

Dear Community Member,

December 19, 2016

The Boys and Girls Club of the North Country (BGCNC) has come a long way since 2005, when our average attendance was just 15 children. In ten short years we have seen a tremendous growth of nearly 400%! Between our after school and summer programs, we now average nearly 50 members each day. While this growth is positive, it is also an indicator for the increased need for our services. BGCNC helps those in our area who need it the most. For some members our programs are life savers. That's why we are writing today. To ask you to please consider donating to your local Boys and Girls Club.

BGCNC and its programs make the difference between success and failure for many children in our area. The Club provides a place for children of all abilities to learn and grow - all while having fun. Children like Emily, from Lisbon. "Emily has become more independent and has overcome so many fears" explains her mother Melanie. "She especially loves going on the weekly field trips during the summer, which is so helpful for us working parents. I am so grateful for the kind of people that take care of my child throughout the summer months and afterschool." We hope we can count on your help to maintain these valuable programs for children like Emily.

**Programs like our summer camps are vital to working parents.
Please help us keep these valuable programs!**

Throughout the year, our local staff, volunteers and Board of Directors work hard to encourage and shape our youth into accomplished individuals. Our programs enable at-risk children to learn valuable skills to help them develop into responsible, contributing members of our community. Programs such as **SMART GIRLS** - a Boys and Girls Club of America curriculum which fosters girl's empowerment, **Triple Play** - which fosters exercise for the mind, body and soul, and our **Healthy Kids** nutritional program can only continue with the help of fundraising events and donations received from individuals and businesses in our communities ... supporters like you.

As 2016 comes to an end, we'd like to follow-up with you - asking you to send in the gift that you would like to make. If you've already sent in your donation, we thank you. Your ongoing support of the BGCNC is what makes the Club strong and our children thrive. Let's not forget "Great Futures Start Here". Thanks in advance for your support and happy holidays.

Sincerely,



Eric Frydman
Executive Director

P.S. Giving is easy! Visit us online at www.BGCNorthCountry.org or send your donation by mail.

EVERY GIFT MAKES A DIFFERENCE * GIVE A CHILD THE GIFT OF A BRIGHTER TOMORROW.

\$120

Sponsors one week of summer camp for a child in need

\$150

Sponsors one child for Specialty Camps like AMC Youth Leadership or Art Camp

\$180

Could save a life by teaching one child how to swim & about water safety

\$700

Provides every Club Member a healthy snack each day for a month

\$1,500

Covers the cost of one area child for a year of After School Program

\$3,000

Covers the cost of field trip transportation for all members for an entire year

BGCNC making a difference one child at a time.....

"I have learned skills to help me control my behavior when I get upset and mad."- Caleb

"I have learned to get along with others in a group even if I might not really like someone in that group. I learned to understand we all need to work together."- Faith

"The best thing about the BGC is that I can just be myself! I don't have to impress anyone."- Trey