

Keeping Up with the Clubs



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

BUILDING GREAT FUTURES IN NORTHERN ORANGE & SULLIVAN COUNTIES

FALL 2019



A MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

When school is OUT, our Clubs are IN! Thanks to the help of our local community, our annual Backpacks for Hope Drive put 250 stuffed backpacks in the hands of children who need them in every school district in Sullivan County and **FOUR** school districts in Orange County. Thank you to this year's host site locations! We couldn't do this without **YOU!**

Registration is ongoing for our Clubs throughout Northern Orange and Sullivan Counties. We see over 300 kids every day in our after school programs in seven locations throughout the area. Our before school programs in Pine Bush are also busy as we see 60 kids in both locations daily. Our Club kids are already working on homework, enjoying the fall weather with outdoor activities, and planning their community projects. Club kids from our various programs helped to create banners, posters, and buttons for our 6th Annual Grown Here fundraiser. Their artwork made the night even more special!

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



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Grown Here

A FARM-TO-TABLE EXPERIENCE

Thank You!

Your Help Makes a Difference – Our 6th Annual Grown Here Event has helped raise almost \$32,000!

Supporters, friends, and area businesses gathered to honor long-time Club supporter, Dan Depew. He was inducted into the Maureen & Steve Plain Hall of Fame at the Clubs' 6th Annual Grown Here Event: A Farm-To-Table Dining Experience on October 12, 2019. Event chairman, Jay Anthony, hosted the nearly 200 guests at the Boys & Girls Club Clubhouse at Circleville Park in Circleville, NY. With your help, this year's event raised almost \$32,000 for our programs in Northern Orange & Sullivan Counties.

This farm-to-table dining experience featured dishes curated by four local chefs. Each course was crafted utilizing locally grown and locally produced ingredients paired with local wines, craft beer, and spirits. This year's event featured charcuterie provided by Scancarello & Sons, soup by Loretta Rueter of Hermann's Hermann's Erie Hotel in Pine Bush, pasta by Edison Narkaj of Limoncello at the Orange Inn, entree by Jaime Stankevics at Neversink General Store in Neversink, and dessert by Jamie and Chef Marcus Guiliano of Aroma Thyme Bistro in Ellenville, NY.

Depew, Chief Communications Officer at Middletown Medical and former Town of Wallkill Supervisor, was instrumental during his tenure with the town in relocating, funding, and building our current space in Circleville Park. He has dedicated over 16 years to public service and his local community. He served as supervisor from 2012-17 and was an Orange County legislator from 2006-12.

Event guests enjoyed a rare & unique wine auction hosted by Dr. David Ainbinder of Gentle Dentistry in Middletown, NY, and assisted by Marianne Flannery of Flannery Estate Auctions in Pine Bush. Somerville performed live to entertain our guests throughout the evening.

Guests bid on TOWBGC program items such as a NY Giants 2019 Team Signed Collector's Football, a Sullivan Catskills Experience Basket, and a day out for four at the Mansion Ridge Golf Course. All proceeds went towards the Town of Wallkill Boys & Girls Club before and after school programming.

The Town of Wallkill Boys & Girls Club would like to thank this year's event sponsors Bruderhof, Buonsignore Construction Corp, Catskill Hudson Bank, Catskill Regional Medical Center, Chester Printing, Construction Contractors Association, First Federal Savings of Middletown, Flannery Estate Services, Jeff Bank, Judelson Giordano & Siegel PC, Kaz Americana Family Diner, M&T Bank, Maples Farm & Garden Center, Merrill Lynch, Middletown Medical, NYCM, Orange and Rockland Utilities, Orange Regional Medical Center, Perreca Electric Co., Inc., Planet Wings, Rev Ventures, Scott Kendrick, The Misner Agency, The Rowley Family, Walkill East Rotary, Wallkill Valley Federal Savings & Loan, Westar Tech Services Corp, Wyde Lumber & Supply Corp.

CLUB KIDS

OF THE MONTH & YOUTH OF THE YEAR

Each month all of our program sites choose a member of the month who exemplifies the character we reinforce at our programs. We want to congratulate all of our Members of the Month for September! They attended our programs regularly, completed homework, assisted staff, and always exhibited the kindness and compassion we expect from our Club kids!

Grace from Liberty Elementary School, Faith from Liberty Middle School, Matthew from Circleville Middle School, Haleigh from Crispell Middle School, Sarah from Pine Bush Elementary, Mariette from our Clubhouse Program, and Michael, Joniel, Sophia, and Jiabei from our Monticello Middle School Program set the standard for our Members of the Month moving forward, but we can't wait to see who steps up by the end of October! **Way to go!**



Belle Zhiou, Sophia Antizzo, Joniel Cholula-Jimenez and Michael Carman



Grace Fitzgerald



Haleigh Peterson



Matthew Greico



Mariette Santelises



Sarah Frank



Faith Fitzgerald

SEPTEMBER

WARRIOR KIDS CHALLENGE 2019

On Saturday, September 28, AYO Fitness, Catskill Regional Medical Center, and Orange Regional Medical Center, with support from numerous sponsors including the Town of Wallkill, held their first annual Warrior Kids Challenge at Circleville Park. All proceeds raised benefit the Town of Wallkill Boys and Girls Club. Over 150 children pre-registered with the number of participants swelling to about 200 in total.

The event was designed to combine a fun, physical event while teaching the "5-2-1-Almost None" philosophy. The lesson is for children to eat 5 fruits or vegetables each day, limit screen time to 2 hours, exercise or play for 1 hour, and consume almost no sugary drinks.

Asked to give more details behind the decision to hold the Warrior Kids Challenge, Amanda Alangsender explained, "As childhood obesity rates are declining around the country, they are increasing in Orange and Sullivan Counties." Since these are areas served by the Boys and Girls Club, the partnership is ideal to provide meaningful education to both the kids and their families.

Damola Akinyemi of Ayo Fitness, leader and organizer of the course, with assistance from many volunteers, ensured everyone was excited to participate and had a great time while learning how to improve their physical health. Children were separated into three groups based on age, then raced, and participated in age appropriate obstacles before receiving a participation medal and goody bag. The Warrior Kids all seemed to enjoy themselves from start to finish and will hopefully remember the rules they were taught during the Challenge.



YOU CAN MAKE A CHILD'S HOLIDAY SEASON BRIGHTER

Even as the leaves fall, we turn our attention to the holiday season, and Holiday planning is underway. We are preparing for our annual Giving Tree program. This popular program puts gifts in the hands of over 400 local children annually, and we are excited to host it again this year.

From November 12 through December 4, you can sign up, take an ornament, and return a gift for the child listed on their ornament. From December 5 through the 20, 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 also 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 no later than November 8, 2019. Applications can be found online at bgcorange.org.



MURPH'S TOY DRIVE

Join us at the **Villa Roma Resort & Conference Center** on **November 30, starting at 6 pm**, for the 7th Annual Murph's Toy Drive! It will be a fantastic night of drinks, dancing, food, and fun. Tickets are available online for \$40; \$50 at the door. Bring an unwrapped toy or toys, and you will enjoy three hours of premium top-shelf open bar, starting at 7pm, a live DJ from 10 pm-midnight, carving stations, and much, much more. We are proud to have Paul Ciliberto of Ciliberto & Friends on Thunder 102 as this year's host.

It's simple to join in on the fun - just bring a toy!

Let's help make a difference in a kid's life and have a great time doing it. All donations made at this Toy Drive, combined with items collected for our annual Giving Tree Donation Drive, will reach

children throughout our service area of Northern Orange and Sullivan Counties.

To purchase tickets, visit our website at bgcorange.org.

The Villa Roma is offering a reduced room rate for Friday and Saturday night. \$99 for the night with \$50 donated back to the Town of Wallkill Boys & Girls Club.

This event is always fun because of the generous, good-spirited people who support it! Josh Murphy has said, "I always wanted to be in a position to give back to my hometown community, and this has been my platform."



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