



Building Brighter Futures

Announcing the Groundbreaking of the Joseph F. Walters Club



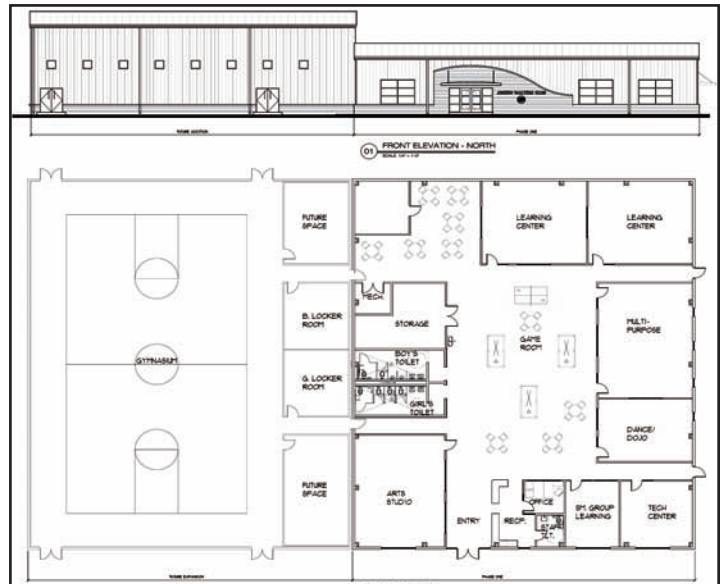
Joseph F. Walters Club (artist's conception)

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Hall County is pleased to announce the groundbreaking for the new Joseph Walters Club is scheduled for **Thursday, October 23, 10 am**, at 2150 Memorial Park Road (adjacent to Lyman Hall Elementary School).

Once completed in June, 2009, the new 10,000 square foot facility will be capable of serving more than 300 boys and girls between the ages of 6 and

18 daily. The new Club will offer kids a safe place to go after school, access to a computer lab, game room, kitchen, educational programs, and health and fitness programs.

The first part of the project will be the construction of the educational facility with plans to construct a new soccer field, outdoor basketball court, playground, and gym facilities during the second stage of the project.



Floor Plan

Funding for the new Joseph Walters Club and the already completed state-of-the-art Teen Center, was raised through private donations, foundations, corporations, and individual gifts. The lead gift was donated by Mr.

Jim Walters, well-known community philanthropist, who believes that it is each person's responsibility to give something back to the community in which they live. The club is named after Mr. Walter's late brother, Joseph.

Holiday Golf Classic

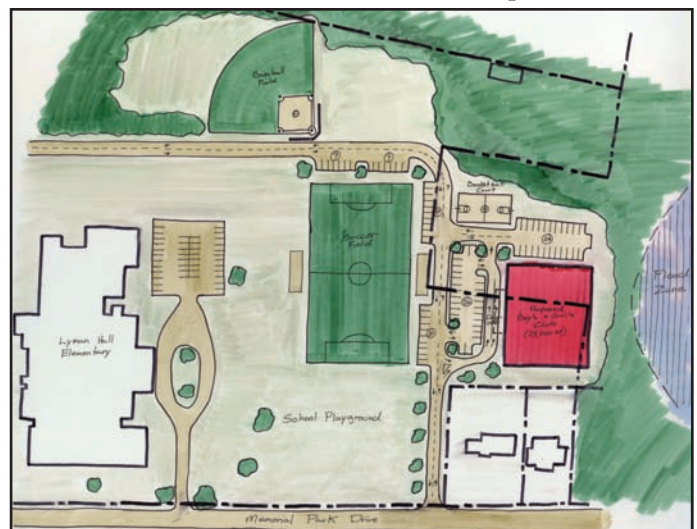
Come enjoy the beauty of fall, a day of golf and help out the kids of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Hall County all at the same time. Join us on **Friday, October 17**, for the 10th Annual Holiday Golf Classic at PineIsle Golf Club.

- Registration - 9 am
- Shotgun start - 11 am
- Banquet and prizes - 3 pm
- \$125 per player/\$500 per team



Reserve your foursome today - call Joyce Wilson at 770-532-8102.

Great golf, good food, lots of prizes, tons of fun, and you're benefiting a great cause!



Future Site Plan

FALCONS FITNESS ZONE



Recently more than a dozen Falcons players and cheerleaders celebrated the 100th Falcons Fitness Zone visit with more than 250 Club members at the Boys & Girls Clubs Positive Place Club.

Players spent more than an hour at the club running outdoor games and dancing through the gym

with help from HOPSports - a key interactive component used in Fitness Zones. The technology features interactive instruction projected on a large screen.

Fitness Zones are the Atlanta Falcons Youth Foundation's signature program fighting youth obesity by promoting physical fitness and healthy eating.



Boys and Girls Clubs members enjoy a visit with Falcon's players.

Futures 4 Kids Gala Raises \$45,000

The BGCHC recently held its 6th Annual Futures 4 Kids Gala at the Gainesville Civic Center. More than 250 guests attended the Gala which began with a cocktail reception followed by the dinner.

Guests were entertained by some of the Clubs most talented and brightest members. Lakeview Academy was presented with the Clubs prestigious



"Helping Hands Award" for their continued support of the Clubs' kids and programs.

Key sponsors for this year's Gala were Best Buy and WellCare of Georgia.

10th Annual Rubber Duck Derby Another Record Breaking Year!

Those cute little rubber ducks flew in and helped raise a record \$100,000 for programs at the Boys & Girls Clubs. This highly anticipated spring-time event drew thousands of people to Clarks Bridge Park where families enjoyed games, food, and entertainment. The day culminated



with the crowd cheering on 15,000 rubber ducks as they raced towards the finish line. "This was one of the best events ever," said Larry Baldwin, Head Duck. "I would like to thank everyone who helped make this Derby so much fun. There was certainly something for everyone."



First place winners



The crowd enjoying the Duck Derby.

Boys and Girls Clubs Day for Kids

Boys & Girls Clubs Day for Kids is a day set aside for adults and kids to spend meaningful time together. And that is what happened on September 19 at the Boys & Girls Clubs. Some 285 kids, as well as parents and community volunteers, came together during this fun event to enjoy games, food, and entertainment while spending some meaningful time together.



Day for Kids fun.



Providing Hope and Opportunity

The most dangerous time in a child's life, the time when our kids are most likely to get in trouble, is between 3-8 p.m. Every day, more than 15 million kids are unsupervised, during these after school hours. Startling realities.

Consider the following statistics that result from that unsupervised time:

- Juvenile crime doubles.
- Students are **57 percent** more likely to drop out of school by their senior year;
 - **49 percent** more likely to use drugs, and
 - **37 percent** more likely to become teen parents.

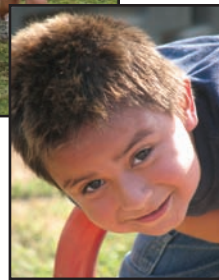
So what can we continue to do, as a community, to



Children playing at BGCHC.

keep our children safe; to keep them from becoming one of these statistics? And thereby also keeping the community safe? One very simple answer: continue to give them an alternative. Continue to give them something **positive** to do.

That is exactly what we do at the Boys & Girls Clubs of Hall County. We are on the forefront of these issues serving more than 3,600 girls and boys



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every year. Not only do we provide a safe haven - but we are also empowering young people to achieve academic success, build good character and citizenship and lead healthy lives.

When you support the Boys & Girls Clubs of Hall County, you're supporting the youth of our city, county, state and nation. You make a difference by letting them know someone cares.

Living Proof - Success Stories

Ara's Story

Before I moved to Georgia I was always in trouble at school and home. I had a lot of problems with my attitude and behavior. I remember when, with a blink of an eye, I would talk back to my teacher. Then someone introduced me to the Boys and Girls Club Teen Center and that's when everything changed for me. They had a boxing program that I joined along with other programs. And I love it. Before I began going to the club my attitude was very bad and my grades were horrible - 30s and 40s. I really didn't care about them. Now I have the Teen Center in my life and my grades are 90s or better. I'm about to graduate and plan on joining the military to serve my country with



Ara

pride and dignity thanks to the staff at the Club.

Thanks Boys and Girls Clubs Teen Center and staff - I love you and will never forget you!

Eboni's Story

Before I came to the Boys and Girls Club I was a very shy and lacked self-esteem. I never thought I could achieve as much as I have while attending the Club. **The staff helped me with my homework and my future goals.** Sometimes I wonder where I would be in life if it wasn't for the Teen Center staff setting me on the right path, helping me to develop self-confidence and leadership skills. The Boys and Girls Club Teen Center has been so influential to me and has inspired many other teens just like



Eboni

me, shy and lonely, to blossom from a caterpillar to a beautiful butterfly.

Anthony's Story

At first I thought that middle school would be fun and easy. But when I got there I found out that my idea of middle school was far from the truth. The reality was it was nothing but work, work, work. I fell from an all A student to Cs and Fs I thought I was in a trap, but then I found the light. It was the Boys ad Girls Club Teen Center. The Teen Center introduced me to Goals to Graduation. Through this program I learned how to stay organized and stay on track as well as stay focused. My grades and my attitude have improved almost instantly. Now I'm back on



Anthony

track and making all As again and on the road to success.

Thanks Teen Center and the wonderful staff!


Zya's Story

Zya was 6 years old when she first started attending the Boys & Girls Clubs of Hall County. During her early days at the Club, Zya would not listen or take direction and was written up almost every day. She would even throw tantrums and take things that didn't belong to her. Thanks to positive role models who took the time to work with Zya over the last year, she is now one of the leaders at the Club and is a role model for others. "Zya is just like many of the kids we see every day here at the Club." said Michael Childers. "These kids just want someone to be there for them and give them positive reinforcement."

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Come see the club for yourself!

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