



Club Happenings!



BOYS & GIRLS CLUB
OF WEST CHESTER/LIBERTY

Monthly Newsletter

Teen Night Event

On Friday, December 14th, from 9:30 to 11:30 p.m. "The Club" will have their third Teen Night Event. This event will be a "winners take all," 5 on 5 Basketball Tournament, featuring Lakota West Alumni and basketball star Amber Gray. Pictures and autographs will be provided by Amber Gray. Also, the High School Game room will be open for teenagers who want to come hang out with their friends, play video games and listen to music. The event is free and Buffalo Wild Wings is providing the food. You must present your high school ID for admission.

JOIN US FOR A

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GIVES BACK

party

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13TH, 2018

4:00 - 7:00PM

KENDRA SCOTT | LIBERTY CENTER

7560 Gibson Street Liberty Township, Ohio 45069

Enjoy sips, sweets & jewels!

Join us on December 13th from 4:00 – 7:00pm while we partner

With our friends from the Boys & Girls Club of West Chester/

Liberty to raise money to support their youth development

Programs | If you are unable to attend on December 13th, please

Call 937-889-6291 to make a purchase and mention the Boys &

Girls Club of West Chester/Liberty

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KENDRA SCOTT



Our 5th Annual Steak & Burger Event

on November 19 was a "Home Run Night for Kids" and an amazing evening of generosity from our community!

Thanks to all of our sponsors and guests as we were able to raise almost \$240,000, our largest fundraiser to date!

A very special thank you to our All Stars for the night, Kyle Schwarber and Sheree Paoello!

Together "Sheree and Schwarbs" were certainly a dynamic duo and took us inside the life of the Middletown Native, 2018 MLB Home Run Derby Runner-Up and Chicago Cubs Outfielder.

They shared stories from his childhood to the major leagues and everything in between!

Our 'Club Kids' showcased their talents with the National Anthem being sung by our very own Shidaa.

followed by an original play by our Art Director, Caleb Redslob, titled "Get with the Program"

that shared a humorous look at a day in the life at BGCWCL. A special thank you to Len Kaltman, of Len Kaltman Photography, for donating his time and outstanding talent to photograph the Event.

Proceeds from the Steak & Burger event benefit our Operating Fund.

We constantly strive to improve the "Club Experience"

for the youth of our community—especially those who need us most.



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A big **THANK YOU** to Kings Island for providing more than 150 admission tickets to our children and their families to enjoy an evening at Winterfest! What could be more magical than enjoying the lights, the rides and the shows that make Kings Island the "wish" for all area children? Our kids cannot wait for the evening to arrive!





Kyle Schwarber is one of the nicest guys you could ever meet. He was so humble and eager to meet our kids. Before heading over to the Steak & Burger event, he spent two hours at the Club meeting the staff and enjoying the Club Members. He was an instant sensation, and he seemed to love the kids as much as they loved him.

Our 7th through 12th grades kids were given the opportunity to put their names in a drawing to compete in a Wiffleball Homerun Derby. Five names were drawn from this group and Kyle pitched to these Club members. He had graciously provided "signed" prizes for all participants, including the shoes that he wore during his 2nd Place finish in the 2018 MLB All-Star Homerun Derby! Those shoes were presented to our Homerun Derby Club Champion, Shidaa! Following the Derby, Kyle spoke with our oldest members of the Club, encouraging them to follow their dreams and never give up.

Next, Kyle spent time with our 2nd through 6th grade children. He told the kids how he became a professional baseball player and answered some of their questions. He also asked questions of his own, including what each of them want to be when they grow up. He seemed surprised and impressed by some of their answers! He encouraged each of them to strive for whatever it is they desire to become. Everyone enjoyed meeting Kyle, and he promised he would return to the Club very soon! We can't Wait for his next Visit!



Gifts for the Holidays



It has been our tradition to have a Holiday Market right before Christmas, to allow our parents/guardians who are in financial crisis to shop for free items for their Club members. The Holiday Market will be scheduled the week of December 17th. If you wish to participate, please drop off your donation no later than Friday, December 14th @ 7:00 p.m. at the Boys & Girls Club of West Chester/Liberty.

We have had many inquiries about donations for our kids and families for the Holidays. Since we serve youth ages 7-15 who have a wide range of backgrounds and interests, it's hard to say what specific items our Club kids would like or need.

If you would like to make some child's Christmas a little brighter this holiday season, please donate a general Gift Card(s) to be used at places like Walmart, Kroger, Target, Meijer, etc. These gift cards give us the opportunity to either give them to families that we know can use them to purchase something special for their child or provides our staff with the opportunity to purchase individual items for our Club members when we know they might have a special need.

However, if you would prefer to gift them a tangible item, that would be wonderful as well. You may choose your special item, or you may choose something from the "suggested list" at the end of this article.

Below is a general list of items that we could put in our Holiday Market:

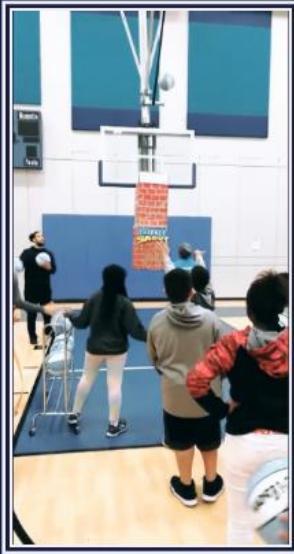
Ear buds	Lego sets	Sketch pads	Bluetooth speaker (small)
Jewelry set	Lip gloss	Chapstick	Watch
Wallet	Nerf balls		

Individual Gift Cards (\$5 to \$10 each) to Walmart, Target, GameStop, etc.

Thank you for your consideration. Any gift will be appreciated by our children and their families.



OLDE WEST CHESTER's CHRISTMAS WALK



This year the Boys and Girls Club of West Chester/Liberty participated in Olde West Chester's Christmas Walk. While raining outdoors, holiday cheer was at full capacity within the club walls. We hosted the West Chester Symphony, Cavu Coffee, holiday crafts, and our very own arctic arcade!

The Arctic Arcade was comprised of three stations: penguin bowling, chimney shoot, and reindeer toss. Kids of all ages enjoyed knocking over giant inflatable penguins, earning tickets for each one as well as earning tickets for every basket they made in the "chimney" within 60 seconds. Our prize station was a hit as kids exchanged tickets for build-a-bears, beanie babies, and candy.

In addition to all of the fun, our Torch Club members had their first bake sale this school year and raised \$67 for the Club. The Torch Club is a leadership program for students and structured like student government. It focuses on service learning projects as well as fun ways to improve the Club.

Thank you to all who participated in our Christmas Walk Stop and supported the Boys & Girls Club!



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