



Chavis Jones Wins South Carolina Youth of the Year Competition!

Mr. Chavis Jones, our Upstate Youth of the Year, was awarded the title of 2009 South Carolina Boys & Girls Club Youth of the Year in Columbia. He is our first ever SC Youth of the Year from Spartanburg! Chavis is a senior at Spartanburg High School where he is Student Body Treasurer, President of Key Club and Vice President of our Viking Keystone Club. A Boys & Girls Club member since moving to Park Hills Elementary School in 5th grade, it has been our great pleasure to watch Chavis grow up to be such a fine young man. Congratulations to Chavis! He will represent South Carolina in the Southeast Regional Youth of the Year Competition in Tampa, FL this June. Boys & Girls Clubs of America's Youth of the Year Competition recognizes members for character and leadership skills and willingness to give back to the community. Chavis received a \$1,000 scholarship from The Reader's Digest Foundation. At the same meeting, Mr. Tom Eller, our Board Vice Chairman, was awarded the 2009 South Carolina New Board Member of the Year. We are pleased to announce that Mr. Eller will become our new Board Chairman this summer. Congratulations Tom!



Lenny Mathis, Mark Line and Mike Cunningham Receive Boys & Girls Clubs 2009 Man in Youth Award

On March 9th, our Park Hills and Cleveland Boys & Girls Clubs played ball at Wofford's Russel C. King Field. Members were coached by Wofford's baseball team and received trophies after the game. Lenny Mathis and Mark Line of Wofford College and Mike Cunningham of Proaxis were each presented with Boys & Girls Clubs of the Upstate's 2009 Man in Youth Award for their devoted service to our clubs in coaching baseball. We thank these dedicated volunteers and Wofford College for making this exciting event possible for our young people!



Ladies' Tea Party at Chapman Elementary Boys & Girls Club



On March 6th, girls at the Chapman Elementary Boys & Girls Club enjoyed a tea party dedicated to promoting positive self esteem in girls. Mothers, grandmothers, aunts, sisters and other female role models came out to the club to enjoy an afternoon of refreshments, performances and speakers. Deanne Wells of the Girl Scouts, our guest speaker, addressed the importance of building positive self esteem in girls. Guest performers included the Fairforest Boys & Girls Club Dance Team, pictured below. Through our health & life skills programs, Boys & Girls Clubs work to develop young people's capacity to engage in positive behaviors that nurture their own well-being, set personal goals and live successfully. In addition to these programs, our clubs offer members many opportunities to build self-confidence through public speaking and performance. Thanks to all who came out for this event!



Boys & Girls Clubs of the Upstate Celebrates Mr. OK Gaskins and the Spartanburg Optimist Club

On March 24th, members and staff from nine Boys & Girls Clubs joined together at our Carver Jr. High Club to honor Mr. OK Gaskins for over four years of dedicated volunteer service to our clubs. On behalf of the Greater Spartanburg Optimist Club, Mr. OK travels to our nine Spartanburg County Clubs each month to present a student of the month award. For years, Mr. OK has played an important role in encouraging our members to perform well in school and at their Boys & Girls Club. Thank you, Mr. OK, for all you do!



**1980's
Throw Back
Throw Down**

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**SATURDAY, APRIL 25th, 2009
7:30 PM UNTIL 12:00 AM**

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SUITE 2
MUST BE 21

**All proceeds will benefit
the Carver Jr. High School
Boys & Girls Club**

Deck out in your best 1980's wear and join us at this year's 80's Dance Party! A cash prize will be awarded to the best 80's dressed male and female. All proceeds will benefit the Carver Jr. High Boys & Girls Club. Also, don't miss our ImageMakers Photography Exhibit which will be on display at Hub-Bub from April 20th through this event! For tickets, contact Mr. Rick Ferguson at 864-285-1084 or rick@bgcusc.org.

BE INVOLVED

Volunteer opportunities are available to help out our kids at the Club or in our administrative office.

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Join our movement to help all kids BE GREAT. Make an online donation today at www.upstateclubs.org.

BE INSPIRING

Share a talent with a kid. We need volunteers to teach art and music and facilitate sports programs.

Please include Boys & Girls Clubs of the Upstate in your estate plan

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