



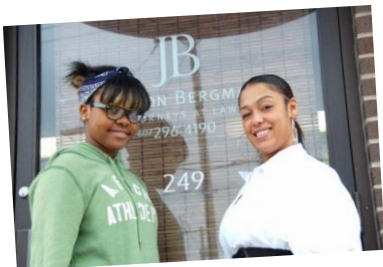
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JUNE 2012

Boys & Girls Clubs of Binghamton

Teens Explore Careers

Through a \$5,000 contribution from the AT&T Foundation, several of our teen Club members recently engaged in a 10-week career preparation program.



Club member Jessica Farahane with paralegal Natasha Barrientos at the law firm of Jackson Bergman.

After a series of weekly workshops on a variety of topics, including interview skills and job search techniques, the program culminated in a job shadowing experience where teens were paired with Club board members, Club staff, and our dedicated community partners who all generously volunteered their time to host a teen at their office.

Our teens visited local businesses, including All Ready Printing, Jackson Bergman, Red Lobster, ROGERS Service Group, Vieira & Associates, and our very

own Fun Club program located within the local elementary schools.

Through their job shadowing experience, Club members learned about a career field of their choice, including graphic design, law, restaurant management, welding, accounting, and childcare.



Club member Nick Lee with Red Lobster general manager Scott Phillips.

Due to the excellent feedback from our teens and their hosts, we hope to offer this enriching program again over the summer and add new career fields and job sites!

Pictured above: Club member Bethany Smith at All Ready Printing.



Upcoming Events and Fundraisers

-  **June 21** – Annual Golf Tournament (Vestal Hills Country Club)
-  **June 27** – Summer Program Begins at the Club (90 Clinton St.)
-  **July 2** – Camp Sertoma Begins (459 Johnson Rd. – pictured above)
-  **July 7** – Parlor City 5K Run (as part of July Fest)
-  **August 30** – All-Star Golf Tournament (The Links at Hiawatha Landing)

Register now!

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Charles Woody

Board President

Thank you to our 2011-2012 annual campaign donors! Through your contributions, we raised a total of \$9,160 for Club programming. As you read on about the accomplishments of our Club and members, please know you helped make those successes possible.

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Executive Director

This year began very sadly as one of our board members, Joan Clow, passed away in early January. Joan was a member of our board for 17 years and served as board president from 2001 to 2003. She was especially active on our board development committee, as well



as the finance, program, and strategic planning committees. During her time at the Club she received several awards, including the Volunteer of the Year Award. I'll remember her loving,

kind, and caring spirit and how she was always enthusiastic about the Club and incredibly supportive of our programs, members, staff, and board. She was my friend and teacher, and her encouraging and thoughtful words will stay with me. Joan is deeply missed, and our Club will not be the same without her. We love you, Joan.

While it has been a difficult time, many positive things have happened at the Club during the past few months. Philanthropy students from Binghamton University's Learning by Giving Program awarded our Club a \$5,000 grant to go toward our



basketball program and the purchase of a new van for the Club. The students chose our organization as one of five finalists from over 60 applicants. Three organizations were awarded funding of which we received the majority.

We've also recently received funding from the Broome County Arts Council United Cultural Fund, City of Binghamton, Darden Foundation, jcpenny, Peoples Neighborhood Bank, Taco Bell Foundation for Teens, United Way, and U.S. Department of Justice.

In addition, we've enjoyed wonderful local partnerships, including those with the Binghamton Sertoma Club, Boys and Girls Club Mentors, Broome Community College Lady Hornets, KYDS Coalition, Reality Check, and Red Lobster.

This month, we are busily preparing for our annual golf tournament fundraiser, the start of our summer program at the Club, and the 59th year of Camp Sertoma. To learn more about any of these events or programs, please visit our website or give us a call.

And, from all of us here at the Club, have a wonderful summer.

Terry Cortese Green

Foundation Executive Director

The year 2011 was an exciting one for the Foundation. It was the first time in several years that the Foundation solicited gifts from our donors to help grow the endowment. The Foundation had been concentrating its efforts on helping the Club complete its Capital Campaign for the new building. The Foundation is pleased to share that this fundraising effort raised close to \$5,000. We thank those who were able to give, and we hope to increase the amount raised each year. The Foundation provides the Club with annual operational funding. We need your help and support to insure that we are always able to provide financial assistance through the growth of the endowment. Please call Terry Cortese Green, Foundation Executive Director, at (607) 723-7404, and she will be happy to share giving opportunities with you.

The Foundation is also pleased to announce that we have added three new Trustees to the Board – Nicole Akel Huff, Albert Nocciolino, and Samuel Pejo, M.D. We welcome them and look forward to their vision and expertise.

CLUB NEWS



Youth Present "Happy Show"

Sixteen of our Club members performed in the "Happy Show," presented free to the public this past March, which featured original scenes and monologues written by the youth actors. This marked the seventh year we've partnered with Rudy Caporaso, from REV Theatre Company, to offer our youth an after school theatre arts program that encourages self-expression while also developing self-esteem, responsibility, and teamwork. Funding for this program was provided, in part, by a project grant from the United Cultural Fund, a program of the Broome County Arts Council.

Basketball Teams Win Big

In April, two of our basketball teams (totaling 26 Club members) traveled to Niagara Falls for the highly competitive Mark "Chief" Williams Memorial Basketball Tournament. Both teams, 8th graders and 11th/12th graders won the championship in their age bracket! Our CYO varsity basketball team also won the CYO Community League Varsity Tournament Championship held at Seton Catholic Central in February.



Best Restaurant Week Yet

We received \$5,608 in proceeds from Binghamton Restaurant Week held in March. The funds will go toward our Power Hour homework help and tutoring program. Representatives from the restaurants visited our Club in late April, where they were presented with thank you cards from our members and taken on a tour of our facility.

Grant Funds Workforce Readiness Program

The City of Binghamton Community Development Block Grant Program awarded our Club a grant of \$11,880 for a one-year workforce readiness program that combines Junior Achievement work readiness, entrepreneurship, and financial literacy curriculum with a hands-on, experiential learning opportunity within our Club's snack café. Teens perform all daily functions of the café business (food service, inventory, staffing, marketing, etc.), which was once operated solely by staff. Through the grant, we were also able to hire a new part-time staff member who oversees this teen-run business.



Rent the Club or Camp for birthday parties, staff retreats, reunions, weddings, and more!

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CLUB MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Benaleo Daniels
Youth of the Year 2012



Years at the Club: 5
School: Freshman, BHS
Favorite Subjects: Math and English
Career Interests: Pro Football and Carpentry

Interesting Facts About Me: At BHS, I play five sports – football, track, basketball, swimming, and bowling. I also have 10 younger brothers and sisters!

Favorite Activities at the Club: Basketball, weightlifting, and helping the younger kids in the Power Hour tutoring room

As our Club's Youth of the Year, Benaleo visited Albany in May to join other Youth of the Year teens from across New York and receive recognition from our state's government officials, including Assemblywoman Donna Lupardo.



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