



BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF THE UPSTATE

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DON'T MISS OUR FIRST ANNUAL AFTERSCHOOL SHOWCASE NEXT TUESDAY MAY 15TH AT CHAPMAN CULTURAL CENTER!



YOUTH OF THE YEAR
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Photo by: Jamal McIntyre, Cleveland Elementary Club

This year Boys & Girls Clubs of the Upstate is combining two great events- our end of year Arts Showcase and Youth of the Year Celebration-into our first Afterschool Showcase. The arts portion of the event is the culmination of a year of creative projects at 11 upstate Clubs including an exhibition of over 100 photos, a presentation by our creative writing students, and the viewing of an award winning original short film. The Youth of the Year portion will feature the announcement of our 2012 Upstate Youth of the Year and will recognize all of our local Club winners. The Youth of the Year program fosters and celebrates young people's character, personal growth and leadership qualities.



Photo by: Kaitlyn Rankin, Chapman Elementary Club

Please join us in celebrating the accomplishments of these outstanding young people at the Chapman Cultural Center Tuesday, May 15th. Viewing of the photo exhibit will begin at 4pm, Youth of the Year presentation, reading and film in the David Reid Theatre from 4:30-5:30 pm. Thank you to the following for making the Afterschool Showcase possible:

Presenting Sponsor-adidas group; Youth of the Year Sponsor-Advance America; Photo Sponsors-CONTEC, JM-Smith Corporation, The Arts Partnership, & Target; Film Sponsor-Rotary Club of Spartanburg.

ACADEMIC ENRICHMENT AND COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

Upstate Clubs launched three new academic enrichment programs this school year-KidzLit, KidzMath and KidzScience. These programs offer the chance to deepen children's response to literature, to appreciate the power and patterns in numbers and to wonder and explore how the world works.

Enrichment experiences are enhanced with the support of outstanding community partnerships. Pictured right, **Officer Coffin of the Landrum Police Department** and his police dog lend a hand with KidzLit at our O.P. Earle Elementary Club. Officer Coffin read the story *Officer Buckle and Gloria* about a police officer and his police dog Buckle and brought the story to life for the children.



The impact of KidzScience on members is deepened by field studies and collaborations with **Spartanburg Science Center, The Duke Energy Foundation, CH2MHILL, and GOLS**. Thanks to all of these GREAT partners for helping to cultivate curiosity and a love for learning in upstate youth. Pictured right, Chesnee Elementary Club members tour Duke Energy's World of Energy at Lake Keowee.



JOYCELYN HARDY, BOYS & GIRLS CLUB ALUMNA, NAMED NATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT SCHOLARSHIP FINALIST

Spartanburg High School Senior and Boys & Girls Club alum **Joycelyn Hardy** has been named a finalist in the National Achievement Scholarship Program. Joycelyn is the only finalist in Spartanburg County and one of only 1300 in the country.



We recently had the chance to catch up with Joycelyn who was a member of our Chapman Elementary Club for five years. She spoke to us about the role of her Boys & Girls Club experience in her development. "At the Club, I learned about priorities like getting your homework done first-then playing. The Club also helped us to develop socially, to learn how to make friends and help one another." Joycelyn also recalled some exciting Club experiences in the arts and caring relationships with Club staff. "It's important to have someone else there for you in addition to your family and teachers- to connect with you and support you as you grow."

Joycelyn is already giving back to her community in her summer work with children through Spartanburg Terrace Tenants Association. Joycelyn will attend Clemson University this fall and plans to go to medical school. Congratulations Joycelyn!!!!

B.D. LEE ELEMENTARY CLUB WINS BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT



Congratulations to **B.D. Lee Elementary Boys & Girls Club's basketball team** for winning first place in our Upstate Basketball Tournament!

A great time was had by all at the tournament which was held at Wofford College on March 31st. Thank you to our friends at adidas group for volunteering their time and donating uniforms and equipment and to Wofford for hosting.

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