

Great Futures



CEO CORNER

Dear Club Family,

As the 2020 school year began, it became clear that many school districts would not be opening their doors – certainly not in the typical way. In Columbus City Schools, where most of our kids are enrolled, education is still being delivered 100% virtually as of the writing of this letter.

The Covid pandemic has forced us to rethink the way BGCCO is delivering its mission, which has always been in an after-school setting. In order to be successful, we know that our kids need access to technology and internet, as well as adult supervision and this is exactly what we are committed to providing at our Clubs.

For the first time in our organization's history, we have opened our Club doors during the school day, providing our kids the essential resources they need to thrive in a virtual learning environment. At 6 locations throughout central Ohio, kids have access to the technology and internet critical to make distance learning possible and receive all of the support that a traditional school day offers – mentors, academic support, and healthy meals.

Because of you, we have been able to respond to the needs of our community's most vulnerable kids, empowering them to reach their full potential no matter the circumstances. Thank you for continuing to help us make great futures possible.

Gratefully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Doug Wolf".

Doug Wolf, Chief Executive Officer



BGCCO Launches \$13.5M Comprehensive Campaign

With the support of local businesses and community partners, Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Ohio has launched its *Investing In Great Futures* comprehensive campaign. The campaign will provide funding to construct a new Clubhouse in the Milo Grogan community, as well as support the ongoing sustainability of the organization.

The new state-of-the-art facility will provide dedicated spaces for the organization's three priority outcome areas: academic success, healthy lifestyles, and good character & citizenship. In addition, the campaign will help fund operational and programmatic investments in order to guarantee the organization is sustainable for generations to come.

"At the core of Boys & Girls Clubs is fostering hope, a sense of belonging and purpose in our young people," says Doug Wolf. "This project will allow us to enhance those experiences. My hope is that our young people will walk through the doors of the new Club and think 'the community came together to build this Club for me' and feel a sense of hope and belonging in the space."

We are excited to break ground on the new structure in November of 2020 and reopen the new Milo Grogan Clubhouse in 2022!

Thank you, The Champion Companies, for Helping Us Build Great Futures!

Two years ago, The Champion Companies, a leading multi-family investment, development and management company, played a charity basketball game at the Milo Grogan Boys & Girls Club. It was during that game that president and CEO of The Champion Companies, Brian Yeager, recognized that the 65 year-old facility no longer matched the quality of services that Boys & Girls Clubs provides. That moment sparked a quest to help the organization build a state-of-the-art facility, including learning labs, a full-size gymnasium, a kitchen and community dining area, and a teen and career center.



Sibling team,
Michelle and Brian Yeager

Says Yeager, “Milo-Grogan deserves more. From the gym to the bathrooms to the halls – more needs to be done for our kids.” Brian and his sister, Michelle Yeager, have been critical partners in the campaign’s fundraising efforts, donating a lead gift of \$2.5M. Brian serves as

co-chair of the campaign along with Jordan Miller, retired regional President Fifth Third and Milo Grogan alumnus.

**Says Jordan Miller, campaign co-chair,
“Brian is a super energetic guy and
has an enormous heart.”**

To date, The Champion Companies has helped the organization raise nearly 70% of its \$13.5M comprehensive campaign goal.

Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Ohio is forever grateful to Brian and Michelle Yeager of The Champion Companies for their passion and vision. We know this new space will foster hope in the Milo Grogan community and provide more opportunities to empower young people to reach their full potential as productive, caring and responsible citizens.

Thank you to our lead donors who have contributed \$100,000 or more on the project!

- | | |
|------------------------|------------------------------|
| AEP Foundation | Nationwide Foundation |
| The Champion Companies | Preferred Living |
| Tom Davis | Sara and Leo Ruberto |
| Elford Foundation | Sandy Rich/Rick Daley Family |
| Fifth Third Bank | The Harold C. Schott |
| Huntington | Foundation |
| Ingram-White Castle | Mandi and Brian Yeager |
| Foundation | Robert Weiler Families |
| Kathryn Keller | Wolfe Family |

SAVE THE DATE

November 18, 2020

We are breaking ground on the new Champion Companies Milo-Grogan Boys & Girls Club! Keep an eye on our social media feeds for more information on how to join the event remotely via Facebook Live!



Meet Mr. Mac!

We are excited to welcome Germaine McAlpine, Chief Operating Officer, to our Club family! Germaine (Mr. Mac) first joined the Boys & Girls Club movement in 2012 as a Youth Development Professional at Boys & Girls Clubs of Columbus. For the past 6 years, he has served as CEO of the Boys & Girls Club of Youngstown. Germaine brings a wealth of knowledge and energy to his role and a passion for helping at-risk kids gain the tools and resources they need to succeed. Says Germaine, “I am so excited to return to Central Ohio where it all began for me eight years ago. The opportunities for our kids are endless in this community, and my priority is to invest in the people who are exposing them to so many life-changing experiences.”

Clubs Open During the School Day to Help Kids with Distance Learning

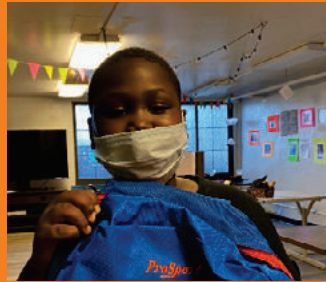
With the closure of schools and daycares due to Covid-19, many of our kids are left unsupervised at home while parents are working in essential industries.

But thanks to donors like you, we have altered our traditional after-school schedule to be open during the school day so that we can support our Club families during this crisis. At the Club, kids:

- Receive help with school work and navigating online schedules
- Eat a nutritious breakfast and lunch
- Have access to technology and internet
- Have a safe space to play outside
- Connect with friends

Because of you, our kids are receiving the resources they need to be successful academically, emotionally, and physically. Thank you for keeping Club kids on the path to a great future!

Boys & Girls Clubs Locations & Hours



R.I.S.E.

Reopened 9/8
M-Th, 7:30AM-3PM

J. Ashburn Jr.

Reopened 9/8
M-Th, 8:30AM-2PM

Newark

Reopened 9/8
M-Th, 8:30AM-2PM
Starting 10/5
M-F, 3PM-7PM

South Side

Reopened 9/8
M-Th, 7:30AM-3PM

Marion

Reopened 9/8
M, T, Th, F, 8:30AM-2PM

KIPP

Reopened 8/24
M-F, 11AM-3PM

School's in Session at the Club, Thanks to You!



Michea,
Age 9

During the spring, Michea could not participate in distance learning because she did not have a computer or internet in her home. "I felt sad," said Michea, "and I really missed my teachers." Now that the Club has opened its doors during the school day, Michea has access to a Chromebook and staff members to answer questions and help her log on to her classes. "It's not the same as being in school," says Michea, "but I get to do school and it helps to see my teachers online."



Ka'Aaliyah,
Age 13

Qai'sa,
Age 6

Ka'Aaliyah and her younger sister, Qai'sa live with their grandmother and younger siblings. During the spring, Ka'Aaliyah tried to help her younger siblings with school while managing her own studies. "My grandmother doesn't know how to work a computer, so I had to help them." At the Club, she can just focus on herself. "When I'm done with my work, I can talk to friends, color, or do a puzzle. It's nice to have time to do the things I want to do."

Welcome to our 2020 Blue Door Society!

*List as of 10/15/2020

Individuals

Anonymous
Jonica Armstrong
Vanessa and George Arnold
Rebecca Asmo
Floor and Carl Backes
Leslie and Scott Barbour
Warren Bauer
Gillian Brassil
Bonnie and Bob Brokaw
Brooks Family Fund
Lisa and Bryan Carson
Chris and Mike Close
Jorie and Brian Close
Carol and Fred Crum
Tom Davis
Barbara and Gary Douglas
Amy and Randy Dupler
Barbara and David Eft
Eubanks-DeWitt
Family Foundation
Erin and Michael Farley
Susan and Jack Farnham
IMO Cheri Finley

Jeffrey Gilbert
Dace Grote
Erin and David Hatcher
Renee and Peter Hawkins
Jill and Austin Hawley
IMO Shawn C. Hoeft
Ryan Jarocyk
Kamerer Family
Kathryn Keller
Catherine and Steve Kennedy
Jackie and Ken Krebs
Laura Londra and
Michael Donahue
Tani Russell-Mann
Steven Martenet
Jill Milburn
Jordan A. Miller Jr.
Mary and Jeff Mitchell
Johnathan Northup
and Luke Bolin
Christine and James Randolph
Lynne and Martyn Redgrave
Sandy Rich/Rick Daley Family
Valerie and Dave Richard

Sara and Leo Ruberto
Meara and Matt Scantland
Lauren and Mike Schott
Jennifer Tscholl
Liz Howard and Whit Vann
Sarah and John Wallace
Bridget and Steve Weis
Tiffany and Harrison Westwater
Jan and Doug Wolf
Amanda and Brian Yeager

Corporations & Foundations

Adobe
American Electric Power
Foundation
Altrusa International
Anthem Blue Cross Blue
Shield Foundation, LLC
Armstrong World Industries
Bailey Cavalieri
Best Buy Foundation
Big Lots Foundation
Blick Art Materials

Boys & Girls Clubs of America
Continental Building Co.
The Champion Companies
Columbus Blue Jackets
Columbus Youth Foundation
Cramer & Associates
Cycle614
Diamond Hill Capital
Management
Elford Foundation
Fifth Third Bank
Gap
GBQ Partners
Gledhill Robbins & Talis Group
Harold C. Schott Foundation
Harry C. Moores Foundation
Huntington
Ingram-White Castle Foundation
Kids Foot Locker Foundation
Kiwanis Club of Columbus
Kiwanis Club of Hilltop
Columbus
Leo Yassenoff Foundation
Marian Foundation

MPW Industrial Services
Nationwide Foundation
Old Navy
Pioneer Energy Management
Preferred Living
Reinberger Foundation
Robert Weiler Families
Ross Dress for Less
Safelite AutoGlass Foundation
Taco Bell Foundation for Teens
Tech Data
The Columbus Foundation
The Urban & Shelley Meyer
Family Foundation
United Way of Central Ohio
UPS
William H. Davis, Dorothy M.
Davis and William C. Davis
Foundation
Wolfe Family

The Blue Door Society celebrates donors who support the Club's mission by giving \$1000 or more during the calendar year.

For more information on how you can join the Blue Door Society and open the door to great futures for kids in our community, please contact Juliann Garrett, Chief Advancement Officer, at 614.221.8830, ext. 228 or jgarrett@bgccentralohio.org.

Board Of Trustees

Steve Weis, President
Johnathan Northup, Vice President
Randy Randolph, Treasurer
Phil Goldstein, Secretary

Jonica Armstrong
Raj Bellani
Chris Boyd
Bob Brokaw
Bryan Carson

Melissa Crum
Randy Dupler
David Hatcher
Stephanie Infante
Laurie Kamerer

Catherine Kennedy
Tani Mann
Sandra Rich
Mike Schott
Ryan Trierweiler

Sarah Wallace
Aaron Weir



BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
OF CENTRAL OHIO
1108 CITY PARK AVE., STE 301
COLUMBUS, OH 43206