

**SPRING 2023**

# CLUB CONNECTION



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUB  
OF BLOOMINGTON-NORMAL**

## MESSAGE FROM OUR CEO

Hello!

Boys & Girls Club of Bloomington-Normal is blessed to receive so many valuable gifts throughout the year. We are grateful to be in a community where so many individuals, groups, organizations, and businesses generously donate their time, treasure, and talents to support our Club.

One amazing way to support the Club is as a volunteer! We have three categories of volunteers: **Done In A Day** Volunteers, **Support** Volunteers, and **Impact** Volunteers.

**Done In A Day** volunteer opportunities are great for team-building, office outings, civic engagement and corporate responsibility. For example, the staff from NICOR recently spent part of a Saturday at the Clubhouse to help with landscaping and yardwork.

**Support Volunteers** join us on a regular cadence throughout the semester, summer, or year. This is a great option for students who are required to complete diversity hours, observation hours or field experience to meet a course requirement. Support volunteers build positive, supportive relationships with our members during our program hours.

**Impact Volunteers** share a talent, hobby, or career with our members for one hour per week for four weeks. Our members love to learn new skills with these volunteers!

We appreciate all that our volunteers do to support our Club, our kids, and our team. We are grateful for the community's support as we strive to empower all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens.

Interested in volunteering? Visit <https://bgcfn.org/volunteer/> or contact Leslie Adams, our Family and Volunteer Coordinator, at [ladams@bgcfn.org](mailto:ladams@bgcfn.org).

Sincerely, Tony



# STAFF SPOTLIGHT

## DESY ADAMS, PROGRAM COORDINATOR, TEEN CLUB

Desy has been involved with the Club for 16 years, starting as a member in first grade. Over the years, she has held the positions of Junior Staff, Reception, Lead Staff, and was most recently promoted to Program Coordinator for our Teen Club. Desy says growing up at the Boys & Girls Club of Bloomington-Normal and being a part of mentoring groups has encouraged her to give back to the youth in our community. Her favorite part about the Boys & Girls Club is that, even though the kids may not realize it now, we are making core memories everyday.



*Register Today!*

**21st Annual Golf Outing  
Friday, June 16th**

<https://bgcbln.org/annual-golf-outing/>

# BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

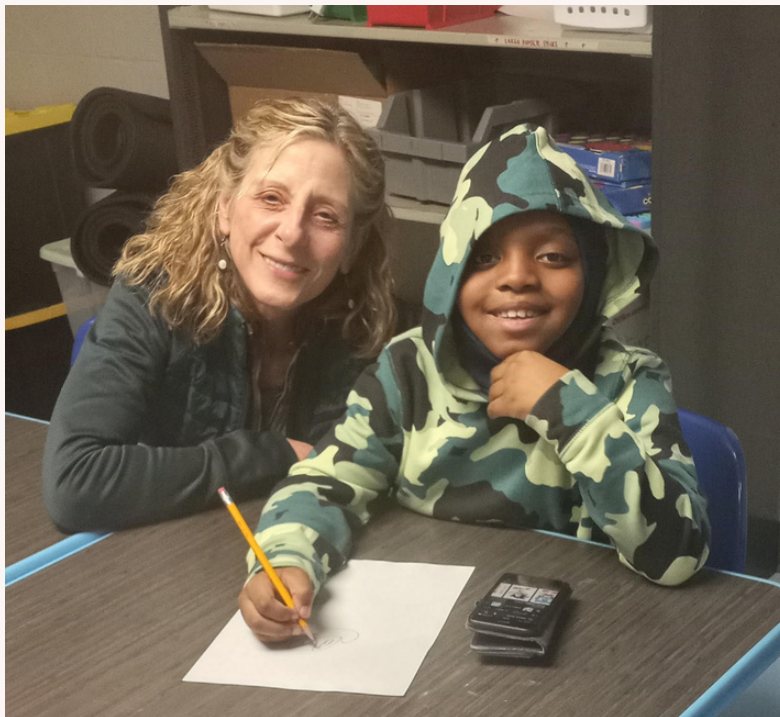


We celebrate member birthdays each month at the Clubhouse, thanks to donations from Blessed Birthdays, NFP. Members who have a birthday in that month receive a gift bag after enjoying cupcakes and song from staff, volunteers from Eastview Christian Church, and their other Club friends. Many thanks to Blessed Birthday, NFP for their incredible support year after year.



# VOLUNTEER SHOUT OUT

Robyn has been a volunteer with BGCBN since September 2022. In the past, she has worked as a social worker, therapist, and career counselor. She is adored by all the Club kids but usually spends most of her time assisting with our 2nd grade. Robyn has also been a great advisor to our staff. We love Ms. Robyn and are so thankful to have her at the Clubhouse.



## Upcoming Fundraising Efforts

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| March 29th | Jersey Mike's Day of Giving -<br>Bloomington location   |
| April 19th | 3v3 basketball tournament @ NCHS                        |
| May 18th   | Celebrity Bartending at The Deep End Tap<br>5 pm - 9 pm |
| June 16th  | 21st Annual Golf Outing                                 |

# Zen Den

Boys & Girls Club of Bloomington-Normal is proud to announce our new Zen Den. The Zen Den is a quiet and calm area of our Club that allows our members the opportunity to work with staff and counselors to safely and privately regulate their emotions, learn new de-escalation and coping skills, and return to their regular Club program in a healthier mindset. The Zen Den is a great addition to the work our team is doing to support the social, emotional and behavioral health needs of our members.

