

# Keeping Up with the Clubs



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS  
OF TOWN OF WALLKILL INC.**

**BUILDING GREAT FUTURES IN NORTHERN ORANGE & SULLIVAN COUNTIES**

**FALL 2017**



## A MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The school year is in full swing. **And, when school is OUT our Clubs are IN!** Thanks to your kindness and generosity, every day, over 300 kids in nine locations throughout Northern Orange and Sullivan Counties have a safe place to grow and learn after school (and before school in our two Pine Bush locations). Under the care of our trained youth development staff, kids are working their way toward academic success, living healthy lifestyles, and becoming engaged community members who are strong in character.

Our Club kids are already studying hard, enjoying the fall weather with outdoor activities and planning their community projects. Many of them helped create banners, posters and other artwork for our annual Grown Here fundraiser in October. (You can read more about Grown Here inside).

In these challenging times, our community comes together to help give kids a happy holiday season. More than 42% of our Club kids live at or below the poverty line. Every year, businesses and individuals take part in our annual **GIVING TREE**. This popular event puts gifts in the hands of over 400 local children annually and we are excited to host it again this year, along with **MURPH'S ANNUAL TOY DRIVE**.

It is shaping up to be another **GREAT** year at our Clubs. In 2018, we'll celebrate our 25th year of service to our community's kids. Your support is crucial to helping our Club kids reach their goals. With much gratitude, we look forward to your continued support.

**Lori A. Rivenburgh, M.A.**  
Executive Director  
Town of Wallkill Boys & Girls Club, Inc.



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## Thank You!

### YOUR GENEROSITY FOR GREAT FUTURES CONTINUES TO GROW

In the early '90s, guided by a vision to give other children the kinds of opportunities he gave his own kids, Steven E. Plain and a group of people from the Town of Wallkill and the Wallkill East Rotary started local recreational youth programs. Sometime later and rather serendipitously, Steve met Brian Skanes who had relocated to Middletown and worked for Boys & Girls Clubs of America. The rest as they say is history and today, every day, over 300 kids in 9 locations in Northern Orange and Sullivan Counties have a safe place to go after school to work on creating **GREAT FUTURES** for themselves.

**On October 14, nearly 200 of our most avid friends and donors joined us at the Clubhouse in Circleville to honor Steve at our 4th annual GROWN HERE dinner and live wine auction.**

We're pleased to report that the event, hosted by Jay Anthony, raised \$35,000 to support programming in Northern Orange and Sullivan Counties.

The fun-filled night featured a robust silent auction and a rare and unique live wine auction conducted by Dr. David Ainbinder. Homegrown band Somerville provided a fantastic musical backdrop to the evening.

Tributes from Steve's family, friends and community supporters included recognition from the Town of Wallkill, Sen. John Bonacic, NYS Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther, Orange County Executive Steve Neuhaus, and Congressman Sean Patrick Maloney. The Boys & Girls Clubs of America also honored Steve and Maureen as they were inducted into the Jeremiah Milbank's Society for their generosity to the Club.

The evening featured dishes curated by five local chefs... Marcus Guiliano, Aroma Thyme Bistro; Loretta Rueter, Hermann's Erie Hotel; Armand Vanderstighel, Limoncello at the Orange Inn and Bethel Woods Center for the Arts; Jaime Stankevics, Neversink General Store; and Paul Nanni and Marla Pucetti, The Heron. Each course was crafted with locally sourced ingredients, and paired with local wines, craft beers, and ciders.

**Our hearts are filled with gratitude. Thank you! Your generosity will continue to help our Club kids achieve academic success and become good citizens living healthy lifestyles.**

We're thankful to our evening's underwriters: Paramount Building Construction, M&R Energy Resources Corporation, Orange Regional Medical Center, Catskill Regional Medical Center, HD Vest Financial Services, Cooper Arias, Rowley Development Corp. Inc, William A. Smith & Son, Inc., Bruderhof Community, Anthony Property Group, Wallkill East Rotary, and M&T Bank.

Steering Committee: Jay Anthony, Todd Goldstein, Patrick English, Kimian Adams, Michelle Semerano, and Ellen Quimby.



# The Giving Tree

## YOU CAN MAKE A CHILD'S HOLIDAY SEASON BRIGHTER

The Giving Tree is a gift drive that will put clothing and gifts in the hands of 400+ children in need across Northern Orange and Sullivan Counties this holiday season!

The Giving Tree host sites will display a non-denominational holiday tree with ornaments that list a child's first name, age, and size/hobby information.

From **November 13 through December 8**, donors can sign up, take an ornament and return a gift for the child listed on their ornament.

From **December 11 through December 22**, the Club staff and volunteers will collect and distribute the gifts to Club kids and other children in need in our area. We help our Club kids and our campers, and then we open the drive up to as many children as we can serve from communities outside our service area too!

**If you are interested in applying for your child(ren) to receive gifts through The Giving Tree, please complete an application and submit it to our office by no later than November 10, 2017.**

Applications can be found online at [bgcorange.org](http://bgcorange.org).



## ROCKIN' IN KINDNESS

Our Grown Here event featured **#KindnessRocks**. They were available for any attendee to take to be a part of the **#KindnessRocks** movement locally. Participants were asked to take a rock and place it somewhere in their local community to be found and relocated as a way to spread kindness throughout our area. Track where the rocks go on two local Facebook pages: Kindness Rocks-Hudson Valley and Sullivan County Rocks. **We can't wait to start seeing our rocks show up!**

## MURPH'S TOY DRIVE

*"I had no idea how amazing this was going to make me feel."*

Josh Murphy lives and works in New Jersey, but his heart is in his hometown of Callicoon, New York. For the last four years, he has hosted an annual toy drive to make sure our Club kids have a happy holiday season.

Join us **December 9 at 8 pm for Murph's 5th Annual Toy Drive at the Villa Roma Resort & Conference Center**. This event is always fun because of the generous, good spirited people who support it. Josh has always wanted to give back to his hometown community and this is his platform. "Giving back is a spiritual cleansing we all need, so we're doing it again this year," he said. All donations will be combined with items collected for our annual Giving Tree Donation Drive to be given to children throughout our service area of Northern Orange and Sullivan Counties.

### TICKETS:

- \$35 per person with an unwrapped toy
- 3 hours of premium top shelf open bar
- Carving stations
- Live DJ from 8pm-1am
- Raffle prizes for everyone who pays online in advance

You **MUST** have a toy to donate to enter.

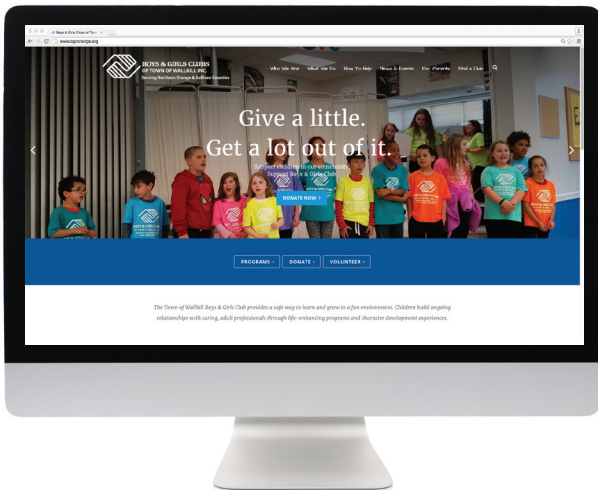
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# MURPH'S TOY DRIVE (CONTINUED)

The Villa Roma is offering room rates of \$99 for Friday and Saturday night, and will donate \$50 for each room booked to the Town of Walkkill Boys & Girls Club.

**PURCHASE tickets in advance online to be eligible for raffle prizes. To ORDER visit [bgcorange.org](http://bgcorange.org).**



## CHECK OUT OUR NEW WEBSITE!

We're thrilled to share our new website with you. It features details about our programs, Club locations and policies. Parents can download registration forms.

To learn more and see the many ways you can give and support our clubs, please visit: [bgcorange.org](http://bgcorange.org).

# CLUBHOUSE ROUNDUP

Working on Their Own **GREAT FUTURES**

9.14

### PINE BUSH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Starting the school year off with good habits, our Club kids in the Pine Bush Elementary School have themselves in the habit of doing their homework as soon as school is out, during Power Hour. When homework's complete, they work on their art projects, inspired by the beautiful fall weather



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### ROBERT J. KAISER MIDDLE SCHOOL

Our friends Gerry and Rosemary of Skoda Farms delivered a supply of fall tomatoes and pumpkins. Club kids painted and decorated the pumpkins and made their own pasta sauce. Special thanks to the Skoda's for their continued generosity.



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### LIBERTY MIDDLE SCHOOL AND ROBERT J. KAISER MIDDLE SCHOOL

Our Monticello and Liberty Middle School Programs visited Catskill Regional Medical Center / CRMC last week as a part of our "Adopt-A-Grandparent" Program. Our members will visit for the rest of the year; talking to some of the residents, playing games with them, and sharing art projects with them. They also enjoyed a few goal-setting activities, and of course....basketball!



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### ROBERT J. KAISER MIDDLE SCHOOL

Barbara Ward Blank, from Guiding Eyes for the Blind brought Kaylie to RJK this week. Kaylie is being trained to become a Service Dog for a person who is visually impaired or blind. She told them all about the training process and demonstrated some skills Kaylie has mastered. Club kids were so impressed and got to participate!



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