The BGCL has been doing a wonderful job at keeping our members engaged with numerous fun activities. This past month has been filled with scavenger hunts, rowing programs, guest speakers, basketball, volunteering at shelters and live STEM events. All play a significant part in a child's life by helping them grow into well rounded, responsible individuals. Some even discovered the hidden talents within them! We love to see our members build their confidence and self-esteem under our rooftop! It is truly a rewarding experience for all the BGCL staff. Check out some of our favorite moments captured in our above photo collage.
On October 20, 2021, the BGCL held its 4th Annual Celebration at the Danversport. Over 320 guests attended our celebration to help raise funds to better enhance the facilities for our members. In addition, we honored our recipients of the 2021 Hall of Fame, Commitment to Youth as well as our Robert Kennedy Helping Hands Award. Our guest speaker, Jermaine Wiggins gave a fantastic and inspiring speech to all. As a former club member himself, he touched upon the importance of our organization and what doors it opened for him as a kid.

As the evening progressed, we had live entertainment from our own BGCL members! The BGCL dance team and basketball drill team entertained all. This was an absolute favorite highlight of everyone’s night! The event was then wrapped up with our Fund-A-Need and auctions. We were fortunate to raise the necessary funds because of our generous donors. With their donations, our two matching grants were met. Thank you to Amelia Peabody for the $25k grant as well as the Van Otterloo Family for the $20k grant. Following our Fund-A-Need, we transitioned into our auctions. Some of our silent auction items included signed sports memorabilia, spa baskets and top shelf whiskey. Our live auctions included sporting event tickets, a Jermaine Wiggins Tailgate party and also a week stay at Jackson Gore.

All in all, this years event was a blessing for all of us. We were so grateful to be able to host a live in person event in which we not only met our organizations goal, but we topped it! The Boys & Girls Club of Lynn would like to extend its thanks and appreciation to all who supported, donated, and attended the event. We look forward to celebrating our 5 year milestone event with everyone in 2022!
Meet Kevin Mello who is our November Board Member of the Month. Kevin has been on the board for 6 years at the Boys & Girls Club of Lynn. Over the years he has always seen his family helping organizations in the city like Girls Inc, Catholic Charities, Lynn community schools and public service departments. Kevin felt that it was his time to help as well. He joined the board because it gave him a chance to work with an organization that helps kids. After starting his own family, he realized even more that they are the most important part to our future. Kevin strongly feels that if we invest time and assets for the younger generation then the future of the city of Lynn will be promising.

During his college years, he attended Johnson and Whales where he studied accounting and business. He is a proud to be a 3rd generation to own and operate his family business of Dunkin Donuts in Lynn. His family has proudly served the community for over 40 years. When Kevin is not working, he enjoys quality time with his wife and their 2 boys. Summertime is a favorite time of year in which he enjoys spending time on the lake at his family home in Maine. Kevin loves the outdoors and also enjoys boating and snowmobiling. We are so thankful for your support and dedication to the Boys & Girls Club of Lynn. Thank you for your service!
Meet Kim Gisonno, our Director of Finance for the Boys & Girls Club of Lynn. Kim started working at the club in February of 2019. During her time here, she has witnessed first hand the many challenges that the organization endured, especially during COVID. She explains that during each set back, the BGCL learned how to persevere and overcome each road bump that was presented to them. This keeps Kim motivated as she along with our staff believes in what the club stands for and how each employee has a lot of drive and determination to make us the best club around. With such team work and passion, the BGCL got through those difficult times which in turn has made the Boys & Girls Club stronger than ever.

On a personal note, Kim spent most of her adulthood volunteering. She was the treasurer of the PTO at her children’s elementary school as well as a fundraiser coordinator for their little league. When her kids where in high school, she ran Lynn Classical Football Boosters. Kim served as the Lynn Classical Football Boosters President for two years as well as volunteering for four years. Kim has two boys who are now in college and she is presently enjoying watching them play football. Thank you Kim for all your dedication and ensuring our organization operates smoothly.
UPCOMING EVENTS

SAVE THE DATE

Please join us on November 19th for our Annual Thanksgiving Dinner hosted at the BGCL for our members & their families

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Arts & Crafts
- Free Transportation
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Fun Activities
- Safe Environment

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- Basketball
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To inspire and enable all young people, especially those that need us the most, to realize their full potential as productive responsible and caring citizens.