



## CLUBS GROW TO MEET NEED IN TOUGH ECONOMIC TIMES

Thanks to GREAT Clubs and the GREAT Recession we are serving more children than ever before. As of last week our daily attendance topped 1,400 children, 300 more than this time last year. That's a 27% increase! Our Club programs cost \$5 to join and attend all school year. Naturally, hard economic times drive families our way. Quality services, competent staff, and fun Clubs also draw new Club members. We are not shying away from this greater need. Each new grade level group of 20 Club Members requires the addition of a part-time staff. That addition costs us just over \$6,000 for the school year, that's \$300 per child, \$8.50 per week. Does your financial support matter? You bet it does. How can you help us serve even more children now? Support the GREAT KIDS CAMPAIGN as an individual or our BE GREAT Radio Campaign as a company. Call or email Greg to learn more, 583-4867 x102, greg@bgcusc.org.

## BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS KICK OFF GREAT KIDS CAMPAIGN!

Boys & Girls Clubs of the Upstate kicked off its annual Great Kids Campaign August 20th at Mt. Moriah Baptist Church. The event included a program fashion show designed to inspire and educate community volunteers. The campaign goal this year is to raise \$100,000 for the Clubs' afterschool programs and services for youth, ages 6-16.

Serving as the campaign chairman is Rev. Benjamin Snoddy from Mt. Moriah Baptist Church. "Our clubs are making a difference in the community," said Snoddy. "Last year our local Clubs served 1100 youth each day after school. Without academic help, guidance, life skills, and a safe haven after-school, over 50% of our poor and minority students will drop out before high school graduation."

The mission of Boys & Girls Clubs is to enable all young people, especially those that need it most, to realize their full potential as productive, responsible and caring citizens. A big thanks to this year's campaign volunteers! **To make a donation or to volunteer call 583-4867 or visit us on the web at [www.begreatupstate.org](http://www.begreatupstate.org).** Below, campaign volunteers are pictured with members of our Cleveland Elementary Boys & Girls Club.



**Rev. Benjamin Snoddy (Mt. Moriah Baptist Church, Boys & Girls Clubs Board Member and Campaign Chairman)**



**Kimberly Fly (BB&T), Alan Lyles (Smith Barney), Josh Foster (BB&T), Paul Bopp (BB&T), Ken Leopard (BB&T), and Tom Eller (BB&T, Boys & Girls Clubs Board Chairman and Campaign Vice-Chairman)**



**Patsy Hammett (Milliken), JoDee Dailey (Milliken, Boys & Girls Clubs Board Member, and Campaign Team Chairwoman), Diane Arnett (Milliken)**



**Clay Keim (Ford & Harrison, Campaign Team Captain)**



**Matt Smith (Walker Walker Higgins) and Julian Crawford (SwaimBrown, Boys & Girls Clubs Board Member, and Campaign Team Captain)**



**Rob Sanborn (Total Storage Services)**



**Alex Evins (Parker Poe Adams & Bernstein)**



**Tom Keim, Grant Close and Jeffrey Lehrer (Ford & Harrison)**



**Phil Lane (WSPA, Boys & Girls Clubs Board Member)**



**LaRue Taylor (Upstate Family Law & Mediation, Team Captain)**

Campaign volunteers not pictured include Cheryl Berry (Gerber Children's Wear), Tony Bell (Spartanburg Co. Administration), Tony Lister (Lister, Flynn, Kelly & Talley Law Firm), Rick Smith (BB&T), Nick Wildrick (Longleaf Holdings), Charlie Allen (Merrill Lynch), Ryan Johnson (PricewaterhouseCoopers), Trey Martin (Morgan Keegan), Reg Greiner (The Capital Corporation), Matt Parks (HHI, Inc.), Mike Trammell (Dixon Hughes), Cecile Wagner (Pauline Glenn Springs Elementary), Tripp Johnson (L. Yates Johnson LLC), Jennifer Britanniski (Community Volunteer), Patrick Cont (Sturm & Cont), Scott Heath (Smith Barney)

# BE GREAT CELEBRATION

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2009  
Carolina Country Club**

Boys & Girls Clubs want to open new Clubs to provide every elementary school student in need with an affordable, safe, educational and fun afterschool youth development program. You can enjoy a great event and help us grow to reach more children. Visit us on the web at [www.begreatupstate.org](http://www.begreatupstate.org) or call Greg Tolbert at 864-583-4867 x 102 to make your donation.

Freshman \$250 Admission & Outback Steakhouse meal for your family, golf for 1 adult  
Sophomore \$500  
Junior \$750  
Senior \$1000 All of the above plus golf for four

Golf-Noon to 5pm  
Kids Rides-2pm to 6pm

Thank you to our BE GREAT CELEBRATION committee: Dana Mason, Robyn Ocker, Kirsten Miller, Tammy Miles, Leigh Anne Carmichael, Lori Butehorn, Jennifer Gilley, Debby Bridgeman, and Nichole Hartman

