THE CLUB CONNECTION

The official newsletter of the Boys & Girls Club of Bangor

HOLIDAY FESTIVITIES!

Special THANK YOU to all who helped make this Holiday season one of the best ones yet for the Boys & Girls Club of Bangor!

The Bangor Kiwanis Club graciously hosted our Holiday party. They invited the famous Santa & Mrs. Claus to come from the North Pole for a special visit! Santa had gifts for the children, there were fun games to play, and hot cocoa too! Thank you to all the families who came out and celebrated with us.

Members of the North Star Lodge #22 hold a special place in our hearts at the Boys & Girls Club. This Christmas season, they graciously held a toy drive at their facility and then donated 100% of the toys to our Club and families. Thank you North Star Lodge for all you do for our community and Club! You truly made a difference this Christmas season for some really special boys and girls.

Christmas is for Kids had another successful season as well. We were able to help 38 children receive special gifts from local donors and sponsors who wanted to make Christmas wishes come true.

Dunkin Donuts hosted 2 "Giving Trees" in their stores at Main St. and Odlin Rd. which generated tons of amazing toys and gifts that were presented to parents and families. Thank you, Dunkin for making this Christmas a magical day for our members and their families.

Infinity Federal Credit Union generously sponsored 2 families for Christmas, spending $500.00 on gifts, clothes, toys & more. They also purchased additional winter gear for children in need and will continue to provide winter gear throughout the cold season.

Individual Donors: Special thank you to all of the wonderful individual donors who helped make Christmas special for our children.

Cheyenne Simmons
Jessica Curtain
Cary Weston
Myranda Caputo
Jennifer Ireland
Sara & Sean Pfahler

& all the donors who sponsored a child through a Dunkin Donuts Giving Tree!

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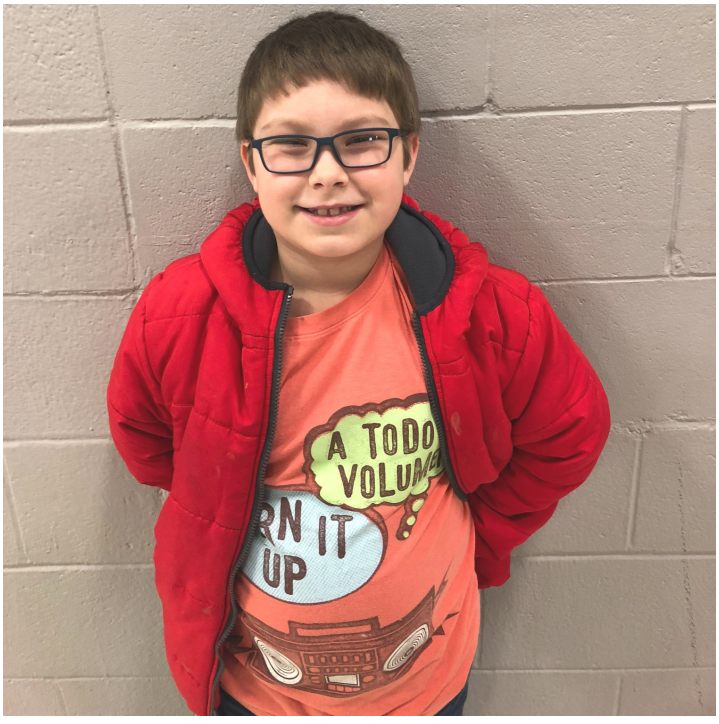
DECEMBER RAFFLE

Our second annual December Raffle was another great success! Special items or gifts were donated as prizes by local businesses, community partners, board members, and individuals.

Listed below are the lucky winners:

$50 Anthony John's gift card = Hutch
2 Bangor Cinemas tickets = Brydon Barnes
Husson Basketball tickets = Jeffrey Douglass & Joe Knox
$25 Chili's gift card = Mike Myatt
2 Discovery Museum tickets = Nikki Larson
$50 Frank's Bakery gift card = Trudy Bacon
Umaine Hockey tickets = Meredith Eaton & Sandra Hutchinson
Penobscot Theatre Company tickets = Jeffrey Douglass
Sheepscot River Pottery item = Angie McCluskey
$20 Sweet Frog gift card = Angela Douglass
$25 Walmart gift card= Trudy Bacon

A special thanks to our awesome members, who worked very hard to collect raffle entries! The Club raised a total of $615! **The winning member, who received a prize for selling the most entries, was BRYDON BARNES, who raised $184!**



Club member, Brydon

CHRISTMAS CAROLING

December 18th marked the 4th year that members sang Christmas carols to the elderly in our community. This year, children in the "Singing Club" sang in front of big crowds at both Nason Park and Winterbury Heights.

Some of the song favorites were, "Jingle Bells," "Frosty the Snowman," "Rudolph the Red nose Reindeer," and "Santa Claus is Coming to Town."

After singing, the children gave out Christmas cookies and enjoyed spending time with the audiences.

Singing at Nason Park

Singing at Winterbury Heights

Club members Sareya and Logan with volunteer, Sheila, Manager at Planet Fitness.

DONOR SPOTLIGHT

We would like to recognize the following community members, organizations, and businesses for the contribution they made. THANK YOU!

HOLIDAY DONATIONS:

Bangor Kiwanis Club = $1,000
EMMC *(Cardiac Floor Grant 4)* = $721.00
Infinity Credit Union = $500.00
Mainely Pest = $350.00

North Star Lodge #22 = Toys, toys, & more toys!
Dunkin Donuts = 2 Giving Trees
Old Navy (Bangor) = Christmas Sponsor
Cheyenne Simmons = Christmas Sponsor
Myranda Caputo = Christmas Sponsor
Jessica Curtain = Christmas Sponsor
Jennifer Ireland = Christmas Sponsor
Cary Weston = Christmas Sponsor
Sara & Sean Pfahler = Christmas Sponsor

Cole Land Transportation Museum:

Generous scholarship funding from the Cole Land Transportation Museum has allowed the Boys & Girls Club to open our doors to several additional children, to attend programming, during the school year and summer months.

Hannaford:

Hannaford Supermarkets has graciously donated $85,000 towards starting and maintaining a Club food pantry. We are now able to provide healthy, nutritious foods to our families to take home for the weekends.

Kaiden, Brooke, Aleena, & Chloee- all members of the UPstander's Club.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

BROOKE FROM PENQUIS

Every Tuesday, Brooke from Penquis comes to the Club and runs an "UPstander's Mini Club." Members learn how to stand up to bullies, be a good friend, and make the right choices. Thank you for making a difference, UPstander's!

Mikhaila and Savannah doing homework.

BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS

Our newest match from Big Brothers Big Sisters is BIG, Mikhaila and LITTLE, Savannah. Mikhaila is a senior at Husson University and is studying Health Sciences. The pair enjoy making clay sculptures, coloring, and jump-roping together.

MEMBER OF THE MONTH

Savannah

What makes you happy?
"Being at the Boys & Girls Club."

What is one thing that people don't know about you?
"I can do a back flip and most people don't know that."

What age do you look forward to, and why?
"I want to be a teenager because you can do fun stuff and you can stay home alone."

What is your favorite thing about the Boys & Girls Club?
"I like that we do fun things!"

SAVE THE DATE

PANTRY	The Pantry will be OPEN every FRIDAY during pick ups (4:30pm-5:15pm)
OPEN GYM	Every Sunday Ages 10+, FREE @ Bangor Housing 11am - 12:30 pm
MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. HOLIDAY	Monday, January 21st Boys & Girls Club will be CLOSED
END OF QUARTER	Friday, January 25th

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