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December 2009

MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS!

THIS CHRISTMAS, MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIFE OF A CHILD

Your giving makes Boys & Girls Clubs possible. Please consider making a gift this year if you haven't already. Have a friend or family member that is tough to buy for? A donation to us in their honor is the perfect gift and comes with a holiday card hand made by one of our members.

Another way to make a difference is to sponsor a child for Christmas. We have a long list of our most needy children awaiting sponsorship.

To make a donation or adopt a kid for Christmas, email heidi@bgcusc.org or call 583-4867 x 115. Christmas gifts for kids must be delivered to our office at 901 S. Pine St. by December 15th to ensure Santa arrives in time.

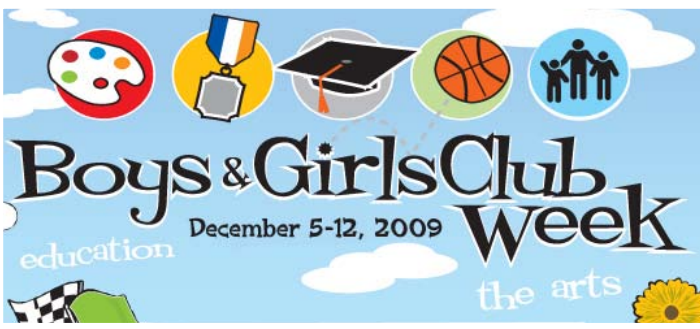


VIKING KEYSTONE CLUB HOSTS FUN SAFE SATURDAY



Our Spartanburg High School Viking Keystone Club hosted Fun-Safe Saturday on November 21st at Optimist Acres. Twenty-five Keystoners worked hard to create a fun filled day for 17 children from Crescent Hill apartments. Activities included fishing, painting and a cookout and games.

Keystoning is part of Boys & Girls Club's character and leadership program for teens and focuses on career exploration and community service.



Boys & Girls Clubs week is back by demand just in time for the holidays! Purchase a Boys & Girls Club armband for \$5 and get great discounts at downtown Spartanburg retailers beginning this Saturday. Proceeds support the work of our Keystone Club. For more information visit us at www.begreatupstate.org.

HUB-BUB HELPING BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS INSPIRE YOUTH



Since the Showroom first opened their doors in 2006, Hub-Bub has been a key partner in helping Boys & Girls Clubs inspire youth through the arts. Each year, Hub-Bub hosts our annual ImageMakers photography exhibit and Film Festivals. Hub-Bub's artists in residence have volunteered in our Clubs implementing photo clubs, helping out with films and teaching art classes. Current Hub-Bub Artist in residence Greg Bae leads a weekly studio art session at our Carver Jr. High Club in partnership with the COLORS program of the Spartanburg Art Museum.

On November 17th, also in collaboration with COLORS, Hub-Bub hosted a special event for teens from our Carver Club. Artists of Drive by Press shared their work, demonstrated printmaking techniques, and printed a t-shirt for each of the teens. We were pleased this year to bring former Hub-Bub artist Jonas Criscoe on staff at Boys & Girls Clubs to teach art and photography each afternoon in our Clubs. Thank you Hub-Bub for all you do for the arts and youth in Spartanburg.

Pictured above, founder of Drive by Press, Greg Nanny, shows prints to Carver teens. Above right, Jaleel West directs a film at The Showroom. Jaleel is in the 9th grade at Carver and has been a Boys & Girls Club member since first grade.

SWAIMBROWN HOLDS THANKSGIVING RECEPTION IN HONOR OF CLUB MEMBER

Congratulations to Meunshay Crawford the winner of this year's Thanksgiving card contest. Each year SwaimBrown selects one of our Club member's art for a Thanksgiving card that is mailed to over 2,000 of their clients around the globe. SwaimBrown hosted a reception in Meunshay's honor on November 19th where she received a framed copy of her winning design along with a \$100 gift card for Toys R Us.

When asked how she would use her card, Meunshay said that she would share with her younger siblings. At right, Meunshay poses with Scott Keim, Managing Partner of SwaimBrown and Greg Tolbert, Boys & Girls Club President. Meunshay is in the fourth grade at our Cleveland Elementary Club.



BE CONNECTED

Volunteer to be a judge for one of our upcoming Youth of the Year Competitions.
Contact nikki@bgcusc.org.

BE COMPASSIONATE

Join our movement to help all kids BE GREAT. Make an online donation today at www.upstateclubs.org or adopt a child for Christmas.

BE THE ONE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Support our cause by volunteering in our Clubs.

Please consider Boys & Girls Clubs for an end of year donation.



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