SPRING 2024

CLUB CONNECTION

The official newsletter of

BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF VALDOSTA

A NEW CHAPTER

This year, the Club celebrates some exciting organizational changes. May 1, 2024, the Boys & Girls Club welcomes Kristin Hanna into the position of executive director as Brian Flemming, the outgoing CEO, moves into the role of Senior Advisor. In his new role, Brian will utilize his expertise and passion to spearhead a new workforce development campus for teens. This campus will focus on equipping youth with skills in areas such as carpentry, welding, and healthcare, as well as vital life skills such as personal finance, cooking, communication, and character. Kristin has worked at the Boys & Girls Club of Valdosta for ten years and is dedicated to the mission of reaching, equipping, and caring for our community's youth. We cannot wait to see what the future holds!

"The Club is a special place with phenomenal impact. I am honored to continue its legacy into the future."

-Kristin Wooley Hanna
CEO, Boys & Girls Club of Valdosta

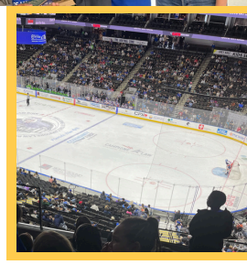
ROBERT SOPER SUMMER SCHOLARSHIPS

Did you know you can sponsor a child's LIFE CHANGING summer at the Boys & Girls Club? In honor of Mr. Robert Soper, we established the Robert Soper Scholarship Fund to ensure no child misses out on the love and learning that the Club provides. $280 sponsors a child for the entire summer - transportation, meals, teachers, field trips, and FUN! Scan the QR code or mail your gift to P.O. Box 682 to change a life today!

HOCKEY TIME

O'STEEN | SUBARU

Thanks to our friends at O'Steen Subaru, some of our Lake Laurie kiddos got to take an adventure to see the Jacksonville Icemen compete in the hockey arena from boxed seats! We love providing opportunities for children to do something for the first time, and this trip checked a lot of boxes! Fourth grader Louis is now an avid Icemen fan and is keeping us posted on their season success. Thank you, O'Steen Subaru!



THE GREAT AMERICAN COOK-OFF

BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF VALDOSTA

Battle of the First Responders

On March 23rd, Seasons Miller Hardware was filled to the brim with games, first responders, $5 lunch plates, and over 400 of YOU at our Great American Cook-Off: Battle of the First Responders.😋

🍔 On behalf of our Club and title sponsors Miller Hardware and Traeger Grills, we shout "Congratulations!" to Lowndes County Fire Rescue, sponsored by Waller Heating & Air, for taking home the title of 2024 Grillmaster! See you next year!🎉

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RAISING HIGHLY CAPABLE KIDS™

Raising Highly Capable Kids is IN SESSION! These amazing parents committed to 13 weeks of gathering and encouraging each other through the highs and lows of parenting while working through Focus on the Family's powerful RezilientKidz curriculum. And don't worry - we are making sure their kids are busy and having a BLAST while they meet. Parent graduation is right around the corner, and we can't wait to celebrate their dedication to building strong families.

"These parents are asking important questions and DOING THE WORK. Parenting isn't easy, and we know these parents and guardians will see fruit for generations."
- Bill Holt, Vice President of Operations, Boys & Girls Club of Valdosta

Help us celebrate our Parents by Purchasing from our Amazon Wishlist!

ANNUAL AWARDS LUNCHEON

We held our annual Awards Luncheon for our Board of Directors and friends in February at our downtown facility! With a delicious lunch catered by our friends at Covingtons and a presentation of awards, we celebrated those who transformed the Club with their generosity in 2023 and those who continue to do so. Help us congratulate our 2023 recipients!

Congrats! 2023 Awards

Old Reliable Award:
O'Steen Subaru of Valdosta

Extra Mile Award:
AshBritt Foundation

Man of the Year Award:
Pat Nichols Award received by wife, Gail Nichols, and children, Amber Hodges and Corey Nichols

Woman of the Year Award:
Deanna Smith

Transformation Award:
Wyn Miller Award received by wife, Linda Miller

ART! GUITAR!

We LOVE Thursdays because that means... guitar lessons and art classes!! Did you know that every week this semester, our students have the opportunity to take part not only in academic enrichment in the classroom but also to engage in fun extracurriculars like art classes at the Turner Center for the Arts and guitar lessons right here at the Club? Hands on learning at its best!

MENTORING THE NEXT GENERATION

Through the Georgia Power Mentoring Program, our kids are experiencing so many incredible opportunities! "Georgia Power employees come once every month to spend time with and mentor our kids here at the Club - from team building to volleyball, our kids are having a BLAST! We are grateful for individuals and businesses like Georgia Power employees who invest in our students. They are changing lives!"

Want to get involved?

Volunteer!

Be a guest reader for a class, read 1 on 1 with a kiddo who needs some extra help, or call and we can find the perfect way for you to volunteer with us!

Shop *our Amazon list!*

Want to help in a tangible way, but not sure how? Visit our Amazon Wishlist to pick some surprises out and send to the Club!

Donate!

Join us in our mission by giving a one-time gift or joining our monthly giving program!

Come see us!

Follow us on Facebook & Instagram, join our email list, or come see us in person for a glimpse of life at the BGC!

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