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Boys & Girls Club of the Tri-County Area News

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Tri-County's Youth of the Year, Jon Cervantes



## Drivin' Fore the Club returns with new location!

The Boys & Girls Club of the Tri-County Area's annual Drivin' Fore the Club golf outing presented by FLASH, returns Monday, June 5th. This year the event will be held at the Waushara Country Club in Wautoma, WI. This highly anticipated fundraising event is a fantastic opportunity for supporters, donors, and friends of the Club to learn more about the Club and our programs while enjoying a beautiful day on the golf course.

Presented by FLASH, this competitive yet fun charity golf outing event, enables

golfers to learn more about our mission to improve the lives of children and their families in our community. Last year, Drivin' Fore the Club was able to raise funds during the appeal that went directly to purchase a new van and van wraps. The vans allow the Club to transport double the amount of kids on field trips.

The fundraiser, which supports the Club's Great Future's campaign, offers golfers 18-holes of golf, a cart, boxed lunch on the course, and heavy appetizers after golfing. The scramble format

event awards prizes to top male, female, and co-ed teams as well as offers 50/50 raffles and raffle baskets.

Sponsorship opportunities are now available ranging from \$100 to \$2,000. Don't miss out on your opportunity to Drive Fore the Club. Can't put a full foursome together? That's okay, we accept individual golfers, too!

Visit the Clubs website at [www.bgctric.org](http://www.bgctric.org) to register today!

## SAVE THE DATE

**JUN 5** Drivin' Fore the Club

**AUG 26** Wing Eating Challenge @ Berlin Fox Festival

Support the Boys & Girls Club by registering for the Wing Eating Challenge in August.



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## MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

### Greetings,

As we prepare for the summer months there's a lot to be excited about at the Boys & Girls Club of the Tri-County Area. The staff have been working very hard to create fun new programs which has led to record high attendance!

The staff and Club members celebrated Boys & Girls Club week April 10th -14th. The week was full of fun activities and dress up days! During that week we held our annual Youth of the Year dinner at the Green Lake American Legion Hall. Guests had the opportunity to meet each of the Youth of the Month award winners and hear our Youth of the Year, Jon Cervantes, speak about his Club experience.

Jon Cervantes also spoke at our annual gala event, Wearin' & Sharin the Green, touching many hearts with his inspirational story. Thank you to all the donors, sponsors, friends of the Club, and volunteers that helped create a wonderful evening. Now as the weather heats up we look forward to hosting our annual golf outing, Drivin'

Fore the Club at Waushara Country Club in Wautoma. To wrap up the year we will once again be hosting a fall event, The Duel in October. I hope to see you at one of our events this year!

Lastly, as we look to the summer we have many new field trips planned from tours of the State capitol to Packer family night at Lambeau field. We have also added some new programs like the International Cooking Club which will allow Club members to learn about the true and authentic flavors of different countries including Germany, China, France, and Italy!

Everything in this newsletter wouldn't be possible without your generous support. I look forward to sharing more mission moments with you in the coming months.

Many thanks,

Jason Presto, Executive Director



## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

### Emily, 9

How long have you been coming to the Club?

At least 6-8 months

How does the Club help you?

The Club helps me do homework and helps me solve problems. I also come to the Club because it is a super fun and safe place to be!

What do you want to be when you grow up?

I would like to become a children's doctor and put casts on kids with broken arms.

What are you most excited for this summer?

I am really excited to go on fun field trips again this summer. I really hope we go to a pool again!

## PHOTO GALLERY



Club kids look forward to the hot summer days so they can cool off on the slip n' slide.



Kids enjoy spending time in the art room making fun crafts like these emoji pillows.



Every Friday during the summer is dress up day! Check out this fun photo from twin day.

To see more photos of the exciting things taking place at our club, please visit our Facebook page.

# Meet Jon Cervantes, Tri-County Youth of the Year



Enter the Boys & Girls Club of the Tri-County Area and you'll see a young man full of spirit, charisma, and motivation. He is hard at work on a number of projects; the National Keystone Project as the Keystone President, his Youth of the Year speech, or his high school homework. This is Jonathan Cervantes. A young man who is inspired to succeed and to be more than what is expected of him.

At times, things haven't gone as planned for Jonathan, but he has learned to be resilient and strong-willed through his trying times. At a young age, Jonathan was witness to violence in his community in Chicago. His family made a drastic change and moved from Chicago to Berlin and made a fresh start with little, to nothing. Although things haven't been easy, that doesn't deter Jonathan from aspiring to be better, to do more.

As Jonathan has grown, he has taken a leadership role throughout the club and amongst his peers. At any time, you can find him helping staff, tutoring the youth or being a social leader in the Teen Center. His growth has led to him becoming the Youth of the Year for the Boys & Girls Club of the Tri-County Area and as he looks forward to the challenges that lie ahead.

Jonathan plans to be the first in his family to go to college and earn a degree. He's currently interested in attending Arizona State University or Woodbury University and studying marketing and foreign language. He wants to become a translator for the US embassy. When asked about his future Jonathan replied, "Don't let anyone get in the way of accomplishing your dreams. You only live once, make the most of it."



## ANNUAL MEETING AWARD RECIPIENTS



Award of Merit Winner,  
Linda Merz



Kids & Community Award Winner,  
Sondalle Ford-Lincoln



J.R. Vette Friend of the Youth Award Winner,  
Elyse Piper (Lisa Nelson received the award)



Professional Staff Award Winner,  
Jason Presto



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## Mission

To improve the lives of children and families.

## Vision

The Boys & Girls Club of the Tri-County Area will be a generation-changing leading provider of programs emphasizing youth development services and family outreach support to meet the needs of young people 6-18 and their families, especially those who need us most.



Club kids can't wait to go on field trips to Camp Radford this summer.

## Contact us!

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## Ready, Set, Run!

Ready, Set, Run! is a character-building running program that trains kids ages 8-13 to run a 5k distance. Issues like enhancing confidence and self-esteem, respecting authority, dealing with peer pressure and fueling their bodies through proper nutrition are covered during the 9-week session. Above all, the kids have a blast seeing what they are capable of achieving!

The running club meets every Wednesday, June 16th - August 9th from 10-11:30am during the summer with a celebration party and 5K run on August 9th.

Do you enjoy running? If so, the Club is looking for a volunteer to help run the Ready, Set, Run! program. Please contact Nichole Kwasny at (920) 361- 2717 for more information.

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