



BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
OF THE UPSTATE

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January 2010

HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS!

BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS CELEBRATE A DECADE OF SUCCESS

Over the past ten years Boys & Girls Clubs of the Upstate has grown from four Clubs serving 600 youth per day to **thirteen Clubs serving 1400 youth per day**. Throughout our growth we continue to improve the quality of our programs and remain the United Way's number one ranked youth service organization. Thanks to all of our partners for helping us grow to meet the needs of our community's young people!



JANUARY EVENTS SHOWCASE MEMBER TALENT



Boys & Girls Clubs of the Upstate's Annual Fine Arts Exhibit is on display at Westgate Mall through January 30th. Please join us in honoring over fifty talented young people at a reception on **Thursday, January 7th from 4:30 to 5:30 pm**. Awards will be announced at 5 pm. Use the Mall entrance between Sears and Dillard's.

Our Second Annual Film Festival will be held at The Showroom at Hub-Bub on **Wednesday January 27th at 4:00 pm**. Club members have been working hard in our drama and claymation programs to produce their own original short films. Please come out and celebrate our GREAT young filmmakers! The Showroom is located at 149 S. Daniel Morgan Avenue in Spartanburg.



Our Arts programs and events are made possible by the generous support of **The Mary Black Foundation, The National Endowment for the Arts, Wachovia, Target and Chick-fil-A**.

BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS LAUNCH SMART TUTORING CENTERS

Boys & Girls Clubs is opening four Supplemental Education Services (SES) SMART Tutoring Centers this month to serve members from our Jesse Bobo, Cleveland, Park Hills and Mary Bramlett Clubs. The goal of our SMART Tutoring Centers is to increase students' academic achievement in English and Math. Members will participate in 40 hours of tutoring over ten week sessions. Research shows that students can advance as much as one grade level per subject during a ten week session. Three sessions will be offered per year: spring, summer and fall.

We are excited about offering this new service to our members who need a little extra help.



HOLIDAY FUN AT BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS



Our Clubs were full of the Christmas spirit this December. Members learned about the importance of giving as they assembled over 100 Bags of Love and created holiday cards for **Mobile Meals** recipients.

Community members provided Christmas presents for 140 of our neediest Club members. Thanks so much to all of those who helped provide a nice Christmas for these young people.

Our Fairforest, Cleveland and Mary H. Wright Clubs hosted holiday talent shows; 200 members attended The Youth Theatre's production of *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever*; and 150 members attended Ballet Spartanburg's production of *The Nutcracker*.

Pictured above, Irieon Smith performs at the Fairforest Elementary Club talent show and members at our Arcadia Elementary Club assemble Bags of Love for Mobile Meals.

PARK HILLS CLUB HOSTS MOTHER DAUGHTER TEA PARTY

The young ladies of our Park Hills Boys & Girls Club enjoyed hosting an afternoon tea party for mothers and other important females in their lives. The afternoon included a performance in which the girls danced and read original poetry.



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

BE THE ONE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Support our cause by volunteering in our Clubs.

Please tell your friends about Boys & Girls Clubs and encourage them to get involved.



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