



BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
OF NASSAU COUNTY FOUNDATION

December 1, 2010

Dear [RECIPIENT],

The 4th Annual Benefit, featuring concert pianist William Joseph, was a resounding success. Patrons at the signature fundraising event enjoyed an open-bar cocktail hour and silent auction in the Ballroom at The Ritz-Carlton, Amelia Island. Foundation President Bill Gower then welcomed them.

After an enjoyable dinner, Ms. Ann Moser, Event Chair, introduced William Joseph who proceeded to energize the audience with original compositions as well as modern takes on classical favorites. The nearly 500 attendees connected immediately with the extraordinary talents of William, his violinist, and drummer.

As a recipient of a national music scholarship from the Boys & Girls Clubs of America, William believes strongly in the value of the organization. "My local club gave me a constant base of support," William told the enthralled audience between songs. "Boys & Girls Clubs are not just buildings... they're organization and family, a support team, and a way to have mentors. It's the people inside that matter."



Guests at the Event were treated to a heartfelt surprise with the announcement to build a new Fernandina Beach Club that will serve 240 kids daily. Land at Southside Elementary has been secured through a partnership with the Nassau County School Board. The Capital Campaign for the building will begin in the first half of 2011.

Our two local Clubs in Nassau County experienced a Club year (July 2009-June 2010) filled with outstanding performance.

Major achievements included:

- Ms. Yvonne Thompson, former staff member and Miller Club unit director, was promoted to Area Director for 5 Clubs in the northeast Florida charter serving Nassau, Duval and St. Johns counties.
- Ms. Jamie Thompson, former program director at Miller Club, was named unit director of Miller Club.
- Over 600 youth were served in our two local Clubs.
- More than 35% of Club members achieved county A-B Honor Roll in the final two semesters of the 2009-2010 school year.
- Partnering with The Ritz-Carlton, Amelia Island, on the Community Footprints program, Club members participated in educational workshops.
- Continued growing the quantity and quality of participation in our summer programs at both Clubs.

- Expanded the *Our Guardians* program to 99 families who pledged to sponsor at least one youth for 3 years at \$1,000 annually.
 - Over 35% of *Guardians* sponsor 2 or more kids.
 - 19 families are *Golden Guardians* sponsoring 5+ kids annually.
- Enhanced the Volunteer program significantly with over 60 volunteers engaged at both Clubs.
 - Implemented special instructional programs in Reading, Horticulture, Leadership, Healthy Diets, Knitting and Digital Photography.
 - These programs were in addition to standard national curriculums for Self-Esteem, Drug/Alcohol/Tobacco Prevention, Technology, and Community Service.
- Implemented major enhancements to our new website for the two Clubs:

www.bgc Nassau.org

We continue to grow and expect to serve over 300 youth daily in 2011. With our member/staff ratio of 18:1, the operations budget is over \$600,000 (see chart below). **Please consider a tax-deductible gift to support this great work for our local youth.** If you are interested in sponsoring a Club member, please consider becoming a *Guardian*.

And now, it is easier than ever to support the Boys & Girls Clubs of Nassau County. Simply go to our website to make a convenient, safe, credit card donation: www.bgc Nassau.org

Should you have any questions or would like further information about our clubs and programs, please contact us by email at info@bgcnassau.org or call the Foundation office at 261-8666.

Thank you for your support of the greatest assets of our community and America – our youth!

Appreciatively,



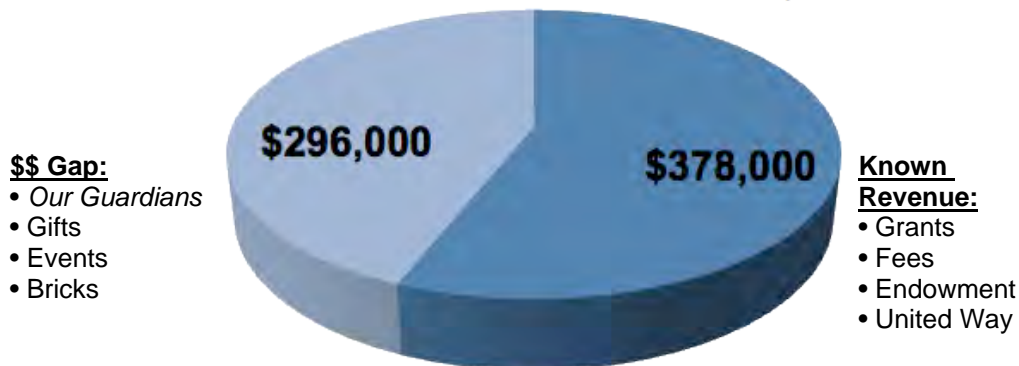
William Gower
President, Boys & Girls Clubs of Nassau County Foundation

ANNUAL BUDGET

BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS

July 2010 – June 2011

TOTAL EXPENSES: \$674,000



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