

WHAT'S NEW at BGC POLK?



Fore The Kids 2026

The 2026 Fore The Kids Golf Tournament, presented by Always Fresh Farms, is just around the corner—and we're positioned for our most successful tournament yet! On Monday, October 26, golfers will gather at The Country Club of Winter Haven and The Club at Eaglebrooke for a great day on the course, complete with exciting raffle prizes, all in support of Polk County youth.



Player registration is now closed, and the deadline for sponsor recognition has passed, but community support is always welcome. Every contribution helps provide the teachers, tutors, mentors, meals, and life-changing programs Club members count on throughout the year.

SPONSOR NOW

Give generously and help us go further for Polk County kids.

Questions about sponsorships or special requests? Contact Matthew Quick.

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We're also teeing up something new: Meet the limited-edition Fore the Kids polo, designed and made by participants in BGCPolk's Workforce Readiness initiative. Quantities are extremely limited, and polos are available first come, first served. Every purchase supports hands-on workforce readiness opportunities for local youth. Get yours while they're available!



Fore The Kids wouldn't be possible without the generous support of sponsors like you. Thank you for investing in our mission and helping us create brighter futures for youth throughout Polk County!





Building a Better Tomorrow

Building a Better Tomorrow is our year-end campaign to help local youth access safe spaces, caring mentors, academic support, healthy meals, and enriching programs.

Across 11 Clubs, average daily attendance has doubled in five years. We now serve about 1,000 young people each day and provide up to 30,000 meals each month. With waiting lists at every program, the need is only growing.

Your gift can help a young person find opportunity, stability, and support—from homework help to a safe place after school or a mentor who believes in them. Together, we can build a better tomorrow, today.

HELP US BUILD A BETTER TOMORROW

What's Up At The Club?



George Jenkins Memorial Club

Let's take a look back at what our members got up to in the last month:

- **George Jenkins Memorial Club**
  As part of the Club's Fall into Kindness theme, members have been finding everyday ways to show kindness. They've shared supplies, helped one another, and offered kind words and encouragement to peers and staff. These small actions are strengthening friendships, building respect, and helping create a welcoming place where everyone feels valued.
- **North Ridge Club**
  Aariyah has been part of the North Ridge Club since she was 8. Now 13, she is an A/B honor roll student at Daniel Jenkins Academy and a standout basketball player, averaging 36 points per game. Her commitment in the classroom and on the court makes her a source of pride for the North Ridge community.
- **IDEA Lakeland Club**
  During homework help, Liam faced assignments that felt challenging, but he kept working with support from Club staff. He learned to ask questions, try different approaches, and keep going when he made mistakes. When he finally said, "I did it!" he showed how encouragement can help a young person build confidence and recognize their own progress.
- **Joe L. Saunders Club**
  The Club's new 12-week Workforce Readiness Program gives members practice with communication, teamwork, problem-solving, and leadership. When the Club's dining area became temporarily

unavailable, members put those skills to work by organizing meal deliveries for their peers. They coordinated the process and helped make sure everyone was served. A challenge became a hands-on lesson in adaptability, responsibility, and teamwork.

- **Fort Meade Club**
  For a Halloween relay, members teamed up to complete a series of playful challenges, including posing like monsters and coming up with their own monster screams. Group One started out behind but rallied to win. One member, Sarah, was especially excited to celebrate her first win; she shared the news with staff and couldn't wait to tell her mom.
- **James J. Musso Club**
  After moving to Polk County, 16-year-old Neveah joined the Musso Club and began building connections in her new community. In her first week, she helped prepare and serve meals to more than 100 members. Younger members soon began turning to her for homework help and games, while she formed friendships with other high school students and joined a college tour through the Club.
- **Weinstein Family Club**
  During group time, Nahmir worked through his worksheets and completed them on his own. He was excited to show what he had accomplished, and his persistence stood out. Moments like this reflect the encouragement members receive at the Club and the confidence they build as they take on new challenges.
- **Wogan S. Badcock, Jr. Club**
  Summer has been finding ways to contribute at her Club, from helping at the front desk to assisting during dinner. This year, the high school freshman applied for an internship with NextGen Pizza Company and was selected as one of five interns. Her new role gives her a chance to keep growing, gain work experience, and take an important step toward her goals.
- **South Ridge Club**
  Some younger members were unsure about trying soccer and worried they weren't good enough to play. With encouragement from staff and the chance to join friends, they decided to represent South Ridge in an indoor game. The team returned with a win and nine goals. Their excitement showed how trying something new can build confidence, teamwork, and pride.

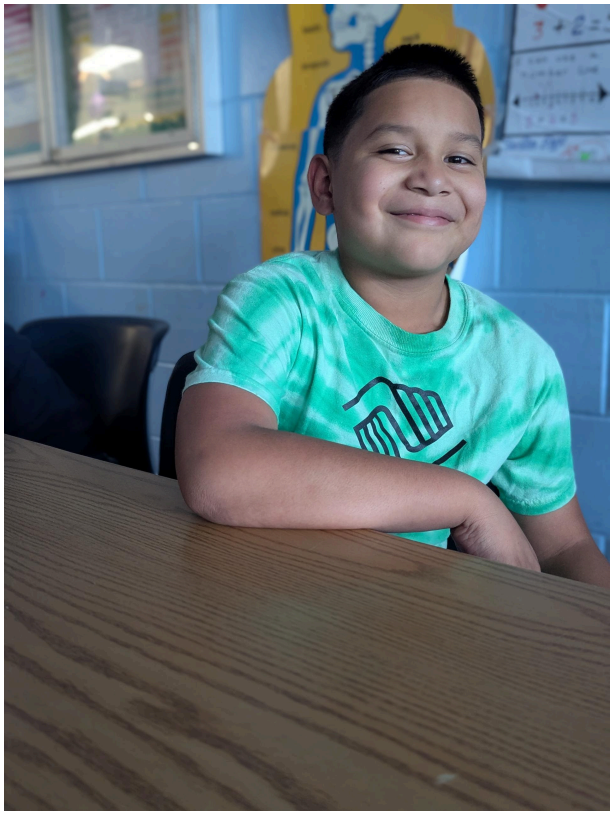
Meet-A-Member: Angel

In the buzzing hive of our James J. Musso Club, where the air was a mix of bouncing basketballs, kids in and out, and distant chatter and laughter, Angel was able to stay on task and 100 percent focused.

While the game room echoed with high-fives, Angel sat in the classroom eager for instructions. He treated every worksheet like a level-up in a video game. When the room got rowdy, Angel didn't join the fray; he simply kept his pencil moving.

The "Gold Standard" is how Ms. White, our Club Teacher, would label him. Ready to work, able to be silly, open to being creative. If a peer needed help with a problem, Angel would lean over with a patient smile, explaining the steps instead of just giving the answer.

Angel knows that the Club is more than just a place to wait for a ride home—it is a safe space to grow and learn.



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