The Lynn Letter
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AFTERSCHOOL FUN BEGINS

Fall programming is in full swing at the BGCL! Our facility is filled with exciting programs, happy children and motivated staff. Even though we are only a few weeks into our program, we sure have been busy! From our Keystone club making thank you cards for the healthcare workers, to donations made from outside vendors for our sports program to our members experimenting with their taste buds in our STEM lab- we are always committed to ensuring everyone is engaged with age appropriate fun activities. We even launched our newest literacy initiative, "Read 2 Me!" where local organizations volunteer their time to read to our members picnic style in the Commons! Stay tuned for next month's adventures at the club! Contact kgreene@bgcl.org if you would like to be a reader!

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On September 18, 2021, the BGCL along with Private Jewels Fitness hosted a boxing event at the club. The gymnasium transformed from a basketball court into a boxing arena with spectators, boxers, announcers, referees and memories! Lynn's Legendary Tony Pavone would've been proud to see this happening at the BGCL again! The dedication, excitement, respect and loyalty that these boxers showed in the ring was commendable. The local boxing clubs should be very proud of their members! Below are some highlights from our awesome day of boxing! A big thanks to the BGCL staff, Private Jewels Fitness & Boxing, our many sponsors and Maria's Restaurant for helping us host an amazing day for all!
Meet our Board Member of the Month, Joseph Riley. Joe has been on our BOD at the Boys & Girls Club of Lynn for 23 years. He became a Board Member because he saw first hand the impact that the Club has on children in Lynn generally and West Lynn specifically. The Club reminded him of the local Y in Dorchester where he grew up. Additionally, as the product of a single-parent household, he knows how critically important it was for his mother to have a safe place for him to go afterschool.

Joe lives in Peabody with his wife, Donna and has four grown children ages 23 to 30. He has been a banker and in the banking industry for over 40 years. He considers himself a certified “sports-aholic” with boxing as his number one sport of interest and football in hot pursuit. Some interesting facts on Joe is over the past few years, he has become a big sushi fan after spending years telling anyone interested that he couldn’t imagine eating raw fish. He was a male cheerleader in college. He uses that when he needs one of those introductory ice-breakers, i.e. things that people wouldn’t necessarily expect. His favorite vacation destination is Aruba, which seems to be a popular vacation spot for many. Lastly, over past few years has become a golf fanatic after dabbling in it for the past 30 years.

We are so honored and grateful Joe has been on the Board of Directors for many years. The BGCL is fortunate to have such dedicated individuals who continue to support our organization!
Meet Rasheed, our Boys & Girls Club of Lynn Employee of the Month. Rasheed has been with the club since July 2021 and works as one of our Assistant Group Leaders. What motivates and inspires Rasheed is seeing that he is making a difference in a child’s life. He enjoys working with the children and seeing their smiling faces each day.

When Rasheed is not working at the club, he enjoys many activities that include Dance, Basketball, Music, as well as Anime. He loves the outdoors and hopes to travel to Tokyo someday. Rasheed is the youngest of 9 children! His long life goal is to open a dance studio that serves primarily underprivileged children. Thanks for all you do Rasheed, we love your energy that you bring to the club each day!
**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**SAVETHEDATE**

4th Annual Celebration

October 20, 2021
Gala starts at 5pm

Danversport Yacht Club
161 Elliot Street - Danvers, MA

**Hall of Fame Inductees**
- Patrick McGrath
- Thomas McGrath
- Erin Muschette

**Robert Kennedy Helping Hands**
- Farquhar & Black Insurance Agency, Inc.

**Commitment to Youth**
- Dr. Patrick Tutwiler

**Special Guest**
- Jermaine Wiggins
  - Former Patriots Player/ Sports Announcer

**Guest Emcee**
- Dan Cahill
  - Massachusetts State Representative
UPCOMING EVENTS

Explore Our Fall Programs!

Kids Club OST Afterschool Programming

Arts & Crafts

- Free Transportation

Fun Activities

- Snack Provided Daily

Making New Friends

Call 781.593.1772 to sign up today! or visit www.bgcl.org to learn more!
UPCOMING EVENTS

Explore Our Fall Programs!

Teen Drop-In Center

Basketball

Fitness Area

Computer Lab

Homework Help

Gaming

STEAM Lab

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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.