



## 9th Annual Rubber Duck Derby

Official Event for the 50th Anniversary of Lake Lanier

Back for the 9th year is the annual Rubber Duck Derby. "We would like for everyone in our community to help the Boys & Girls Clubs by purchasing ducks for \$5 each which will then race on May 19th," said Larry Baldwin, chairman

of this year's event. The owner of the champion duck will win a new 22' Odyssey Pontoon and trailer donated by Lanier Harbor Marina. On that day we also host Family Fun Day, sponsored by Edmondson-Telford Center and INK - Interactive Neighborhood for Kids. Be sure to waddle over and join us for a fun-filled day and begin your summer with a quack!



Scenes from last year's Duck Derby.

Thanks to our presenting sponsors:



## FUTURES 4 KIDS GALA 07

Last year's Gala proved to be the event of the year and netted over \$40,000 for our Club kids. "Ron Clark was the best and most exciting speaker I have ever heard," said Darrell Johnson, General Manager, Best Buy, "We were honored to be part of such an inspiring and worthwhile event."

Plans are under way for another extraordinary event, scheduled for September 27, at the Gainesville Civic Center.



Keni Thomas will speak at this year's Gala

This year's keynote speaker will be **Keni Thomas**, a former Army Ranger and member of the elite Task Force Ranger assault unit. Thomas fought in the Somalia battle

recounted in the book and motion picture "Black Hawk Down." He was awarded the Bronze Star for Valor and the Combat Infantryman's Badge.

Thomas is a nationally recognized speaker sharing his motivating message of teamwork and leadership.



Heartfelt thanks to Best Buy, F4K Gala 2006 presenting sponsor!

Thomas is also one of the most well respected new country music artists to enter the Nashville music scene.

Thomas is a man on a mission; he's determined to use his gift to touch as many lives as possible and deliver a positive message.

"Most people want to go through life knowing they're making a difference," Thomas recently said. "I'm here to help show them it's so easy to do, if you just lead by example. Because when you set an example for others to follow, the team around you takes notice and the world becomes a better place because of you."

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



Barkley Geib, '06 Helping Hands Award Recipient

# Falcons Fitness Zone

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Hall County and the Atlanta Falcons have partnered to implement the Falcons Fitness Challenge. This program is designed to encourage our club members to participate and be physically active for at least 30 minutes five days a week.

Our members are able to participate in physical activities that help keep them active during the course of the day.

Club members partici-

pate in our Triple Play programs that focus on healthy eating habits, running, jumping, playing and all sorts of other recreational activities.

This partnership allows us to also invite our local community to participate in this event to promote a healthier lifestyle.

Our youth are eager and ready to participate in this program because they get to build relationships with the Falcons' players, which are priceless for our kids.



Boys and Girls Clubs of Hall County members enjoy a day of fun and fitness with the Atlanta Falcons.



# SeaQuest Kids



Boys and Girls Clubs members help build their own boat for the SeaQuest race.



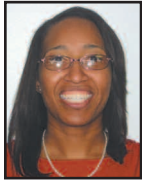
Boys race their boat in the SeaQuest race.

SeaQuest Kids offers youth hands-on classroom experiences, positive reinforcement, and practical problem solving. SeaQuest Kids learn cooperation, team effort, and how to be doers who get the job done. Responsibility, accountability, and honesty to oneself and others are hallmarks of this program.

# OUR VISION FOR THE FUTURE

*“People only see what they are prepared to see.”*

- Ralph Waldo Emerson



Tamarind N. Stewart

In February 2007, the Board of Directors convened at the Atlanta Falcons Headquarters to begin the

process of creating a three year plan; our Vision 2010. As a result, the Board is committed to ensure the following for our Hall county youth:

- **Increase club capacity** through the development of

professional staff, including recruitment, training and retention. Resource development, beginning with Board development, should receive major emphasis.

- **Programs with generation changing outcomes** should include programs that will not only impact the lives of young people today, but enable them to have positive influences on successful generations.

Educational enhancements and career development, including the use of technology skills, are vital.

- **Planned sustainable**

**growth** should definitely continue, but be directed to ensure high quality standards and sustainability. Collaborations with schools, local governments and other social service organizations are increasingly important.

As we begin 2007, we ask you, our committed local citizens, businesses, funders and partners, to join us in rededicating ourselves to Hall’s youth: providing them a safe positive place that will continue to have a significant impact on their lives.



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## Planned Giving

Leave a legacy for Gainesville-Hall County area kids!



Want to have a lasting positive effect on kids' lives? Become a member of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Hall County's Heritage Club, a group of committed individuals and couples who are creating opportunities for Hall county's future generations through endowments, estate gifts and bequests.

By developing a thorough estate plan with your financial advisor or attorney, you too can reduce the

overall tax burden of your estate while providing a lasting legacy for young people in the our community. We welcome the opportunity to provide additional information or discuss the many options available with you and your financial advisor.

For more information about planned giving and the many benefits available to you contact Joyce Wilson 770-532-8102.



## Summer Camp Registration

Registration for Summer Camp will be held on Friday, April 20, 2007 from 5 pm - 7 pm for current members only. Registration will continue on Saturday, April 21 from 10 am - 4 pm for everyone else. It will be an all day affair with food, games and even some medical check-ups provided by

Ameri-Group such as dental screening, blood pressure checks, and more. Registration is on a first come first serve basis. The cost for summer camp is: 1 child - \$100, 2 children - \$175; 3 children - \$250; 4 children - \$325.

Summer Camp runs from June 4-27, 2007.



Above: Members participate in GoGirlGo Program at Club

Summer Camp – a great place to meet friends



# Youth of the Year

Any Youth of the Year in any Boys and Girls Club

across the world can tell you their story. We are all different. We all come from different back-grounds, religions, ethnicities, and environ-ments, but one thing remains constant in all of our lives: the effect of the Boys and Girls Club. The Youth of the Year is some- one who has not only shown dedica- tion to their club by service and vol- unteering,



Michael Holeman, BGCHC Youth of the Year

but he/she is also someone who shows respect, a high

level of character, and integrity.

As an emissary for their individual organization, the Youth of the Year is representative of the positive effect that the Boys and Girls Club has on the community. It is the duty of any Youth of the Year to be a prototype of humility, the ideal role model, and the vision of the Boys and Girls Club.

Personally being the Youth of the Year for the Boys and Girls Clubs of Hall County has given me



Michael Holeman speaking at United Way annual dinner.

a new defini- tion in my life by allow- ing me to be placed in situa- tions that not only require me to become more

hands on with my commu- nity, but also effects the



Georgia Youth of the Year participants visit the Capitol.

way that I view the world and the situations that effect the way I act, think, and live. I now understand that life is more than simply living day to day. It's about putting focus on things that have longevity and about putting goals in perspective so that I can have an inspirational effect on the children who look up


to me in the club now as well as on my community in the future. So what has being the Youth of the Year done for me? It's given me a new desire for life, and a positive outlook on my future.

- Michael Holeman, BGCHC Youth of the Year, 2006 and 2007

**TAKE THE TOUR!**

Come see the club for yourself!

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