



Boys & Girls Clubs ImageMakers Photography Exhibit at The Chapman Cultural Center



Over 150 photographs by members of Boys & Girls Clubs of the Upstate will be on display at the Chapman Cultural Center May 18th-June 28th. If you would like to meet and congratulate our young photographers, stop by our ImageMakers reception at The Cultural Center on **Tuesday May 19th from 4:00-5:30 pm**. The ImageMakers Program teaches digital photography and photo editing to Club Members ages 9-15. Throughout the program, children explore photography as a way of seeing, expressing, documenting, and storytelling. Our photography program is sponsored in part by **The Mary Black Foundation and Target**. Don't miss this exciting chance to see our community through the eyes of our young people! At left, photos taken by **Kady Thompson** (upper), 5th grade, Fairforest Elementary and **Zy'Keria Evans**, 6th grade, Cleveland Elementary.

Boys & Girls Club Viking Keystoneers Attend National Conference In Atlanta



Fourteen members of our Spartanburg High School Viking Keystone Club attended Boys & Girls Clubs of America's 2009 National Keystone Conference in Atlanta April 2nd-5th. The Keystone Club is Boys & Girls Club's leadership and service club for teens. Keystoneers elect officers and implement activities in six areas: service to Club and community, character and leadership, education and career exploration, unity, free enterprise and social recreation. Over 1500 teens from all fifty states and abroad attended this year's conference which included performances and appearances by Boys & Girls Club celebrity alumni Ashanti and Mario Lopez, among others. Conference sessions provided attendees with positive leadership experiences along with opportunities to explore issues facing teens today and to develop skills that support their efforts in their communities. Between these engaging sessions Keystoneers had a blast visiting Six Flags and attending a red carpet celebration. Keystoneers who raised \$50 or volunteered 10 hours plus raising \$25 for their service project Caroline on My Mind got to attend the conference.



We are pleased to announce that **J.M. Smith Foundation** will sponsor Boys & Girls Club Week this month to raise money and awareness for Boys & Girls Clubs of the Upstate. Stop by Morgan Square on Saturday, May 23rd from 12:00-2:00 pm to purchase your Boys & Girls Club armband for \$5. Monnie Whitson from Magic 98.9 will be broadcasting live from Morgan Square during this time to promote the event. You may also purchase your armband any time that week from select retailers. Wear your Boys & Girls Club armband to get great discounts at Downtown Spartanburg restaurants and retailers for the entire week. Visit www.begreatupstate.org for an up-to-date list of participating retailers.

Father Daughter Dance at Mary H. Wright Elementary Boys & Girls Club

The father daughter dance at Mary H. Wright Elementary Boys & Girls Club was a huge success with 45 fathers and grandfathers attending with their daughters/granddaughters. This event was part of our Family PLUS (parents leading, uniting, serving) program. This program is designed to address family needs and provide resources and solutions. Family PLUS is sponsored by the Kimberly-Clark Corporation in partnership with Boys & Girls Clubs of America. We are pleased to announce that **Women Giving for Spartanburg** is sponsoring Family PLUS at our Mary H. Wright Club for the next year.



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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