** was a Bobcat in the 1950's and helped NBGC while being active in civic groups. **Maryann Brandon** was the woman behind the scenes and behind RCB since 1960. **Dolores Stahl** was involved with the Mothers Club and loved to watch all the sports on the field since 1960's. **Frank Hashimoto Sr.** started as an NBC Gameroom regular and continued to give back through his numerous roles in NBGC groups and sat on the Board of Directors. **Fares & Jovi Zanayed** both played a huge role during the 90's growing NBGC's sports programs. Jovi nurtured the new pilot Girls Program while **Fares** was expanding the younger boys Cadet program. Both were NBGC Scholarship recipients and now their 2 sons are members.

Congratulations to all our Hall of Fame inductees!



**Maryann Brandon
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Maryann Brandon and Family



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Cooney Family



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Stahl Family



Fares, Jovi, Jacob and Joseph Zanayed

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Leader Spotlight

My name is Gabriel Bikoma. I have been in the Army Reserves for the past 3 and a half years, joining a few months before my 19th birthday. After basic training and my advanced individual training I was stationed at Ft. Sheridan in northern Illinois where I have been at two different units in my tenure. The Reserves has allowed me to travel to Utah, Wisconsin, Virginia, North Carolina, Arizona, and Pennsylvania for different trainings to further my military career. After joining as an enlisted member as a private, or an E-1, I have since been promoted several time to my current rank of Specialist, or E-4. I am also looking to be promoted to Sergeant sometime in the next few months. I still am very involved at the Neighborhood Boys and Girls Club, working as a League Director for the 4th-5th grade Prep League. The Army Reserves has enabled me to be more patient and vigilant with all the youth at NBGC.



Gabe Bikoma, Prep League Dir.



Dalia Arroyo, Pebble League Director

On August 12, the Golden Apple Foundation hosted their induction ceremony for the class of 2017 Illinois Scholars. I was honored to be one of 234 scholars to receive this scholarship that recognizes promising youth that have demonstrated a passion for teaching and education. Their recruitment process begins with submissions of roughly 2,000 general applications that consists of 4 essays and 2 recommendations in December. The candidates are then cut by more than 50%, when only 700 are offered interviews in Chicago and Springfield. Under careful consideration 234 candidates were contacted in mid-July with an offer to join the 2017 cohort. The Golden Apple's mission "to inspire, develop and support teacher and school leader excellence in Illinois, especially in schools-of-need", goes hand in hand with the Neighborhood Boys & Girls Club mission to build a future "For better men and women" as they both aspire to bring change and improvement to the community. The past 6 years that I have spent at NBGC have continued to inspire me to pursue a career in teaching at the elementary school level. As a league director, I have seen how the sports that we teach help each child grow in their own way whether its making their first basket after a whole season of practicing or finding their voice to coach their teammates to a victory. As a scholar, I have promised to commit the first 5 years of my career to teach in a school-of-need to bring the same type of growth and inspiration to youth under challenging circumstances. To achieve this goal, the Golden Apple Foundation hosts 4 summer institutes each with a different focus to build the skills needed to be a distinguished teacher. After completing their summer institutes, they continue to provide support and guidance throughout our first 5 years of teaching to ensure our success in our profession.

You have families, you have extended families, friends and neighbors. All the relationships that you build and nurture as you meander from one spot to another in life. We have been so lucky that NBGC has been all of those to our family in one way or another throughout the years. An unbelievable place to help raise your children, for them to learn, for the parents to learn and for everyone to have fun! We started as young as you can, my daughter in soccer and cheerleading and when the boys got old enough, flag football, floor hockey, with baseball in the summer. All that time spent learning how to be a team, how to work together to attain likeminded goals, how to win and of course how to lose. Just a wonderful place with wonderful people of all ages.

Meghan, my daughter, took a few years off and came back to become a Leader when she turned 13. She loved it, loved the kids and the responsibility, she loved it all. She thrived and it was a perfect fit. Her first year of high school I thought she would use the "I'm too busy" excuse to distance herself from NBGC but she didn't, she made it a point to make an impact. Two years of Summer Camp, Cubbies on Saturday mornings, and finally becoming the Cheerleading Co-Coach this fall. Jumping on the city bus from her school plus a transfer just to get to NBGC on time to what she called "her kids". We were so proud of the young lady that the NBGC community was helping us raise.

Tragically Meghan passed away at 15 this September from a food allergy. It was sudden and final. The grief our family, my wife, myself, and our two boys feel cannot be described. Words can't even come close. Fortunately, when we needed it the most, we were saved by NBGC. Bonnie carried us through the process, the arrangements, basically did everything for us when we were incapable. The NBGC family, the Leaders, and "her kids" came together to grieve and to help with the funeral. We are forever grateful for what we were given and we will never forget.

My eldest son Jackson is a Leader, Conor will also follow the tradition in a couple of years. The Dunne's will always be present at NBGC.
Thank You, Patrick and Dawn Dunne



Meghan Dunne, Youth Leader

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Field Ribbon Cutting

On September 8th, NBGC officially opened it's new fields to be played on by our youth and families. Over the course of 5 months our fields received a much needed face lift! The field was leveled and new grass was then laid down. Each of the 4 baseball diamonds received new backstops. We would like to thank LISC, The 47th Ward, The Chicago Cubs, The Revere Park Advisory Council, and The Chicago Park District for making our field of dreams possible!



34th Bears Bash

The 34th Annual NBGC Bears Bash was a huge success! We had over 115 guests in attendance that occupied both the upstairs and downstairs areas of the Piggery.

The event raised over \$4,800, which is an increase of 127% over last year's event! Although the game had a rain delay and the Bears lost, fun was had by all! We would like to thank our sponsor, Morici, Figlioi and Associates, for helping make the event a success and also The Piggery for hosting the event!



Neighborhood Boys & Girls Club 2017 Calendar

Nov. 18 th	Revere Park Chili Cook-Off
Nov. 22 nd	87th Annual Pep Rally
Nov. 23 rd	87th Annual Thanksgiving Day Classics
Nov. 23 rd	Lucky Date Raffle Drawing
Nov. 24 th -26 th	NBGC Closed for Thanksgiving Weekend
Dec. 2 nd	Christmas Tree Sale 9am-2pm
Dec. 2 nd	Holiday Ham Order Deadline
Dec. 5 th	NBGC Beer Social at Lagunitas 5:30pm-8:30pm
Dec. 9 th	Parents Night Out 5:30pm-11:30pm
Dec. 15 th	Ham Sale Pick Up 1pm-6pm

In MEMORY of those we recently lost

January

Anne Teske, Grandparent of Alum
 Mary Lou Kestler, Parent & Grandparent of Alum
 Reggie Henderson, Alum 00's
 Geraldine Howe, Parent and Grandparent of Alum

February

William (Dick) Schroeder, Alum 30's

March

Richard Watson, Alum 50's

April

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May

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June

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July

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August

Ernie Sardilli, 1960's Alum

September

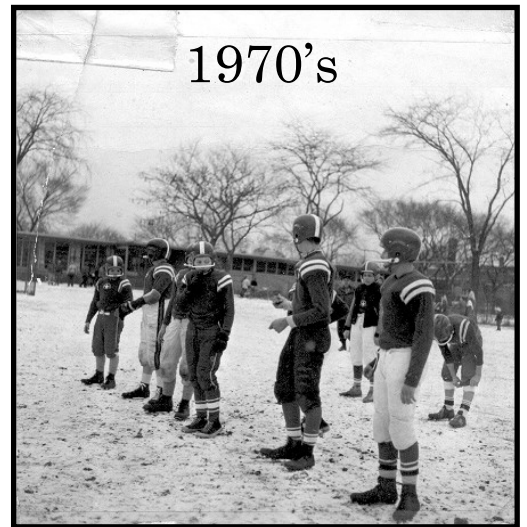
Meghan Dunne, Member and Current Youth Leader
 Joyce Boin, Sister of Don Valentin and Niece of Dick Valentin

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1940's



1970's



1950's

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1980's



1960's



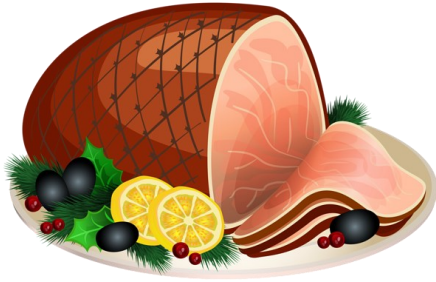
1990's



2016

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Upcoming Events



Holiday Ham Sale

Orders are due by Saturday, December 2nd

Pick up & payment will be due on

Friday, December 15th from 1:00-6:00 pm

Hams are fully cooked, smoked, defatted, | Spiral cut \$3.75/lbs

Sizes Available: Small 6-9lbs or Large 14-18lbs Spice Kits at \$2.00



Holiday Tree Sale **Saturday, December 2nd**

9am to 2pm

or until we run out

Frasier Furs
Wreaths—Roping



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2607 W. 17th St
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5:30pm-8:30pm | Tickets: \$10 | \$6 Lagunitas Pours

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