



'America's Educator' to Speak at Futures 4 Kids Gala

The Futures 4 Kids Gala 2006 will be held Thursday, October 26, 5:30 pm at the Gainesville Civic Center. The keynote speaker for the event will be Ron Clark who has been called "America's Educator." His work with disadvantaged students in rural North Carolina and in inner-city Harlem garnered world-

wide attention. Mr. Clark's tireless work and dedication to making a difference in the lives of children led him to be named Disney's American Teacher of the Year in 2000. He has been interviewed by the Today Show, and has appeared twice on the Oprah Winfrey Show. Ms. Winfrey even featured him in her maga-

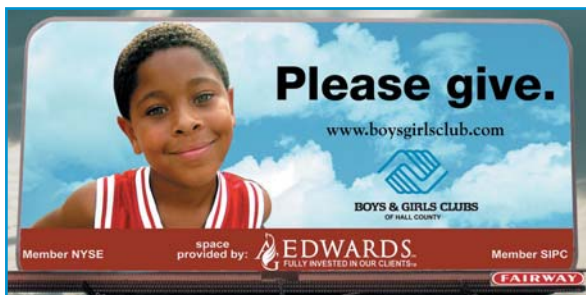
zine and named him her first "Phenomenal Man." Ron's life story was recently featured in a movie titled "The Ron Clark Story." His message is one of hope, dedication, and the will to never let anything stand in the way of your hopes and dreams. "We think Ron Clark's message is in perfect alignment with what we strive to teach our kids everyday at the Clubs," said Kris Nordholz, Futures 4 Kids Gala, chair. "We are extremely excited to be able to bring such a dynamic and popular speaker to our community."

The annual event helps support after-school programs provided by the



Ron Clark, Disney 2000 Teacher of the Year, will speak at Futures 4 Kids Gala

Clubs. For more information about the event call Joyce Wilson at 770-532-8102.



Thanks to the generosity of A.G. Edwards we are able to spread our message across Hall County.

Fundraisers Benefit Local Boys and Girls Clubs

Rubber Duck Derby, Holiday Golf Classic and John Jarrard Concert

RUBBER DUCK DERBY

The eighth annual Rubber Duck Derby once again set records with well over 12,000 ducks adopted, race day attendance recorded in the thousands and a record \$70,000 raised, after expenses, for the Boys & Girls Clubs of Hall County. Local resident, Herb Brackin won the grand prize Odyssey pontoon donated by Lanier Harbor Boat Sales & Brokerage.

"We would like to thank everyone who helped make this event so successful," said Larry Baldwin, event



chair, "especially our prize sponsors as well as Edmondson-Telford Children's Center, INK (Interactive Neighborhood for Kids), and the Lanier Canoe and Kayak Club."

Thanks to our presenting sponsors:



HOLIDAY GOLF CLASSIC

The Holiday Golf Classic sponsored by Holiday on Lake Lanier and Sunrise Cove Marina, was a great day for fun and golf. The



annual event held June 17th, at PineIsle Golf Club was a huge success, raising approximately \$10,000 for the Boys & Girls Clubs of Hall County.

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Local Clubs Awarded Two Prestigious National MAC Awards

The Boys & Girls Clubs of America's Marketing and Communications (MAC) Awards are given each year to Clubs that exemplify excellence in marketing strategy and practice. These awards enable Clubs throughout the country to showcase some of their best marketing efforts.

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Hall County won the Boys & Girls Clubs of America's MAC Awards in the following categories - **Silver MAC Award for Publications** given to the Club that has developed the most creative and compelling publications and a **Bronze MAC Award for Initiatives and Special Events** awarded to the



LaTrese Coyt (center) presents Joyce Wilson (left) and Tamarind Stewart the MAC Awards at the Boys & Girls Clubs of America National Conference. Marketing committee members not pictured: Michele Piucci, Alan Hope, Jeff Stowe, Dana Miller, Laretta Houston and Philip Burt.

Club with the best marketing techniques and strategies for Special Events.

"Winning these awards shows the BGCHC marketing committee is taking the

necessary steps to educate the public about the good work of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Hall County," said Michele Piucci, marketing chair, BGCHC.

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JOHN JARRARD CONCERT

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Hall County was one of four beneficiaries of the proceeds from the fifth annual John Jarrard Concert that was held on Tuesday August 1, 2006 at The Smithgall Arts Council Depot. John Jarrard, a Gainesville native and former Boys Club member, was a well-known Nashville songwriter.



Tamarind Stewart receives a check from Concert Committee Chairman, Allen Nivens.

Tribute and Memorial Program

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Hall County's **Tribute and Memorial Program** is a wonderful way for people to recognize the special people in their lives. There is no finer way to honor the memory of a loved one, celebrate a special event in the life of someone close to you, or show your appreciation for the ways in which an individual has enhanced the quality of your life. Doug Parks said "I can think of no better way to honor someone than through a tribute or memorial gift to the Boys & Girls Clubs. Knowing that the kids at the Clubs

are able to have a safe place to go every day makes this an easy choice for me.

I have done several memorials for families and friends who have lost a loved one. They feel honored to have the legacy of their loved one be able to continue to help the children in our community with a gift in their family members name."



Doug Parks

Tribute and Memorial Gifts

Contributions to the Boys & Girls Clubs of Hall County's Tribute and Memorial Program are listed in alphabetical order by the name of the honoree. Donors are listed after the name of the honoree or deceased.

Tribute Gifts

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Boys & Girls Clubs Kayaking Team

The Boys & Girls Clubs kayak team competed for the first time in the 2006 Spring Richardson Youth Racing League competition which was held during the Club's Rubber Duck Derby fund raising event.

Twenty Club members participated in weekly practices leading up to the competition and five went on to compete in several heats.

Several participants from the Boys & Girls Clubs team took home gold, silver and bronze



Boys and Girls Clubs of Hall County kayaking team receives awards.

medals for their individual races even though they were only exposed to the sport about a month prior to the event.

Connie Hagler,
Executive Director of

Lanier Canoe & Kayak Club said "we were all blown away at the kids' ability to learn the sport in such a short period of time and appreciate the new partnership with Boys & Girls Clubs to provide this great program to our local youth."

Plans are underway to combine the Boys & Girls Clubs kayaking program with Sea Quest Boat Making program to expose more Club members to the sport as well as Lake Lanier.

BGCHC International Baseball Tournament

Boys & Girls Clubs of Hall County recently hosted its 1st Annual International Baseball Tournament. Two champion teams from Merida, Yucatan, Mexico were in town recently to play our Boys & Girls Clubs teams and experience some of what our Clubs have to offer. For an entire week, our guests participated in scrimmage games, visited Six Flags, Martin Luther King Museum, the Georgia Aquarium, and two Atlanta Braves games. On Saturday, August 12th, Mayor Bob Hamrick presented the Mexican teams with the key to the City during the Tournament Opening Ceremony. Even though the Merida teams won both championship games, the day was not about just playing baseball. Rev. Jimmy Wheelchel, volunteer head coach of the Boys & Girls Clubs teams,



stated, "the youth had such a great time meeting new friends, they exchanged jerseys, hats, phone numbers and email addresses. Our youth aren't just learning how to develop baseball skills, they are also learning how to develop lasting friendships, even with youth from an entirely different country."

BGCHC's baseball teams have accepted an invitation to visit Merida, Mexico to compete in their baseball tournament next spring.



Host and visiting teams exchange handshakes and gifts.



Mayor Hamrick with representatives from Merida, Mexico.



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of Hall County

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“The Club” Teen Center – The Positive Place for Teens



“The Club” the Boys & Girls Clubs of Hall County’s new Teen Center opened its doors to teens on June 5th, and the effect on our teens has already been amazing.

“It’s the best thing that ever happened in Gainesville,” says Keith Martin a 14 year old teenager who comes all the way from Flowery Branch everyday. “This place is a piece of heaven, everything a teenager needs is in “The Club,” stated Micheal Holeman, Gainesville High

School senior and BGCHC Youth of the Year.

Since “The Club” opened over 150 teens have become members. “This was long overdue and I’m so glad I don’t have to worry about where my teen is because I know he’s safe and learning positive lessons at The Club,” said Laura Thomas, teen parent.


For more information about how you or your teen can become a member of “The Club” call Derrick Caldwell, Teen Director at 770-532-8102.

“The Club” at the Boys and Girls Clubs of Hall County new Teen Center offers a variety of activities for area youth.



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