



HAPPY VALENTINES DAY FROM BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS!



Our Boys & Girls Clubs teamed up with **United Way of the Piedmont** for our February service project. Members have collected items, created handmade valentine cards and assembled 100 Bags of Love to be delivered to seniors on Valentine's Day by Mobile Meals Volunteers. Each month, Club members participate in community service projects as part of our Character and Leadership program.

Pictured left, Mary Rose Gibson from our Pacolet Elementary Club enjoys using her creativity to give back to her community.

GREAT FUTURES START HERE

Please join us in inspiring the Upstate's future leaders by **serving as a judge** at one of our upcoming **Youth of the Year Competitions**.

Our Youth of the Year Competition promotes and celebrates service to Club, community and family; academic performance; moral character; life goals; poise and public speaking ability. Select a location and date that is convenient for you from the list below and **RSVP to nikki@bgcusc.org or 583-4867 x 104.**

Mary H. Wright Elementary	Thursday, Feb. 17th
Chesnee Elementary	Friday, Feb. 18th
Jesse Bobo Elementary	Friday, Feb. 18th
Mary Bramlett Elementary-Cherokee County	Friday, Feb. 18th
Pacolet Elementary	Friday, Feb. 18th
O.P. Earle Elementary	Tuesday, Feb. 22nd
Lone Oak Elementary	Wednesday, Feb. 23rd
Chapman Elementary	Wednesday, Feb. 23rd
Park Hills Elementary	Thursday, Feb. 24th
Arcadia Elementary	Friday, Feb. 25th
Fairforest Elementary	Friday, Feb. 25th
B.D. Lee Elementary-Cherokee County	Friday, Feb. 25th
Cleveland Elementary	Monday, Feb. 28th
Carver Jr. High	Monday, Feb. 28th
Spartanburg Districts 1, 2 & 3 Compete @ Boys & Girls Clubs office	Friday, March 4th
Cherokee County Competition @ Mary Bramlett	Friday, March 4th
Spartanburg District 6 Competition @ Arcadia	Friday, March 11th
Spartanburg District 7 Compete @ Mary H. Wright	Friday, March 18th
Upstate Competition @ Fairforest Elementary	Thursday, April 7th

All competitions will begin at 4 p.m. and will take approximately one hour.

COLLEGE PARTNERSHIPS A SLAM DUNK FOR CLUBS

Club members are learning important life lessons and getting fit through participation in our Club basketball league. Our basketball program is enriched by partnerships with local colleges and parent volunteers. Members are excited about attending Youth Basketball Night at **Wofford College** this Saturday where they will participate in a half-time shoot-out as the Terriers take on Georgia Southern.



Park Hills Club plays the Chesnee Club at Chesnee Elementary. Photo by: Carissa Mattox, 5th grade, Chesnee Elementary

USC Upstate Athletics Department is deepening their partnership with Boys & Girls Clubs via student athlete mentoring of Club kids. Members have enjoyed cheering on the Spartans all season and look forward to attending National Student Athlete Appreciation Day at Upstate where they will each be paired with a student athlete buddy for fun and games.

AND THE 2010 SURVEY SAYS.....

Of 900 Club members surveyed:
90% said their Club helped them with their grades.
98% said their Club helped them understand the need for respecting others.

Of 500 parents surveyed:
93% said the Club helped their child complete homework.
97% said the Club helped their child learn to follow rules.

1,000 teacher surveys indicate: 80.63% of Club members improved classroom performance or needed no improvement.

MEMBER ART ON DISPLAY AT ARTS WITH HEART

If you missed Boys & Girls Clubs' Exhibit at Westgate Mall last month, you have another chance to view the work of some of our most talented young people at **Arts with Heart this Saturday, February 12th from 6-9pm at Hub-Bub's Showroom**. Members' work will be for sale with the proceeds benefitting Boys & Girls Clubs arts programs. The Showroom is located at 149 S. Daniel Morgan Ave. Pictured below, members show off their art at Westgate Mall and Arcadia Elementary Club members perform at the Chapman Cultural Center last month.

