



BOYS & GIRLS CLUB
OF THE NORTH COUNTRY



Dear Friend of BGCNC,

Riding a bike, swimming, playing outside, feeling safe, exploring, and making friends. All things that are normal childhood rites of passage that, if not for our supporters and donors, might not have ever come to pass.

A single mother who lives in a small apartment with no yard or place to play outside drops her two school age boys off for the day at BGCNC. It was a regular summer day, but this was a going to be a special day for those boys. The club had just received a donation of 12 brand new bicycles and helmets. On this day, a generous donation allowed BGCNC to offer these two boys a chance to ride bikes for the first time. They took to the bikes quite readily with smiles from ear to ear; this program is now one of the boys' favorites.

When a single father signed his shy son up for summer camp he indicated that his son could not swim and was a little afraid of the water. When the boy entered the smaller pool he explained that he could not swim and was very hesitant and unsure of himself. He made it through his first lesson and emerged from the pool with a little more confidence. He continued to attend swim lessons each week until the day he came bounding back into the club exclaiming that he had just passed his deep water test!

A young boy and his little brother have witnessed some troubling moments in their young lives. These episodes made them a little leery of men in uniform, as the only interactions they have had with these men have been during a family crisis. After hearing some of the stories and comments from these two boys, as well as a few of the other children, we contacted the local police chief and asked for a meet and greet. The police arrived bearing a pizza lunch for all the members. As the officers sat and talked with the children our two brothers began to let their guard down. They talked and shared a few laughs with the officers and when lunch ended the brothers had begun to build a trust in the officers.

Every day, your support makes stories like these possible!

You can help now by giving to our yearend campaign. When you make a gift, you will receive a thank you card from one of our children whose lives are being touched by our programs, made possible by your support.

Donate today to BGCNC because childhood can't wait.

On behalf of our kids, we thank you!

