

SUMMER 2023

# CLUB CONNECTION



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

Hello!

BGCBN's summer programming is in full swing, and members are filling each location with energy and excitement!

This summer, we are happy to provide programming and youth leadership to over 200 members, with 40 staff and interns to help ensure everyone has a fun and safe Club experience. Summer programming is offered at 4 locations: the Clubhouse (1st-5th graders), Parkside Junior High (junior high teens), Bloomington Junior High (junior high teens), and First Christian Church (1st-5th graders and high school teens). An additional summer program, the Junior Leadership Academy, is also offered to high school students at First Christian Church.

Much of programming throughout the summer centers around the five core program areas: Education, The Arts, Health & Wellness, Leadership & Service, and Sports & Recreation. With that said, summer programming runs from 8:00-5:00pm each day at the elementary locations and 12:00-5:00pm at the teen locations, allowing for additional time to integrate several other activities, including counseling support, social emotional learning, and field trips. Club members will be taking field trips to favorite local destinations such as the Children's Discovery Museum, Iron Coyote Challenge Park, Holiday Pool, and a number of other amazing locations through community partnerships that help to make these trips possible!

It has been a great summer so far, and we would love to set up a time for you to swing by to check out all that is going on!

I CARE,  
Liz Holtz  
COO

*We all enjoyed our  
snow cone day!*



# STAFF SPOTLIGHT

## KAILEY, LEAD YDP

Kailey joined the Boys & Girls Club of Bloomington-Normal in the fall of 2022 as an Intern. She was then hired as a Youth Development Professional and was recently promoted to Lead Staff for the summer program.

Throughout her time in high school and college, Kailey had the ability to work in various positions with youth. She began with coaching gymnastics at the Naperville Park District. She then began working with the Normal Parks and Rec, providing gymnastics coaching and as a site supervisor at a before and after school program at a Normal elementary school.

Miss T., Kailey's supervisor, says she has enjoyed witnessing Kailey grow from being a quiet Intern to a hardworking, bold leader.

Kailey's favorite part about the Club is interacting with the kids daily and learning about their passions, talents, and interests. Kailey feels honored to be part of a team that values creating a safe place for children to thrive.



## Upcoming Community Fundraisers

July 13th, 6 pm - 8pm

Brighter Futures with Bremer

July 18th, 4 pm - 6:30pm

Summer Celebration for Kids @ Barrel House

**Save the Date**

Be Great Breakfast

December 13, 2023

# 21ST ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

With the help of an incredible committee, many generous sponsors, and countless others, we spent the day on the golf course for the 21st time to raise big money for the Club! Sixty teams joined us on the green to support our youth on a picture-perfect summer day. Thanks to everyone who made this wonderful fundraiser possible.



# SOFTBALL!

Our softball team is wrapping up their season! This was a new experience for our team and it was made possible thanks to an amazing partnership with Bloomington-Normal Girls Softball Association (BNGSA) as well as tireless efforts from our softball coaches and our Family and Volunteer Coordinator, Leslie Adams! We had an awesome season and we look forward to seeing you at a game next year!



# CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Here at Boys & Girls Club of Bloomington-Normal, we're all about future visions. To help ensure great futures for our youth, we need to ensure a great future for the Club! As you know, we have a shared vision for a new Clubhouse that will allow us to provide high quality programming to many more children and teens in our community.

With that future in mind, we embarked on a capital campaign in 2021 and have been making steady progress ever since. As with everything, the aftershocks of the pandemic impacted our efforts, but we have continued to build momentum and are moving toward our anticipated goal of \$17 million for a 55,000 square foot facility. Our new Clubhouse will enrich the lives of over 600 youth on an average day and be a pillar of safety and pride for all in our community.

Today, we have raised over \$6 million and are over a third of the way to our goal. We are confident that we will reach that goal. We are blessed to be here in Bloomington-Normal, an incredibly philanthropic community that has been enormously supportive of our Club in every way.

Our Campaign Cabinet is comprised of enthusiastic go-getters who are committed to turning our vision for the community into a reality. I'm confident that with this great group at the helm, along with all of our other amazing supporters, we will be breaking ground before long.

Our kids deserve the best!

Let us know if you would like to learn more about The Future is Me campaign. We appreciate your support!

ICARE,  
Tony Morstatter  
CEO



# BRIGHTER FUTURES WITH BREMER

July 13th | 6pm - 8pm

*Support the Boys & Girls Club of Bloomington-Normal*



Enjoy light refreshments and shop fine jewelry at our Bloomington-Normal store and 15% of your purchase will be donated to our local Boys & Girls Club.\*

\*Excludes pre-owned Rolex and purses



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