

FEBRUARY 2026

Club Kid Matters

ISSUE NO. THREE

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF THE CHATTAHOOCHEE VALLEY

Congrats!

**Chuck
McClure, Jr.**

2026

**Hall of Fame
Inductee**

**Service to
Youth**



● IN THIS ISSUE



Donor Highlights



YOUTH OF THE YEAR



Women's Creative Collective



Donor Spotlight: John Pound & Mercer Clark

by Katie Evans

Leadership, legacy, and community commitment define the partnership between John Pound and Mercer Clark of Pound-Clark General Contractors, LLC and the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Chattahoochee Valley.

For years, John Pound's steady leadership and dedicated service on our Board of Directors helped strengthen the foundation of our organization. His commitment to creating opportunities for young people has left a lasting impact—one that continues today through the leadership of Mercer Clark.

Now serving as President & CEO of Pound-Clark General Contractors, Mercer leads the company with the same heart for community that John modeled so well. Beyond his professional leadership, Mercer generously serves on the Board of Directors for the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Chattahoochee Valley and chairs the Property Committee, helping guide the growth and development of our facilities.

Most recently, Pound-Clark provided the iconic blue door that stood proudly on stage at Youth of the Year 2026—a powerful symbol of opportunity and the doors our Clubs open for young people every day. The company also played a key role in facilitating the new playground addition at our East Columbus Club, creating a safe and inspiring space for members to learn, grow, and thrive.

We are deeply grateful for John and Mercer's continued investment in our mission. Their leadership, generosity, and belief in our youth ensure that we can keep opening doors and building bright futures across the Chattahoochee Valley.



THANK
YOU



Please Join Us in Celebrating our Junior and Senior Youth of the Year Winners!

by Katie Evans

These outstanding young leaders represent the very best of our Club—demonstrating strong character, academic dedication, and a true heart for service. Through their leadership, perseverance, and commitment to growth, they have inspired peers and staff alike.

We are incredibly proud of their accomplishments and can't wait to see how they continue to shine as ambassadors for our Club and our community. Congratulations to our 2026 Junior and Senior Youth of the Year winners!



Chuck McClure, Jr. - Hall of Fame Inductee



Breyana Anyaegbunam
Senior Winner



Yariel Mendez
Junior Winner

YOUTH
of the YEAR
BLUEPRINT
Building a Better Columbus

Presenting
Sponsor





Save the Date!

Women's Creative
Collective

Luncheon

CC 1909

APRIL 23, 2026

COLUMBUS COUNTRY CLUB

Doors open at 11:30 AM

Program 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

The poster features a watercolor background with pink, purple, and yellow washes. It includes a graphic of a paint palette with a brush. The Women's Creative Collective logo consists of the word "Collective" in a large, flowing script, with "Women's Creative" in a smaller sans-serif font above it, and a stylized "CC" monogram with the year "1909" below it. The event details are at the bottom.

The Women's Creative Collective is a vibrant community of women dedicated to educating, engaging, and supporting youth in their artistic and developmental pursuits within the Chattahoochee Valley. This collective plays a crucial role in funding and enhancing the Fine Arts Program at The Boys & Girls Clubs.

Participating in Boys & Girls Club programs not only fosters academic improvement but also provides access to nutritious food and essential skills that enhance character and leadership. The arts serve as a gateway for many students, drawing them into our programs and encouraging their continued involvement. Once engaged, we have the opportunity to transform lives and uplift the Columbus community.



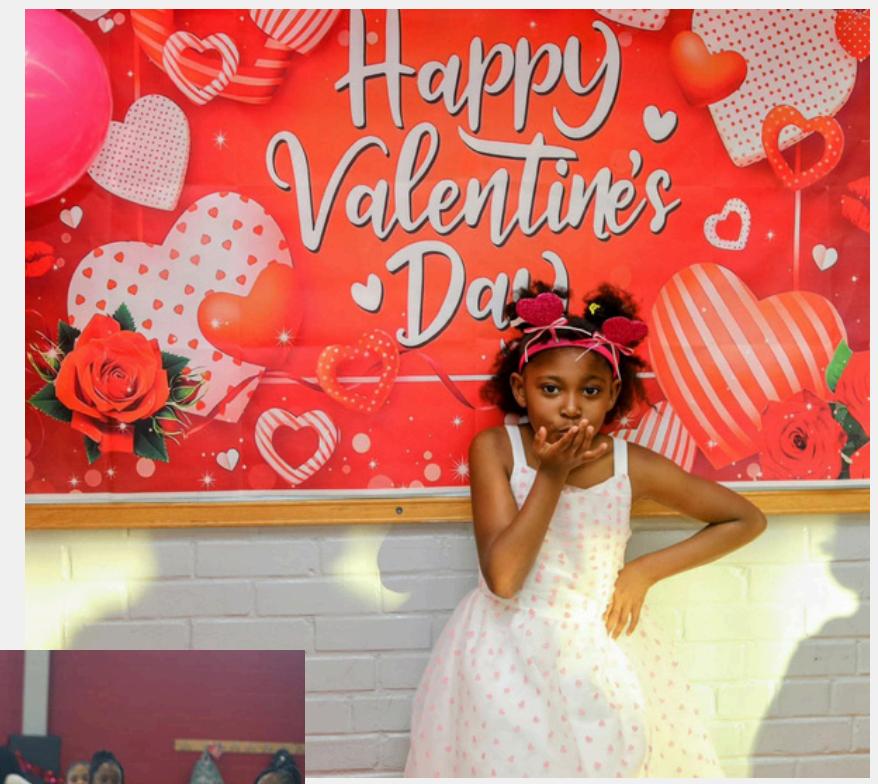
Our J.B. Woodruff Valentine “Sneaker Ball” was a huge success!

The J.B. Woodruff Boys & Girls Club was the place to be this Valentine's Day as our members celebrated in style at our annual Sneaker Ball! Dressed in their favorite sneakers and formal wear, our Club Kids enjoyed an afternoon filled with music, fun, and unforgettable memories.

A very special thank you to WRBL for covering The Food Mill dress donation, which helped our girls look and feel their absolute best for the big night. Community partnerships like these make moments like this possible, and we are so grateful for the support that helps our Club members shine!



Valentine's Day



YOUTH *of the* YEAR

Thank you to our sponsors!

Rising Star Sponsors



Advocate Sponsors

Alexander Contracting Company, Inc. · Flournoy Partners · Georgia Power
Brad and Jack Turner · Griffin & Griffin Towing Company

Presenting Sponsor



Media Sponsor



Table Sponsors

Chandler Riley, Columbus Technical College, Covey Equity, Flournoy & Calhoun, Gardiner & Nora Garrard, HPRC, Inc., Hannah Vongsavang, Hudson Pendleton Financial Group, Hughston Clinic, Joan Swift Redmond, John Martin, Keith Pierce, Kenneth Nugent, P.C., Malone Office Environments, Marsh McLennan, Matt Mansfield, Melissa Thomas, Merrill Lynch - Pierce, Fenner & Smith Inc., OmegaFi, Piedmont Columbus Regional, Regions Bank, Robinson, Grimes & Company, P.C., Standard Concrete Products, Studio BGP, Sutherland Foods, Terracon, Tony & Mary Jane Link, Truist, WC Bradley, Watley Heating & Air, Woodruff Real Estate Services





Presented by:



Lock in Your 2027 Sponsorship Today!

Join us as an Elevate Partner for our 2027 Youth of the Year celebration.

This inspiring evening highlights the resilience, leadership, and limitless potential of the young people we serve across Columbus. As a sponsor, you are doing more than supporting an event—you are helping elevate the next generation of leaders and advancing the vision of Columbus Ahead.

Your partnership directly impacts local youth, providing mentorship, academic support, and life-changing opportunities that move our community forward. Together, we can Elevate their future—and the future of Columbus.



Contact Katie Evans: kevans@bgc-colsga.org



Upcoming Events:

- Spring Break Camp (March 30-April 3)
- Women's Creative Collective Luncheon (April 23rd)
- Upatoi Polo Cup (September 20)



BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
OF THE CHATTAHOOCHEE VALLEY

In the next issue:

**Women's Creative Collective
Summer Camp
Upatoi Polo Cup**

Enrollment is always open, join a club today!

WWW.BGC-COLSGA.ORG

