



BOYS & GIRLS CLUB
OF THE LOWER NAUGATUCK VALLEY



Annual Report 2014

Leadership Team

The past 12 months have given us many rewarding moments.

At this time in 2013 we were preparing to open a Boys & Girls Club program in our newest location—the Seymour Recreation Building. In the span of just one year membership has tripled, a telling statistic about the need for services such as ours. With this new site, we now serve more than 2,000 children annually at five locations. You can see where we are in the community on page 4.

Such a seamless expansion into Seymour wouldn't have been possible without the support of Kurt Miller and the town. Our presence there is an inspiring example of the town leaders collaborating for the needs of their young constituents, and we gratefully say "thank you."

We also thank our Board of Directors, who volunteer many hours of their time with us month after month. These 42 men and women share their talents and expertise so that we may function at peak efficiency,

and we are humbled to be part of such leadership. They are the most recent in a long line of talented and dedicated people who have laid the foundation for where we are today. This legacy of leadership is a tribute to the success and stability of the Boys & Girls Club and to the belief in the importance of our mission.

Our partnering agencies and supporters also share this belief in our mission. You can see a detailed list of these heroes on page 9. It is this example of caring that inspires caring in the whole community and reminds us of how firmly and fundamentally compassion is woven into the fabric of our lives.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, staff, and members, we thank you for your support in making a difference in the lives of our kids. You are their greatest hope for a better future.



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Frederick Dapp

2014 Youth of the Year

A mistake. That's what Fred Dapp's mother called him as he was growing up. Abandoned by his father, left with a single parent who not only neglected her children but abused as well and an older sister who did drugs and drank, his early years were spent in an environment that could easily destroy a child's sense of self and doom him to a dead-end future. But not Fred.

Rescued by his god-mother, "Aunt Effie," when he was still a young boy, Fred's home life became a safe haven with someone who loved him and wanted the best for him. He enjoyed a hot dinner every night, conversation with someone interested in what he had to say, help with his homework, and the chance to just sit and watch movies together. Effie knew from the beginning how special Fred was and isn't at all surprised at how far he's come.

"Freddy is a 17-year old wise beyond his age," Effie wrote when he applied for Youth of the Year. "Freddy will make sure that those who need a helping hand will get one and those who need a leader know they have found one."

Mickey is Effie's live-in boyfriend and is now the father-figure in Fred's life. "Fred leads with action that backs up his words, and my kids see and replicate this. Now they go the extra mile. It's amazing what kids will do when they see someone they admire leading by example."

But school wasn't easy for Fred. His elementary years were filled with teasing and ridicule for attending special education classes. Entering high school at the bottom of the academic ladder was overwhelming. But he didn't let that stop him. By sophomore year Fred had earned placement in a college prep math course. In his junior year, Fred was introduced to our Boys & Girls Club through a community service requirement for school. And that's when everything changed.

Walking through our doors, Fred came in "a timid, self

conscious boy," he says. Looking back, he hardly recognizes that boy now. His journey began with ten required hours, and he realized the hours were an opportunity to change the lives of kids who were in similar situations to those he once faced. Mentoring the members helped him learn more about

himself. "I liked who I was. I discovered that we all have the power to choose the path to our future."

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Fred joined Keystone Club, thriving on the service projects and special events they held. Staff noticed his commitment to the Club and nominated him for the Boys & Girls Clubs of America National Teen Advisory Council. He was selected—one of only 12 teens chosen nationwide. He was now a voice for teens across America.

Club staff instilled in him the belief that education is very important and that college was not beyond his reach. By senior year Fred had been placed in all college prep classes, including one honors level class. Eight colleges accepted him, and a whole new world opened up before him.

Fred began to speak about the work of the Boys & Girls Club in the community. To the delight and surprise of everyone, he was an eloquent speaker, unfailingly connecting with his audience, communicating both his own story and the story of the Boys & Girls Club with dignity and passion.

Fred is now a freshman at the University of Tampa, and there is no doubt he will soar.

In the words of Scott Snell, his high school social studies teacher, "Fred's success is due not only to his planning and organizational skills, but also to his strong desire. His work ethic is unmatched."

We can't wait to see where his desire and work ethic take him next.

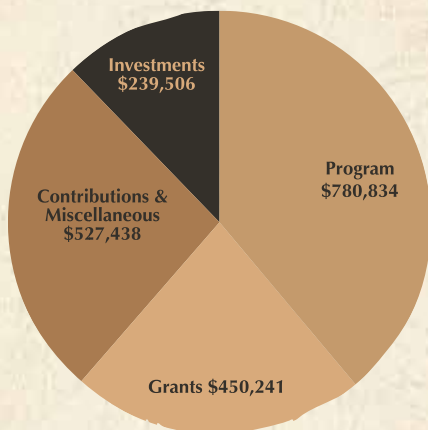


2014 Youth of the Year Judges. Seated (L-R): Fernando Solis, Yashu Putorti, Fred Dapp, John Coughlin, Rich Carroll. Standing (L-R): Ben Perry, Ben McGorty, Jimmy Tickey, Fred Serra, John Calcaterra

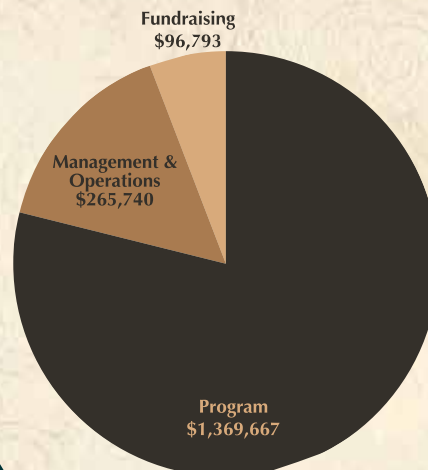
Fiscal Year 2013-2014

Income \$1,998,019

Figures are before depreciation



Expense \$1,732,200



Our Mission

*To enable all young people,
especially those who
need us most, to reach their
full potential as productive, caring,
responsible citizens.*



Toyota Diplomas to Degrees (Left-Right) Rich Carroll, Wholesale Analyst; Joe Cusmano, Dealer Sales & Service Manager; and Bill Alson, Auction Remarketing Manager of Toyota Financial Services present the Joel E. Smilow Clubhouse with a check for more than \$14,000 as part of the Diplomas to Degrees program.



Friends of Jimmy Miller, Inc. Jimmy Miller presented the Boys & Girls Club of the Lower Naugatuck Valley with a \$10,000 check for our Power Hour Homework Assistance program. Pictured are (L-R) Jimmy Miller, Shelton Mayor Mark Lauretti, and Joe Palmucci and Ben Perry from the Friends of Jimmy Miller Inc.

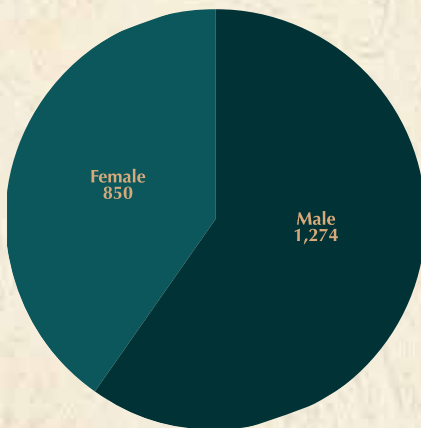


Tom Christiano of the Exchange Club of Shelton presents Shaye Roscoe with a \$2,500 sponsorship check for our Herbie Rollinson Memorial 5K Run-Walk

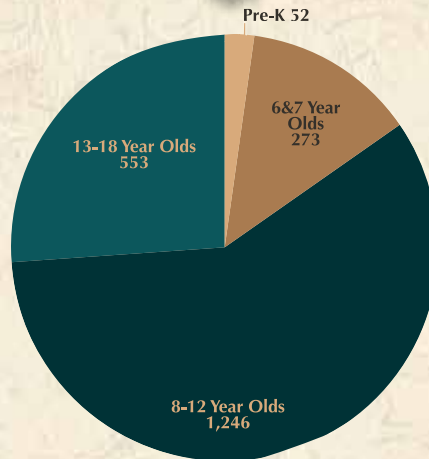
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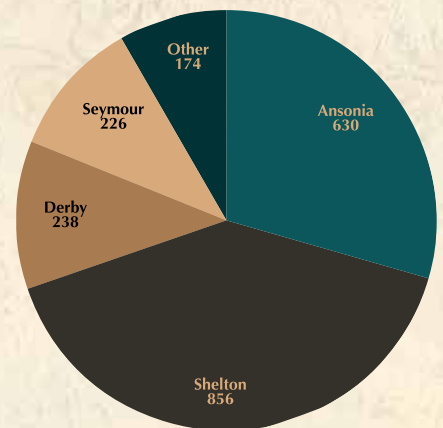
Gender



Ages



Cities



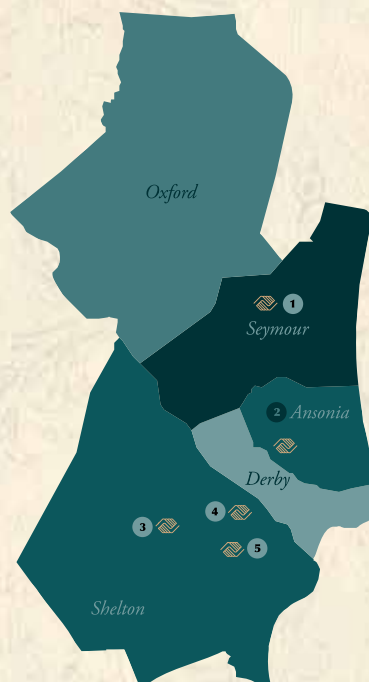
Where We Are

64.7% of our Ansonia members live at or below the poverty level

Our Lavietes Clubhouse is located in the "downtown" area of Shelton, an area with the highest juvenile crime, poorest families, and the most under-achieving students.

3 of the 4 Derby schools that we serve are Priority I schools

Our Seymour program has grown 238.9% since opening last December



1. Seymour Unit

Seymour Recreation Center
20 Pine Street
Seymour, CT 06483
203-828-6661

2. Joel E. Smilow Clubhouse

28 Howard Avenue
Ansonia, CT 06401
203-735-1200

3. Elizabeth Shelton School

Unit
30 Willoughby Road
Shelton, CT 06484
203-751-3122

4. Perry Hill School

Satellite Program
60 Perry Hill Road
Shelton, CT 06484
475-882-9664

5. Raymond P. Lavietes Clubhouse

One Positive Place
Shelton, CT 06484
203-924-7462

Academic Success

Boys & Girls Club programming spans the arts, homework assistance, college preparation, and science to help our members achieve success.

99%
of our 13-15
year olds expect
to graduate high
school

Immersion Science



High Yield Activities



Diplomas to Degrees



100%
of our 16-
18 year olds
are on track to
graduate high
school

Immersion Science Club members prepare to launch their remotely operated vehicle, similar to the ROVs used in oceanic research. Immersion Science was founded by famed oceanographer and explorer Dr. Robert Ballard, who discovered the Titanic. What makes the program so successful is its joint emphasis on scientific knowledge coupled with the fun and excitement of exploration. **Diplomas to Degrees** This new program provides a range of services to guide Club members as they work toward high school graduation and prepares them for post-secondary education and career success.

Character & Citizenship

Helping youth become responsible, caring citizens and acquire skills for participating in the democratic process are the main thrust of the Boys & Girls Club's character and citizenship programs.

52
Torch
Club
members

Nina Poeta Day



Smilow Smiles



Future Leaders



15
Keystone
Club
members

Nina Poeta Day The Lavietes Torch Club hosted Nina Poeta Day on February 2 in honor of an area teen battling brain cancer. Nina succumbed to her illness this fall, but she touched our members deeply with her indomitable spirit. **Smilow Smiles** 500 pillowcases and coordinating blankets were handmade by our Smilow Clubhouse sewing program members and delivered to Yale's Smilow Pediatric Cancer Unit. **Future Leaders** Sponsored by the CT Association of Boys and Girls Club Professionals honors younger Club members for their enthusiasm in Club programs and for being an inspiration to fellow peers.

Healthy Lifestyles

The Boys & Girls Club understands the importance of a healthy lifestyle and that it means more than just eating right. Keeping fit and forming positive relationships also play a part. Our programs reflect and meet this goal.

632
Triple
Play
Participants

Flag Football Champs



Summer Swimming



Smart Moves



130
Resistance
Skill Training
Participants

Triple Play Childhood obesity has more than doubled in the past 30 years. Triple Play is the Boys & Girls Clubs of America's comprehensive health and wellness program which strives to improve the overall health of Club members by increasing their daily physical activity, teaching them good nutrition, and helping them develop healthy relationships. **Resistance Skills** Smart Kids, Smart Moves, and Smart Leaders programs teach kids how to "say no" by involving them in discussion and role playing, practicing resistance and refusal skills, developing assertiveness, strengthening decision-making skills, and analyzing media and peer influence.

Board Events

Herbie Rollinson Memorial 5k Run-Walk



Herb Rollinson was both Club historian and a director of our Boys & Girls Club from 1972 until his death in 2008. The Board felt it fitting to name this fundraiser after Herb in tribute to all his work and support of the Club. This year the format was a 5k Run-Walk. More than 60 runners and walkers turned out in June, and John Minervino took top honors with a time of 19:09.

Dr. Edward “Doc” Bednar Memorial Day Pancake Breakfast



Doc Bednar volunteered at our Memorial Day pancake breakfast every year, even when he had to march in the parade. After Doc’s passing in 2009, the Board renamed this well-loved event for the man who gave so much to the community. Doc’s family stopped by for a photo at this year’s breakfast.

John “Red” Larsen Golf Classic



John “Red” Larsen participated in almost every one of our golf tournaments during his lifetime and was Chairman for more than half. His love for children and his dedication to our Club were rivaled only by his love for his family and the game of golf. This year’s Gold Sponsor, Serra & DelVecchio Insurance, has been a long-time supporter of our Club.

Alumni Association

In little more than a decade, our Alumni Association has raised nearly \$200,000 for our Boys & Girls Club members through their annual golf tournament. These funds have allowed us to provide many “extras” for our children—a music program, computer lab, sports equipment, chess and drama clubs, and our annual members’ Awards Dinner. Each year our Club thanks these dedicated former members with a Hall of Fame dinner, inducting in a new “class” to spotlight the commitment they have made to our Boys & Girls Club.



2014 Hall of Fame Inductees (L-R): Adam Roscoe, Paul Piccirillo, Ed Deptula, Joe Kirei, Michael Cotela Jr., Walter Oko Sr., Paul Padilla and Mark Anderson of Porky’s Café, Cody Winslow, John Zaprzalka

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Tom Rosario of Comcast was part of a team of Comcast employees who came to our Seymour Unit for a day of sprucing up. the team painted walls and furniture and planted a garden outside. Comcast also donated a mini fridge, microwave, and art and school supplies for our Seymour members.



Raven Kmec, Kevin Sewell's aunt, presented our Boys & Girls Club with a check for \$6,000 in Kevin's memory. Kevin was a staff member of our Raymond P. Lavietes Clubhouse. Since Kevin's passing the family has sponsored Summer Camp field trips for our members for several years. A portion of this latest donation was used to purchase an air hockey table for our games room.



Left to right; Glenn Gaetano, Shaye Roscoe, Jeanne Connors of Greco & Haines, and Tom Wilson with the \$15,000 check Greco & Haines presented to the Boys & Girls Club after last year's Commodore Hull Thanksgiving Day 5K Road Race. Greco & Haines has been the main sponsor for this event since its first running more than a decade ago.

Scholarship Funds

Coram Gardens

This award was established in 1987 by the former Coram Gardens Civic Association to help improve the quality of life for those people from the geographic region of Coram Gardens. Since its inception, more than \$132,000 has been disbursed to help defer the cost of college tuitions.

Raymond P. Lavietes

This award was established in 2005 by long-time friend and supporter Ray Lavietes. Ray left our Boys & Girls Club a bequest of \$100,000 to help our members afford a secondary education. Thanks to Ray's generosity more than \$39,000 has been disbursed in scholarship funds.

David J. Marchitto

This new scholarship is being awarded for the first time this year, in memory of David Marchitto, a long-time member of our Board. David tirelessly advocated for the children of the Boys & Girls Club and all the youngsters in the Shelton Public School system. Through this scholarship, he will continue to be a positive and lasting influence in the lives of Club members as they pursue their hopes and dreams.

2014 Scholarship Awards

Coram Gardens

Jade Anderson
Jessica Mehaylo
Lindsay Mehaylo

Dr. Edward G. Bednar

Brianna Donnarummo
Veronica Devine
Samantha Heins

Raymond P. Lavietes

Chota Mambwe
Jessica Cipriano
Freddy Dapp

George C. & Margaret Smith

Florina Lena
Michel'le Sanders
Scott Heins
Jalissa Rodrigues
Lauren Simon

David J. Marchitto

Alina Gonzales

Dr. Edward G. Bednar

This award was established in 2010, in memory of "Doc" Bednar, a long-time Board member and unfailing supporter of our Club and the children who attend every day. Since the first scholarship only five years ago, the Bednar family has already awarded more than \$7,200 to help students pursuing an education in the health care field.

George C. & Margaret Smith

George C. and Margaret Smith left a surprise bequest of \$100,000 to our Boys & Girls Club. Since its inception, this fund has provided more than \$108,000 for secondary education to our young men and women.



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On the Cover

Jevonne Lashley (left), Jessica Cipriano (center), and Fred Dapp (right) are the 2014 Boys and Girl of the Year. The three faced off in February for the honor of Youth of the Year. Read about the winner on page 3.

Youth of the Year is Boys & Girls Clubs of America's premier recognition program for Club members, promoting service to Club, community and family; academic success; strong moral character; life goals; and poise and public speaking ability.