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**BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
OF THE UPSTATE**

June 2009

AND THE SURVEYS SAY...BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS HAVE POSITIVE IMPACT ON UPSTATE YOUTH!

We surveyed 104 Boys & Girls Club alumni at Spartanburg High School about their experience attending Boys & Girls Clubs in their earlier school years. The percentages below indicate the number of yes responses to the following statements/questions:

- Participating in the Club really saved my life. **33%**
- The Club was the only safe place to go in my neighborhood. **52%**
- Participating in the Club has made me more successful in school and other activities today. **80%**
- Belonging to the Club really kept me out of trouble. **83%**
- Will you graduate from high school? **95%**



BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS' ART PROGRAM ENDS SCHOOL YEAR WITH PERFORMANCES AND EXHIBIT AT CHAPMAN CULTURAL CENTER AND RECEIVES NATIONAL AWARD!



Boys & Girls Clubs of the Upstate's drama program wrapped up the school year with performances at The Chapman Cultural Center on May 21st & 22nd. The Chesnee Club presented an adaptation of *The Lorax* and the Chapman Club presented *Oh The Places You'll Go*.

Over 180 members enjoyed viewing their photography in the student gallery at The Cultural Center at a reception on May 19th. Many of our young photographers were included in a photography book that was released at the event.



We are very pleased to announce that our Fine Arts Program has been awarded funding from **The National Endowment for the Arts** for next school year. We thank **The Spartanburg Little Theatre, The Arts Partnership of Greater Spartanburg, The Spartanburg Art Museum, and Ballet Spartanburg** for their partnerships. Our fine arts program is sponsored in part by **The Mary Black Foundation and Target**.

BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS CELEBRATE ACADEMIC SUCCESS

Two hundred first through 9th grade members attended an A/B Honor Roll Celebration at Chapman Elementary on May 28th. Members enjoyed the afternoon which included a dance party and outdoor fun. Thank you to **The Spartanburg Herald Journal and its Celebrate Community partners** for sponsoring our A/B honor roll recognition program. We congratulate our members on their academic success!



MEMBERS HAVE A BLAST AT BLACK AND WHITE BALL



Eighty 4th-6th graders had a great time dancing at The Black and White Ball at the Radisson Hotel on May 15th. We thank the **Radisson** for sponsoring this fun year end event!



BE INVOLVED

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

BE INFLUENTIAL

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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