

Fall
2006



BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
OF THE MIDLANDS

Midlands Connection Boys & Girls Clubs of the Midlands

Do you know Your local Clubs?

- We have eight Clubs in the Midlands
 - * 6 in schools
 - * 1 in churches
 - * 1 at a Park
- We have 13 full-time professionals & 48 part-time staff working with Club members
- We serve over 5,000 youth
- Our Club Members' GPAs improve by 15%

Boys & Girls Clubs of the Midlands provides:

- A safe place to learn & grow
- On-going relationships with caring, adult professionals
- Life-enhancing programs & character development experiences
- Hope & opportunity



The Wheels on the BGCM bus go 'round & 'round...

Thank you BI-LO Charities for your continuous support to the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Midlands! With your generous support, we now have our bus wrapped with unique "Core Programs" vinyl for the whole community to see what we do. Every time we take the bus off the parking lot, the public will be able to easily recognize it as a vehicle leading the way for tomorrow's leaders.

Each day, our new bus will pick up many of our Members from local schools and transport them to the Boys & Girls Club for daily programming and activities. The bus will also take Members on field trips to broaden their minds, explore new and exciting areas, and lead them to discover what the world (or at least the Midlands) has in store for them as they mature into adults. We foresee our Members taking great pride in their new vehicle, waiting excitedly at the school bus stop to start another enriched day at their Club.

The new design for the bus was official unveiled on Live with Lucas Thanksgiving morning. Immediately after, the 2nd Annual 8K/3K Turkey Day Run started at the Colonial Center. Our first "Stuff Our Bus" food drive was a success and all food items were donated to Harvest Hope Food Bank. Thank you all for helping make this event successful.



New Staff Join Boys & Girls Clubs of the Midlands

Deltrease Hart-Anderson, *Chief Financial Officer*

Deltrease Hart-Anderson is a native of St. Matthews, South Carolina. She's a 1994 graduate of South Carolina State University with a bachelor's degree in Accounting. Her accounting experience includes working for several Fortune 500 companies such as H&R Block, SCANA, and Time Warner Cable. She's married to Andre Anderson of Riviera Beach, Florida.

Vanessa Hall, *Human Resources Director*

Vanessa O. Hall completed her BA degree at Benedict College in Therapeutic/Community Recreation in May of 2000 and her MA degree from Webster University in Human Resources in October 2004. She has been with the Organization for 6 years, and was the Unit Director at Reid-Greenview before her promotion to HR Director. Vanessa is married to Vincent Hall and they have two children, Daylon and Khaleah.

Nathenia Cole, *Unit Director-Greenview Unit*

Ms. Cole graduated from Benedict College in 2005 and majored in Biology/Chemistry with a concentration in Secondary Education. Most recently, she has received news that she is a 2010 candidate to start her PhD at Clemson University. A native of Brooklyn, New York, she is the daughter of Dr. and Mr. Cole, and has two brothers, Ronald and Rommy.

CLUB REPORTS

Boys & Girls Clubs of the Midlands



Everyone Was Ready for Some Football!



Three Clubs participated in the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Midlands Fall Youth Flag Football League. Members from Keels, Conder, and Dent, played at Fort Jackson Saturday mornings throughout September and October.

The Keels Unit had two teams and 30 Club members, ranging in age from 7-13. Special thanks to volunteer coaches, Eric Goings & Andre Moore, and our Athletic

Director, Andre Marks, for pulling all this together. Coach Goings led our 7-9 year old team, Wildcats, through practices and games, teaching them the fundamentals of the game. Coach Moore provided the leadership for the Panthers, our 10-13 year old team, who ended the season 4-4.

Congratulations to the 7-9 year old Flag Football Team from Conder. Staff coach Jimmy Benford and volunteers Marquise Ardoin and Dennis Key guided 11 Members through practice sessions, taught defensive and offensive plays, and got them to ready to play. For some participants, this was the first time they ever played in a sports league.

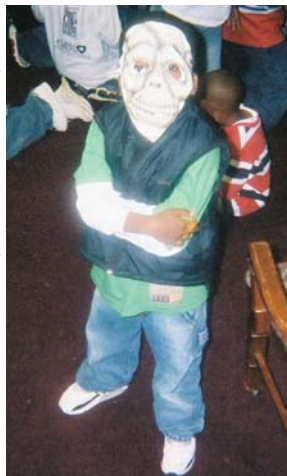
Dent had a great first season for Flag Football. Head Coach and Program Instructor, AJ Johnson, helped lead this rookie team to a 6-1 record, with the loss coming from a forfeit. AJ had assistance from Mr. Smalls, a parent of two Members, and two students from Bonner College, Reggie & Jeremy Harper. After the last game, the team went to Stevie B's for a pizza celebration, where players received awards for their hard work. Club Member Davon Wilson was recognized as the MVP, saying, "It felt good to be the MVP player on the team because I took my time and did my best in every game."



Celebrations of the Season

The Dent Unit hosted its first Parents' Night event on October 30, just one day away from the spookiest night of the year. Parents and families of Club Members were invited to attend a BINGO Tournament for entertainment. The Torch Club hosted a haunted house in the school's In School Suspension room, which helped raise funds for various trips and service opportunities this year.

The St. Andrews Unit celebrated Halloween a few days early on Friday, October 27. At the Andrews House, the boys got their faces painted by St. Andrews' famous artist, Mr. D. Some Members were transformed into vampires and bloody monsters, while others dug through the Club's costume box and dressed up as Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles, Batman, Indians, and scary goblins. At the Phillip's House, the girls spent the afternoon at a "Girls Only" party where they dressed up and danced to their favorite music. Members left with treat bags and exciting stories to share with their families.



USC's Patterson Hall invited Club Members to participate in their annual Trick or Treat night on October 30.

Club members went to each room on in the dormitory and received candy! Members left with so much candy, we had to get new bags to replace the ones that ripped due to the weight! Thank you Patterson Hall, as you truly made Halloween fun for 24 of our Club Members.

Clubs Seeing Record Growth

On August 15, 2006, the Keels LINC program merged with the school's aftercare program, KEEP. Since then the Club has seen an increase of 300% in membership and 250% in average daily attendance. Currently 155 Members attend daily in the aftercare program, participating in a variety of enrichment programs such as homework assistance, recreation, social interaction, and leadership programs. New this year is the before care program, which has an average attendance of 27 Members.

The Conder Unit has 57 new faces for the 2006-07 school year. The Club now sees 76 Members daily, up from last year's average daily attendance of 65.

On August 14th, the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Midlands opened its doors at its fourth Club in the Northeast area. The Dent Unit, located at Dent Middle School, provides meaningful, enriching programs to approximately 130 students from the school. This Club, the first of its kind for BGCN, serves as a wonderful opportunity to reach out to students in a middle school-only setting. Now in only its second month, the Dent Unit has a daily attendance of 90 Members. Students are participating in such National Boys & Girls Clubs programs as Passport to Manhood, SMART Girls, Torch and Keystone Clubs, as well as receiving extra tutoring support during Power Hour from Certified Teachers from the school. Students also receive a selection of local programs such as Kickboxing, Web Design, Flag Football, and Civil Air Patrol. Look for more great news from Dent in the coming months!

Clubs Plan BIG Events!

The Killian Unit is planning a Fall Festival. Our members will get to participate in a variety of contests, games, and activities. We will have beanbag games, mini-basketball games, and a hula hoop contest. We hope to have lots of laughs and lots of fun.

The Keystone and Torch Clubs at the Dent Unit worked ticket counters, manned concession stands, and hosted game booths at the Dent Middle School Fall Festival so that other Members could attend this event free of charge. In all, 40 Club Members attended the Fall Festival and had a wonderful time.

For two weeks, the staff and Torch Club Members at Conder planned activities and gathered items needed to ensure a fun and exciting Fall Festival. Parents provided all the goodies for the festival and staff created the games. Members participated in activities such as bobbing for apples, pumpkin ball toss, ring toss, musical pumpkins, witches hand, and all enjoyed a Fall picnic. Torch Club Members assisted by running carnival games, setting up, serving food and cleaning after the party. All of our Torch Club members did a great job and stuck to their assigned responsibilities.

Programs that Last a Lifetime

The Reid Greenview Unit partnered with USC to bring in "Project Good Bodies." This nine week program helped members focus on making more informed decisions about their health, eating habits and exercise. During the program, Club Members participated in 30-minute fitness sessions to increase their physical activity. We want to thank our volunteers, Ms. Erin Effner and Mr. Mike Hurley, for all of their hard work.

Every Thursday, Members at the Village completed community service by keeping the grounds around the school clean. This teaches Members to be mindful of their areas and cleanliness. The members have also constructed a garden, which has a variety of vegetables in it. Members maintain the garden throughout the year as part of the Club's unique horticulture program.

On behalf of the staff and Members, we want to thank Mr. Jeff Selig, a board member, for donating a ping-pong table to Ben Arnold Unit. The Members will get great use out of it in the many years yet to come!

Board Spotlight

Robert F. Link, CPA



Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer
Mr. Link has over thirty years of experience in providing professional accounting and financial services. He serves as Senior Vice President of Finance and is a Principal of Colliers Keenan Inc. Mr. Link's prime responsibilities are the management of the Company's financial, administration and information technology functions.

Accreditations/Designations

CPA - Certified Public Accountant
South Carolina Association of CPAs
AICPA

Areas of Specialization

Finance/Accounting, Owner/Principal

Education

Indiana University of Pennsylvania, B.A., 1972
Certified Public Accountant

Achievements

Mr. Link previously served as the Chief Financial Officer of a manufacturing company with sales in excess of \$130 million and was a partner in an international public accounting firm. His responsibilities throughout his career have centered upon providing high-quality service to clients, owners, shareholders and business managers as it related to financial matters.

Bob has been involved with the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Midlands for 5 years, and currently serves on our Executive Board as Vice Chair-Finance. He is married to Debbie Link who he has three children with, and has one grandchild.

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Conder Unit
(Conder Elem.)
8040 Hunt Club Rd.
803-231-3303

Keels Unit
(Keels Elem.)
7500 Springcrest Dr.
803-231-3305

Village of Hope Unit
(E.E. Taylor Elem.)
200 McRae St.
803-231-3302

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901 St. Andrews Rd.
803-231-3306

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5935 Token St.
803-231-3304

Dent Unit
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6950 North Trenholm
803-231-3308

Killian Unit
(Killian Elem.)
2621 Clemson Road
803-231-3307

Teen Centers

Ben Arnold Unit
1100 S. Holly St.

St. Andrews Unit
901 St. Andrews Rd.

Call our Teen Coordinator for more information
803-673-9012

CALENDAR

BGC Midlands Upcoming Events
www.bgcmidlands.org

BGCM Circus Night (tickets distributed by Clubs)	January 5, 2007
2007 Annual Gala Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center	February 3, 2007
4th Annual Rubber Duck Race Riverfront Amphitheater	April 28, 2007

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