



## 8th Annual Rubber Duck Derby

On Saturday, May 20, 2006, a record number of those cute little yellow rubber duckies will invade Lake Lanier to raise money for the Boys & Girls Clubs of Hall County.

This year's winner – out of the 13,000 ducks entered – will fly the coop with a new 18-foot Odyssey Fish & Cruise Pontoon donated by Lanier Harbor Boat Sales & Service.

The event takes place from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Clarks Bridge Park. It will feature a Duck Fest/Family Fun Day, complete with food, games, vendors and plenty of entertainment.

Other prizes include a

1-carat solitaire diamond, \$1,000 shopping spree, Ritz-Carlton getaway and Lake Lanier Islands golf and beach park package.

You can adopt your ducks by filling out the adoption paper enclosed in this newsletter, calling the Cingular Wireless Duck Line at 770-656-DUCK (3825) or by visiting [www.rubberduckderby.com](http://www.rubberduckderby.com).



Scenes from past year's Duck Derby.



Odyssey pontoon boat donated by Lanier Harbor Marina is this year's grand prize.



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## BUILDING BRIGHTER FUTURES For Another 50 Years

The mission of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Hall County is to help youth of all backgrounds, with special concern for those from disadvantaged circumstances, develop the qualities needed to become responsible citizens and leaders. Trained professional staff and committed volunteers work every day to help our young people succeed in school, stay healthy, and learn important life skills.

We are proud that in 2005 we were able to serve



over 3186 children at the Clubs in Hall County. We are proud of our service to thousands more children since 1954. But despite our best efforts, hundreds of boys and girls in our community spend hours at home with no adult supervision, which leads to involvement in gangs and

other inappropriate situations.

Recognizing the need in our community, James A. "Jim" Walters has graciously acted as chair of a capital campaign to address the needs of our youth. Mr. Walters' financial generosity is well known throughout north Georgia, and he has demonstrated that generosity once again through his lead contribution to the Boys & Girls Clubs of Hall County's campaign. Mr. Walters' involvement is

attributed to his strong personal belief that it is each person's responsibility to give something back to the community in which they live.

The theme for the capital campaign is Building Brighter Futures for Another 50 Years. Thanks to Mr. Walters' leadership, we have successfully raised almost \$3 million to utilize in our effort to build brighter futures for our children. A portion of that money has already been

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put to use, as a Teen Center has been constructed next to the main Club by Fair Street School. Our teenagers are often the most susceptible to destructive peer pressure. By providing them with a place to call their own, the Boys & Girls Clubs will assist our teens in rejecting the lure of gangs and other bad influences and will help them to reach their full potential. At over 18,000 square feet of space, including a technology center, fitness area, and space for educational enrichment and development, the Teen Center will serve thousands of teenagers in the years to come.

Although we rejoice in the success of our campaign, we recognize that much work remains to be done. We need the support of others in the community to raise the remaining dollars necessary to build a club on Memorial Park Road by Lyman Hall Elementary School. Located in the heart of a predominantly Latino community, this club will have the capacity to serve hundreds of children every day and will help strengthen the relationship between different cultures in Hall County.

When asked what the Boys & Girls Clubs mean to them, our children

respond in a manner that reflects the tremendous impact that the Clubs have on their lives. "At the Club I have learned how to treat others.

Another said, "I learn to make smart decisions. I wouldn't have any place to go after school if there wasn't one."

The Boys & Girls Clubs



New Teen Center under construction.

of Hall County is truly the positive place for kids.

Please join us in building brighter futures for our youth.

## Leading By Example

Motivated by a strong belief in the mission of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Hall County, the following supporters have made leadership gifts totaling almost \$3 million to the Building Brighter Futures capital campaign. Their generosity is a testament of their commitment to the youth of our area.

### Leadership Gifts

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## Indoor Soccer Huge Success

Boys & Girls Clubs of Hall County continues to provide opportunities for our area's youth to connect in a positive, fun environment. The third season of Indoor Soccer ended on March 25 with an awards celebration for everyone who participated.

Twenty-five teams, with 240 youth in four categories played every

weekend for the past three months.

We would like to congratulate the champions in each of the following categories: U-08, Real Madred; U-11, America; U-13, Zorros; and U-16, Colombia.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone again soon for the Summer Soccer Program (registration began mid-March).



Children playing indoor soccer in the gymnasium.

# Passport to Manhood

Passport to Manhood is an invaluable program at the Boys & Girls Clubs of Hall County.

The national program seeks to instill in young boys the values and moral compass that will assist them in their journey from adolescence to manhood.

While adolescence can be a difficult time for all youth, boys are more likely to commit violent crime, get into trouble in school and join gangs during this critical period in their development. Even in optimal conditions, this time can often be a confusing and perilous one as boys struggle with mixed messages about what it means



Learning to play golf with some of the North Hall Golf Team and some local pros at the Chattahoochee Golf Course.

to be a man. In many of our communities, the journey is made even more difficult as boys struggle with competing forces without the support of personal male mentors and/or role models. Passport to Manhood repre-

sents a targeted effort to engage young boys in interactive discussions and activities that reinforce positive behavior.

*Michael Thurmond*

# Vision for Technology

Boys & Girls Clubs increasingly recognize how technology can help them, their kids and their local community work smarter, aim higher, and achieve more. Unfortunately, students in Hall County have less access to technology than students in many other counties. Recent outcome



Tamarind N. Stewart

measures have shown that 82.8 percent of our club members believe Boys & Girls Clubs of Hall County could have greater impact in their lives through enhanced technology services. As a result, our tradition of serving Hall County youth with award-winning youth development programs will now be complemented and supported by an up-to-date infrastructure, increased youth technology program hours, and

well-trained staff in technology that allows us to deliver the highest quality service.

We will pursue technology tools that increase our capacity to educate the public, get vital information to those who need it most, measure and evaluate our work, enable staff to do their work efficiently, and communicate with our community.

We will need your continued support to help posi-



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tion our kids and organization for the future. Please contact Boys & Girls Clubs of Hall County to learn more about this opportunity to invest in our future.

# Looking to Invest in Futures?

For over 52 years, Boys & Girls Clubs of Hall County have offered young people a safe, fun place to develop skills, self-confidence and other qualities needed to become responsible citizens and leaders. We can ensure that this will con-

tinue for future generations by planning today.

By remembering Boys & Girls Clubs of Hall County in your will or trust, you are securing the future for thousands of young people! By doing so, you will also become a member of the Heritage Club which recog-

nizes and honors our friends who have included the Club in planned gifts.

For more information about making a planned gift please call Joyce Wilson, Director of Development at 770-532-8102.

### Heritage Club "Founding Members"

- James M. and Lee Anne Coyle
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## Youth of the Year

Youth of the Year is Boys & Girls Clubs of America's premier youth recognition program for teens. All teens can benefit from participating in this program which promotes and celebrates service to the Clubs, community and family, academics, moral character, life goals, and public speaking.

The Youth of the Year program is most effective when used as a yearround tool for fostering young teenager's character, personal growth and leadership qualities. The Boys & Girls Clubs of Hall County will recognize four members, ages 14-18, who have been selected as Youth of the Year candidates. Our local winner will compete on a state level and state winners then participate in a regional competition. Five regional winners will receive a plaque, a \$10,000 scholarship and a chance to compete for the National Youth of the Year.

There are four Youth of the Year candidates from



Pictured L to R: Youth of the Year Candidates - Michael Holeman, Quinterra Williams, T-challa Williams, not pictured Brittney James

our Clubs.

- **T-challa Williams** is an upcoming senior at Gainesville High School. She is a well rounded student who does a lot of volunteer work in the community and would like to attend college at either Bethune-Cookman University or Howard University.
- **Brittney James**, an upcoming senior, loves being in the community and helping others. She displays her leadership abilities on the track team.
- **Michael Holeman**

devotes much of his free time helping the elderly and feeding the homeless. Michael will be a senior next year and is currently undecided about where he will attend college.

- **Quinterra Williams**, also an upcoming senior, devotes much of her time to her little sister who looks to her as not only a "big" sister but a mentor. Quinterra is also active in the community and plans on attending Howard University.

*Derrick Caldwell*

## Holiday Golf Classic


This year's Holiday Golf Classic benefitting Boys and Girls Clubs of Hall County is scheduled for June 16, 2006. The event will take place at the new and improved PineIsle Golf Course at Lake Lanier Islands. The tournament, sponsored by Holiday Marina and Sunrise Cove Marina, raises vital funds each year for our kids. Join corporate and community leaders for a full day of golf plus contests and prizes, lunch and a post tournament banquet. The tournament is open to all golfers. Cost is \$125 per player, \$500 per team. For more

information call Joyce Wilson at 770-532-8102.



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