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**BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
OF THE BIG BEND**

The Positive Press

Ways you can help!



- Volunteer -

We are in need of volunteers for the following areas:

- Homework help
- One-on-one mentoring
- Arts and crafts
- Sports and fitness
- Administrative
- Special projects

Greetings!

Welcome to the January/February edition of The Boys & Girls Clubs of the Big Bend's newsletter, The Positive Press.

Tallahassee Hosts This Year's Florida Youth of the Year

Tallahassee hosts this years Boys & Girls Clubs' Florida Youth of the Year (YoY) awards program March 9-11, with the winner being announced by Gov. Charlie Crist at the Old Capitol Building. Each local YoY winner will compete for the title of Florida YoY in front of superstar judges of Tallahassee. Participants chosen on the local and state levels, with five regional winners, meet each September in Washington, D.C., to compete in the National Youth of the Year.

Jazmaun Hall, the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Big Bend's local YoY is excited to compete against 40 local Boys & Girls Clubs YoY winners from around the state for the Florida title. Jazmaun is a student at Jefferson County High School and plans to attend Florida State University to pursue an undergraduate degree in physical therapy or become a Boys & Girls Clubs director. Jazmaun has been a member of the Clubs for four years. She is a member of Jefferson County Teen Center 4-H club, the Junior Staff program, and serves as the president of the Keystone Club. Jazmaun has clocked in over 1,000 community service hours in Jefferson County and is the current senior class president at Jefferson County High



→ Boys & Girls Club Members March in Honor of Dr. Martin Luther King

To pay tribute to the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., more than 200 Boys & Girls Clubs members ages 5 to 18 marched in the Martin Luther King Day parade Jan. 21 in downtown Monticello. Their participation in the event symbolizes the start of "40 Days of Nonviolence: Building the Beloved Community," a national campaign of service and education projects aimed at promoting Dr. King's message of nonviolence and social justice as the 40th anniversary of his assassination approaches.



Boys & Girls Clubs of the Big Bend members march in honor of Dr. King

"While all of our Clubs currently participate in community service efforts, the 40 Days of Nonviolence Pledge highlights Dr. King's message of peace and reminds us that the way to achieve it is through personal commitment to our communities," said J.R. Davis, vice president of operations for the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Big Bend and the parade's Grand Marshall. "By actively engaging our kids in service and teaching them the principles of nonviolence, we enable them to make a positive difference in

School.

→ The Search for ALUMNI!

We are searching for Boys & Girls Clubs graduates from Clubs all over the nation, that currently live in the Big Bend area. We would love to catch up with you and share your success stories. [Register with us](#) to receive a welcome packet and learn how to give back to the children who need you now like you needed us then. If you know any other alumni who would be interested, please feel free to lend a hand to us and send The Positive Press to them.



You needed us then. We need you now.
www.bgcbb.org/alumni

→ Happy New Year!



With the Holidays behind us and the New Year rolling along, it is time to prepare and file our income tax forms. This is also a perfect time to reevaluate our retirement accounts, our charitable giving and our wills or estate plans. While none of us likes to think about death or taxes, these are topics we must deal with and with proper planning we can avoid some of the taxes, while leaving a wonderful legacy for our families and the charities we care about such as Boys & Girls Clubs of the Big Bend.

We thank you for your continued investments in the children served by Boys & Girls Clubs of the Big Bend. We also invite you to visit a Club to learn more about the programs that "encourage and enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as responsible, productive and caring citizens." To arrange a visit and tour of a Club please call our office at (850) 656-8100.

As you evaluate your estate plans, please consider designating a gift for Boys & Girls Clubs of the Big Bend. Your planned gift can help keep the Clubs open for generations to come. If you would like assistance in planning a gift to the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Big Bend, please contact

the world and create lasting change."



Grand Marshall of the MLK Day Parade, J.R. Davis rides in style through the streets of Monticello

→ Spotlight - Kim Bostic

In this issue, we spotlight Kim Bostic, a parent of a Boys & Girls Clubs member and dedicated volunteer.



"I enjoy giving the children things I didn't have growing up, like tutoring. I let the kids know it's ok to ask questions and remind them that the staff is there to help.

"It touches my heart to see the staff and volunteers treat my son and the other members like family. I can really see the difference that they make in the children's lives. The kids finish their homework on time, earn good grades and have better attitudes toward their responsibilities, family and friends.

"The most rewarding part about volunteering is knowing you contribute to someone's future by helping their self-confidence.

"Other parents should pitch in to show their gratitude to the Boys & Girls Clubs for giving their children a positive place to be, where parents like me can have peace of mind that when my child is at the Boys & Girls Clubs

Buddy Streit at (850) 656-8100, extension 4. You may also visit the Boys & Girls Clubs Planned Giving website at www.BGCA.org and click on Donate, then on Planned Giving and even on Create Your Plan to design a sample illustration of a Charitable Gift Annuity or Charitable Trust for yourself.

We sincerely thank you for your foresight and for investing in our children. Working together we can change the world, one child at a time!

The Positive Place for Kids

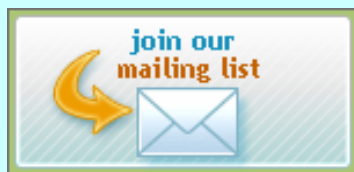
Look out for our next edition of The Positive Press in April! Until then, please let us know if you have any comments, questions or suggestions.

As always, thank you for supporting the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Big Bend!

they are safe and happy."

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