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HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

The Boys & Girls Club of Topeka hopes you have enjoyed a happy and healthy 2009! "The Club" has had a wonderful year and we want to say THANK YOU to all of our generous supporters and friends! With your help we serve approximately 4,000 youth in Topeka, especially those from disadvantaged circumstances who need us most!



United Way
of Greater Topeka

Our Mission: To enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens.

THANK YOU Blue Cross Blue Shield of Kansas!

On December 10, employees of Blue Cross Blue Shield of Kansas held a Christmas party, complete with songs, dinner, clowns, and NEW BIKES AND HELMETS for 22 of our youth members. What a wonderful gift! Our youth were chosen based on a reward system that recognized their hard work in academics, Boys and Girls Club program participation, and character development. What a wonderful night. On December 17th and 18th, we will host Christmas parties for all our members! Our thanks to the many local businesses and individuals who contributed to help make this a wonderful time for all the kids!



Our Youth and Staff Are Warm and Dry

This Spring we finally replaced the 30 year old roof at our Club at 27th and Adams. Thanks to the generous support of the Capitol Federal Foundation, Sunderland Foundation, Bank of America Humphreys' Trust, and many other donors, we were able to fully fund the roof replacement. We also did some long-needed ceiling repairs, as well as heating and cooling repairs. Thanks to the efforts of our community, the youth have a warm, safe, dry, and positive place to be!

Check Out Our New Website!

Have you seen our new site? Go to www.bgctopeka.org. Be sure to look at our Sponsor page to find all the wonderful people and organizations that support our youth. You also might want to check out our Photo Gallery to see the smiling faces of the kids we serve. We have added a Wish List page - please take a look to see if you can donate any items you no longer need. We'd appreciate the support!

If you are interested in making a financial contribution, or perhaps including the Boys & Girls Club of Topeka in your estate planning, please contact Dwight Nichols at 232-5699.

Exciting New Dental Program For Our Youth

In January 2010, we will begin an exciting program for our youth members. We have a new partnership with Oral Health Kansas to provide dental screenings and nutritional counseling to 250 of our members. This wonderful project is funded through a generous grant from the Topeka Community Foundation. THANK YOU!

Homework Assistance Program is a Wonderful Success

Did you know we provide a homework assistance program called "Power Hour"? Every day during the school year, trained staff and volunteers help up to 400 youth with homework. This is a valuable resource for our youth, helping them to strengthen academic skills while receiving

recognition and incentive strategies to encourage progress. We are thrilled with the academic improvements our members achieve with this wonderful program!

Thank you again for your wonderful support. At the Topeka Boys and Girls Club, we strive to serve the youth in our community. Our promise is: To provide a safe, positive place and have a significant impact on their lives.

Happy Holidays!

Jeff Wagaman, Chief Professional Officer

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