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The Positive Press

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Greetings Friends!

Welcome to the July & August edition of the The Positive Press.

Heritage Club Welcomes Four New Members

Four dedicated community members recently joined the Big Bend Chapter of The Heritage Club, a prestigious association of friends of the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Big Bend who include our organization in their estate plans. Thanks to Angela Hardiman-Cole, Davis Houck, Jack Kane and J.R. Davis for their commitment to meeting the future needs of our local youth. You too can become a member of The Heritage Club by planning a legacy gift today. Membership requires no upfront monetary contribution, takes very little time and can be as simple as adding our organization as a beneficiary on your life insurance policy or 401(k) plan. For more information, click [here](#) or contact Stacey Getz at 850-656-8100 ext. 322 or

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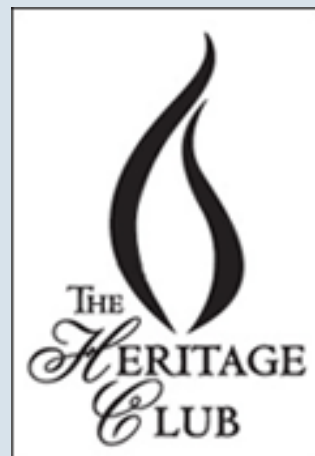
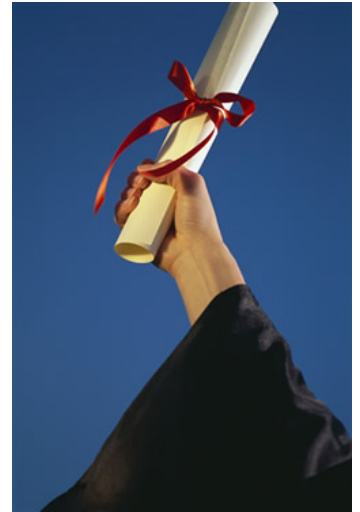


Photo: Click on the logo for more information about The Heritage Club.

Outstanding Scholarship Winners

This summer, the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Big Bend awarded four-year tuition scholarships to qualifying state universities to three deserving Club members. Earlier this year, the organization leveraged a \$68,000 donation from Intuition Systems to encourage a match from the Stanley Tate Scholarship Tuition for At-Risk Students (STARS) Program, ultimately garnering \$150,000 in pre-paid scholarships for local Boys & Girls Club members.

Chelsea Soderholm (Franklin County High School), Jami Giametta (Franklin County High School), and Corey Perry (Sneads High School) the three scholarship recipients, stood out above the pool of high school applicants as a result of their academic achievements, leadership qualities, commitment to community service and involvement in their local Boys & Girls Club. As part of their scholarship requirements, each of these ambitious students must pair up with a mentor who will guide them through the college preparation process, which they must complete before receiving any funds. The students must also maintain contact with their mentor throughout their four years of college. Congratulations to our winners!



Eat Ice Cream for The Stick Patrol!

Visit Bruster's Real Ice Cream next to Godby High between High Rd. and Ocala St., **Aug. 11 from 7 to 9 p.m.** and treat yourself because 25% of sales from this day and time go to support the Greg McCray Boys & Girls Club's drumline. During Scooper Night drumline members will be pre-selling tickets to a car wash and BBQ on Sept. 13 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Proceeds earned will help The Stick Patrol earn money to keep on rockin' the Clubs and the state!



Photo: Click on the logo for more information on Bruster's Real Ice Cream.

Kids Connect to Homeless Animals

This summer our members visited the Tallahassee-Leon Community Animal Service Center on multiple occasions. These visits have been instrumental in the growth of our kids' interest in helping homeless animals. Two of our members currently intern at the facility in their spare time.

Our president, Buddy Streit, also sponsors a class at Hartsfield Elementary, where some of our members attend school. He coordinated field trips for the class to visit the Animal Service Center.



During trips to the shelter, our members learned about the cycle from when the animals first arrive at the facility to when hopefully, they leave for a great new home. They also visited the medical suite where they learned about spaying and neutering, and got to see how the microchip process works. The kids really enjoyed these trips and were instilled with a passion about protecting and respecting our community's helpless animals.

Photo: The shelters resident veterinarian shows our kids how to take the blood pressure of the animals in the medical suite. Click on the photo to be directed to the Tallahassee-Leon Community Animal Service Center's Web site.

Operation Filmmaker

The Character & Heritage Institute operates a four week summer program dedicated to giving kids experience in character-building and leadership roles while teaching them to produce their very own documentaries. The Institute gave twelve of our Club members the opportunity to participate in Operation Filmmaker. Amber Spates of the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Big Bend at Quincy did her first documentary on our Clubs and how they have had a positive effect on her life. Her documentary, along with the others, was featured at the TCC Turner Auditorium on Saturday, Aug. 2, 2008. Check our new site in the coming weeks for a post of the videos.



Photo: Click on the logo for more information about the Character & Heritage Institute.

Visit Our New Web Site!

As you can see from the new design of The Positive Press, the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Big Bend has been going through some exciting changes including the redesign of our new Web site, www.thepositiveplaceforkids.org. This site provides current and potential members, parents, volunteers, donors, and the community with a more informative, sleek-looking, user-friendly online experience. We hope you'll check it out!

16th Annual Kids Soiree

You are invited to attend our 16th Annual Kids Soiree fundraising dinner, Thursday, Oct. 23, 2008 from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Come out to the University Center Club to watch our kids perform and help us honor our valuable community partners. Cocktail hour will feature Thursday Night Music Club, a 17 piece big band from Tallahassee. Proceeds will help us continue to serve more than 7,000 children ages 5 to



18 in four North Florida counties by providing them with a positive place to go after school and during the summer. If you would like to be a sponsor, purchase tickets or donate to the 16th Annual Kids Soiree, click on the logo below or visit www.benefitkids.com.

Thanks to our 16th Annual Kids Soiree Sponsors!

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Ft. Braden Club Visits Wakulla Springs

The Boys & Girls Club at Fort Braden staff, led by Darlene Poppell took their kids on trips to Wakulla Springs every Monday and Friday of the summer. At Wakulla, the Club members swam and enjoyed picnicking by the wonderful, cold waters during the hot weather of summertime. Each trip the kids experienced different types of wildlife and learned how animals in nature live and interact with one another. They saw gobblers, fish, turtles and even a snow white squirrel on a particular visit. The kids really enjoyed the fresh air and sunshine, as well as the exciting time they spent with each other splashing around in the spring.



Photo: Ft. Braden's Levi Griffin at Wakulla Springs

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New Transitions

Since the last issue of The Positive Press there have been many changes to our staff structure. We are happy to announce that Zandra Gilley is the new Leon County Area Director, Jake Hatcher has been promoted to Jefferson County Area Director and we welcome Jennifer Frack, program and volunteer coordinator. We are **currently recruiting** for the Frenchtown Club Director position; if you or anyone you know is interested in this position, please contact J.R. Davis at jrdavis@bgcbb.org. On a sad note, we are sorry to see Danae Johnson, Joe Hayes (not pictured), Terrah Huckeba, Laci Buzzelli, and Sherronda Thomas leave us. They have been a great asset to our organization, we will miss them and wish them all the best!



Zandra Gilley



Jake Hatcher



Jennifer Frack



Danae Johnson



Laci Buzzelli



Terrah Huckeba



Sherronda Thomas

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