Happy November! It’s hard to believe we are approaching the holiday season. With that being said, we are presently looking for volunteers for our upcoming Thanksgiving celebration as well as donations for our holiday season. With more than 375 members walking through our doors each day, we have a lot of shoes to fill for this special season of giving. If you are interested in learning more about volunteering or donating gifts this holiday, please email Jodi at jfurlong.bgcl.org.
A warm and friendly hello from Kids Club! We are so happy to announce that our afterschool program is at full capacity. Led by our new Afterschool EEC Director Ali, our members are engaging in so many activities including STEM projects, arts and crafts fun, reading clubs and more... In addition to our solid and structured schedule, our little members are creating new friendships and making lots of memories! Below are some highlights from the past month which include team experiments, spelling games and celebrating our annual Fall Festival. This upcoming month, we have so many exciting things planned for our members. Stay tuned for next month's issue to find out more!
Hello from the Drop-In Center! This past month has been quite a productive one for the Drop-In Program. Our members enjoyed STEM week in which Change is Simple visited the club in their mobile STEM lab. This cool feature sparked the interest of many including Mayor Jarod Nicholson, Senator Brendan Crighton as well as Lt. Governor Karen Polito. It was such an honor to have them visit Lynn and see all the unique things our club has to offer to its members.

Wrapping up the month, our members dressed up in their favorite costume and participated in the Fall Festival. Our Dance Team performed at the 5th Annual Celebration and additionally, we are excited to be able to offer new and exciting programs such as cooking to our curriculum. This new class seems to be a Club favorite here at the BGCL. Be sure to check back next month to see what else we are up to!
A Hi-Five from our Teen Center! Our Teen program has been impressively ramping up over the last few months. The Teens are enjoying their dedicated program time that is designed especially for their age bracket. The Keystone Club has been actively volunteering at local shelters including My Brother's Table. They are learning the importance of helping out those in need within their community. They also had the opportunity to attend Scream Fest, a fun Halloween based event that is held at Canobie Lake Park each year. The Teen basketball team has been collaborating with Stoneham/Wakefield BGC. The two clubs have been playing against one another while showcasing their new skills they learn under the direction of our BGCL Athletic Staff. Lastly, our Teen members joined the Stop The Violence walk to show their support and help spread awareness throughout the city of Lynn. Keep up the great work Teens, you are all wonderful role models to our younger members.
On October 19, 2022, we hosted our 5th Annual Celebration at the Danversport. We had an impressive 420 guests attend to support and further our Mission. Amongst our guests, Ty Law graced our stage and made a lasting impression on our venue. Our Dance Team and Dance Staff did a wonderful job at entertaining our guests as well as the Lynn English ROTC performing with an impressive opening ceremony. We honored our Hall of Fame inductees, Commitment to Youth as well as our Helping Hands Business of the Year. Many of our Silent Auction items had successful bids and winners and all of our Live Auction items were claimed by enthusiastic supporters. The BGCL can’t thank our attendees, sponsors and staff enough for all of their dedication to the club. We look forward to seeing you at the 2023 Annual Celebration!
A FEW WORDS FROM OUR MEMBERS

**Thankful for**

1. All the staffs in boys and girls club. The food and bathroom if we needed it and I am glad that I made friends here!

2. I love hanging out with Neidy, Jay, and Aaron. And I love being in bracelet club and slime club. And I also love when they have parties!

3. I love hanging out in Neidy’s room. I like coloring in Jay’s room. It’s so fun! I am also thankful because Neidy helps me with my homework.
Meet Alison “Ali” Sweeney, Director of our EEC Licensed Program. Ali has been with us since 2020 holding various positions from an MSW Intern, to the Assistant Camp Director to her newly appointed full time position of our Licensed Child Care Director. What inspires Ali each day is the impact we have on our members. Seeing them each day as they grow into responsible, respectful, caring individuals. Ali graduated from Salem State University with a Bachelors in Elementary Education. She gained a lot of my experience working in different settings supporting children of all different backgrounds and needs. From different out of school time programs to general and special education classrooms as an intensive para-professional and substitute teacher, she has held many different roles when working with children ages 5-18. Ali is currently in my last semester of a Masters of Social Work program at Salem State University. Her passion is working with children and families who are most vulnerable and need that safe, caring and responsible person on their side. Ali’s hobbies include gardening and working in the yard. She loves to learn about different plants (vegetables and flowers). She also enjoys spending simple time with family and friends. A little hidden talent of hers is that she can juggle! Ali’s favorite travel destination is Nashville, TN, but would love to visit Ireland some day! Thank you to your dedication to the Boys & Girls Club of Lynn!
IN THE SPOTLIGHT

MEMBERS OF THE MONTH

AWESOME!

Emily

Giancarlos

Obed

Ruby

Thalia
UPCOMING EVENTS

Volunteers needed for our Thanksgiving celebration!

November 17th from 4pm-7pm

** You must have a current CORI on file

Make a child's holiday a little brighter!

We will be organizing our annual Adopt A Child for the holiday season. If you would like to adopt a child, a family or even make a donation, please reach out to Jodi Furlong at jfurlong@bgcl.org.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

email: jfurlong@bgcl.org  25 North Common Street  Lynn, MA 01902  www.bgcl.org
Light Up The Holiday Season!

2022 Toy Drive for Boys & Girls Club of Lynn Members!

Interested in participating? See below for details:

- Place box in a high traffic area in your office
- Signage will be sent via email to place on collection box
- Toys must be new and unwrapped
- Toys must be delivered to the club by 12/14

For more information on our toy drive contact Jodi at jfurlong@bgcl.org.

As a thank you, your company/organization will be highlighted on our social media pages.
New England winters are challenging enough already.

This year staying warm will be an even bigger struggle for some.

Most MA & NH residents will see a spike in utility bills this Winter.

Axuda is here to help.

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BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF LYNN

Terms As Follows:
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- 0% interest
- No credit check

Contact: Katie Greene @ kgreene@bgcl.org
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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.

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