

SUMMER 2018







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### A MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Our Summer Day Camps at the Town of Wallkill and the Town of Fallsburg have officially launched and over 600 kids are enjoying swimming, fishing, hiking, and many more activities every day!

As campers run and play in the summer sun, we turn our attention to the start of next school year and the financial difficulties it can bring for many families. Thanks to your generosity to our **BACKPACKS** for **HOPE** initiative last year, we distributed backpacks to over 250 children throughout Northern Orange and Sullivan Counties! See page 3 for more information.

Planning is well underway for our 5th Annual Grown Here on October 13. This year, we are excited to celebrate our 25th Anniversary and honor Elizabeth "Biz" Rowley, a lifelong youth advocate and our Club's first Development Director! Check page 4 for more details.

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**Executive Director** 

Town of Wallkill Boys & Girls Club, Inc.

## GREAT FUTURES 25

YOU CAN HELP SUSTAIN LIFE CHANGING PROGRAMS FOR KIDS IN OUR COMMUNITY

94¢ of every dollar you pledge goes directly to our Club Kids

Your gift today will help local kids achieve academic success, become engaged community citizens with strong character, and lead healthy lifestyles. It also helps provide over 35,000 snacks and 45,000 healthy meals annually to Club kids who don't have enough to eat at home.

Visit us online at bgcorange.org to donate.









We run lots of GREAT programming throughout the school year but we shine in the summer months too!

Our premier Summer Day Camps at the Town of Wallkill and the Town of Fallsburg officially began on June 25th! Over 600 Club Kids have been enjoying long, sunny days filled with fishing, hiking, soccer, arts & crafts, "Game Zone," and "Ultimate Journey," a hiking and exploring program that takes full advantage of all the park has to offer, and much, much more! The lake at Circleville Park also provides the opportunity for Camp kids to boat, fish, and swim every day!

Club Kids at the Town of Wallkill Summer Camp will enjoy field trips to places like Space Farms, Mountain Creek, and The Castle while Kids at the Town of Fallsburg Summer Camp will enjoy excursions to places like Forestburgh Playhouse, Holiday Mountain, Rockland Boulders, and SplashDown Beach.

Before and after camp activities are offered daily as well. Before camp activities are held 6am to 9am and after camp activities are held 3pm to 6pm. That's as much as 12 hours of FUN each day!

#### **OPEN HOUSE & RECEPTIONS**

You may already know our organization by our events or someone who is involved directly with the Boys & Girls Club. But, do you know what we do and who we serve on a daily basis?

You're invited for a tour of our Clubhouse at Circleville Park on Tuesday, July 24, 2018 from 5-7pm.

Following the tour, join members of our Board of Directors and staff for light fare and wine. You'll learn more about the life-changing, outcome-driven programs our Club kids participate in every day that help them build knowledge, skills and behaviors to put them on a path to a GREAT FUTURE!

Visit our website & reserve your complimentary ticket! Hope to see you then!

Unable to make it? Keep an eye on our website for future open house dates!



#### **CLUB KIDS OF THE MONTH**

Each month, each program chooses a member of the month who exemplifies the characteristics we reinforce at our programs. Regular attendance, appropriate behavior, and staying on task during activities are expected behaviors for our members. These members go above and beyond to exhibit pride in their club, support staff in their daily activities, and help to keep fellow members on track during Power Hour. These members also volunteer to help with community service projects, sometimes outside of programming hours. We are excited to feature a sampling of some of this year's members. **GREAT job kids!** 



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This summer we turn our focus to the start of the next school year and the financial hardship it can bring for many families. Join our partnership of local host sites and donors in our BACKPACKS for HOPE effort that collects and distributes backpacks and other school supplies for children in need throughout Northern Orange and Sullivan Counties.

If you are interested in becoming a host site to help collect backpacks and other school supplies, please see our website for details to apply. Collection site set-up and signage supplies will be delivered to your organization on July 16th. From July 16th-August 16th, host sites will publicize their role as a **BACKPACKS** for HOPE host site and collect backpacks and other necessary school supplies. On August 17th, Club staff and volunteers will collect all donated items from host sites.

Backpacks and accompanying supplies will be distributed to families before the start of the new school year from August 27th-August 31st.

Applications will be accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis as long as resources allow.

If you are interested in contributing, but cannot visit one of our host sites, you can still donate to BACKPACKS for HOPE! See our website for details or give our office a call at (845)342-8833 with any questions or concerns!



#### THANK YOU

to our supporters who showed their enthusiasm by donating to our #HelpSendAKidToCamp campaign! Thanks to our generous community, we surpassed our goal and raised \$3,685 to #HelpSendAKidToCamp!

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#### **DONOR SPOTLIGHT:**

As a Gold Sponsor, Revere Smelting continues to support the work of the Clubs.

Located in Middletown on Ballard Road, Revere Smelting is a commercial facility for the storage of hazardous and industrial non-hazardous wastes on a 155 acre site. Wastes at this facility undergo a process by which lead is recovered for sale as a product and all other waste residuals are recycled or shipped off-site for proper disposal.

#### **SAVE THE DATE:**



You're invited to our fifth annual Grown Here event, a four course Farm-to-Table experience! This event celebrates everything Grown Here to benefit the children who are Grown Here!

The evening's entertainment includes live musical performances by Somerville, a rare and unique wine auction, and a tribute honoring Elizabeth "Biz" Rowley, a lifelong youth advocate and our Club's first Development Director.

This unique event will highlight delectable dishes curated by local chefs. Each course will be carefully crafted utilizing all locally grown and produced ingredients and will be paired with the finest local wines, craft beers, and spirits.









Mark your calendars for Saturday, October 13th at 5:00pm and join us for an evening that you will not forget!

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