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When:

November 17, 2011

6:00—9:00 pm

Where:

Microsoft N.E.R.D.
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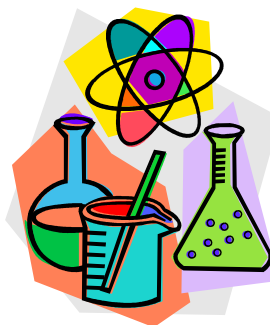
Everett Club Named Science Club of the Year



The Everett Teen Clubhouse was named the Science Club of the Year by the United Way and its math, science, and technology initiative. Through the support of the local science community, United Way funds 80 science clubs at 50 afterschool programs across the region. Each year, United Way recognizes one such science club for the strength of its program and the work of its staff to spark an interest in the sciences among its students. The Everett Club teens showed dedication and leadership as they facilitated the literacy-based science program, Quirkles, to first and second graders in afterschool programs. The teens organized the science materials, practiced reading the books aloud, and came with a positive attitude to inspire the young participants to engage in and enjoy science. It was this dedication and passion for their work that helped the Everett Teen Clubhouse receive such an honor.

2 Cambridge Members are Recognized as Young Scientists of the Year

Cambridge Club members, Halle Armstrong, age 9, and Shawna Thorpe, age 8, were awarded the Young Scientist Award for exhibiting enthusiasm and curiosity for science and displayed a high level of commitment to learning as a team.



“Halle is one of our most committed youth for our science programs. She is great at helping people who don’t understand the material and is always involved. She has great potential for becoming a scientist when she gets older,” says Allen Murphy, Cambridge Boys & Girls Club.

Member Accomplishments

With your help and the help of the staff, our members are accomplishing great things!

Teens Lobby for Civics Education at the State House

Teens from the Everett Boys & Girls Club on June 14, 2011, visited the State House to lobby for Bill S00183, titled "An Act by Teens, For Teens to Design, Pilot, and Implement Civics As A High School Graduation Requirement." The bill focuses on civic education as the teens seek to create a new civics course in order to graduate from high school. Teens have researched the issue, drafted a campaign goal, and fully developed their campaign strategy and went to a Senate Bill Hearing. The Everett Teens worked with peers from other urban communities, such as Boston, Cambridge, Lowell, Worcester, Holyoke, Springfield, and Haverhill to create a coalition of teens called Teens Leading The Way (TLTW). The teens are looking to strengthen communities through action, civic engagement, and service.



"By participating in an organization that makes changes in policy, the teens' voices get heard and they feel that they have the power to make a change in their own community instead of others making a change for them. It becomes a reciprocal exchange." - Lisette DeSouza, Everett Program Coordinator

Everett Teen Members Celebrate Graduation from High School



Academic success, especially high school graduation, is the Boys & Girls Clubs of Middlesex County's number one priority for all of its members. We were proud to host the first ever Senior Night at the Everett Teen Clubhouse to recognize and celebrate the achievements of the 13 graduating seniors. One of those seniors and Everett Teen Clubhouse Youth of the Year, Yasmine, was the flag bearer at the Everett High School graduation ceremony. The Everett Boys & Girls Club celebrated the accomplishments of the teens by providing them with a diploma frame and awards. Graduates were asked to share words of wisdom and inspiration with their fellow club members.

During the ceremony staff accomplishments were also celebrated including honoring Lisette DeSouza with "BGCMC Front-line Staff of The Year", Philip Kolling with "BGCMC Administrative Staff of The Year", and Jessica Jacob for completing her Commonwealth Corps year of service.

After the ceremony, graduates and club staff gathered for a sparkling cider toast and shared a family style dinner.

100% of teens that came regularly to the Everett Teen Clubhouse graduated from high school this year.

In the Community

We could not have the impact that we have without the support of our communities

Medford & Somerville Clubhouses Create Urban Art Mural



The Medford and Somerville Clubhouse members have been working on an Urban Art Mural for their respective clubs, courtesy of grants provided by the Medford Arts Council and the Somerville Arts Council. The members developed art that represented and showcased their community. The members explored the value of their neighborhoods and what makes their cities great places to live.

Medford Clubhouse Members Meet Celtics player

Celtics players Glen Davis and Cedric Maxwell gave back to the Medford community by hosting a clinic at the Medford Clubhouse on June 20th. Cedric Maxwell and Glen Davis helped the club members and other Medford youth with basketball skills and drills. The members got autographs from the pro-basketball players and were excited to meet their role models. It was a memorable opportunity for the Medford community and the members of our organization.



Employees Volunteer at Cambridge Clubhouse

The Cambridge Clubhouse hosted a week of service, which was an opportunity for our partners to learn more about our organization. Microsoft and Google employees benefited, through getting to know their community and meeting future leaders of Cambridge. It was two days of festivities that created lasting memories for our members and the volunteers. It is extremely valuable to us to have such supportive community partners in Cambridge that allow us to help and impact our members.





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HELP US MEET THE CHALLENGE

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Middlesex County recently received a Challenge Grant from the Amelia Peabody Foundation. The foundation will match, dollar for dollar, up to \$20,000 for new and increased business and individual donations. We cannot thank you enough for giving back to your communities this year and would like your help in reaching our goal. If you know a friend, neighbor, family member, or business ask them to help us MEET THE CHALLENGE and support our efforts to strengthen the community and help the youth we serve reach their full potential as leaders and citizens. We only have until December 1, 2011 to reach \$20,000 in new and increased donations, so your help is needed more than ever!



Help us support the wishes and dreams of members like Sidney and Jelani.

THANK YOU!

We would like to thank our supporters so far in 2011 who have participated in our new Partnership Program. These partnerships are essential as government funding continues to decline and the needs of our youth and families continue to increase. THANK YOU for committing to being agents of change and making the lives of so many young people safer, happier and brighter.



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