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BE SUPER.

GREAT FUTURES START HERE



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUB
OF WORCESTER**





Giovani Dulcio
Boys & Girls Club
of Worcester's
Youth of the Year
2010 - 2011

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Our Mission is to help youth, especially those who need us most, develop the qualities needed to become responsible citizens & community leaders, through caring professional staff who forge relationships with our youth members and influence their ability to succeed in life.

Our Core Beliefs

We believe in **hope** and **opportunity** for all young people, especially those who need us most.

We believe in the importance of **fun** in the lives of children and their right to a happy, joyful childhood.

We believe in the transformational power of ongoing **relationships** with caring adults.

We believe our kids can **BE GREAT**, with encouragement and high expectations!

We believe that **service** rewards both those who give and those who receive.

THE BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF WORCESTER HELPS KIDS BE GREAT EVERY DAY. YOU CAN SEE IT EVERYWHERE:

In the **GYM**, where our kids shoot hoops, and develop social skills that will help them “score” in life;

In the **EDUCATION & TECHNOLOGY LABS**, where they do their homework and become more focused and academically-achieving students;

In the **MUSIC STUDIO**, where our kids find their voices by writing, playing, singing, and recording their own original songs;

In the **POOL**, where learning to swim not only keeps them active and healthy, but also teaches them discipline, endurance, and leadership;

In the **DANCE STUDIO**, where they learn all about teamwork, develop self-confidence, and learn how to feel good about themselves and their bodies;

At meetings of the **TORCH CLUB**, where leadership skills and community service projects help our kids discover how good it feels to help others and their community;

In **KIDS CAFÉ**, where our kids are taught the basics about good health, proper nutrition, table manners, and eating a hot, healthy meal.

In **JOB PREP CLASSES**, where our teens learn the fundamentals of resume-writing, interviewing, and the overall job application process;

In **FINANCIAL AID & COLLEGE PREP WORKSHOPS**, where our juniors and seniors discover ways to attain financial aid and scholarships, and where they are able to take trips to local colleges and universities, enabling them to see that a degree is within their reach.

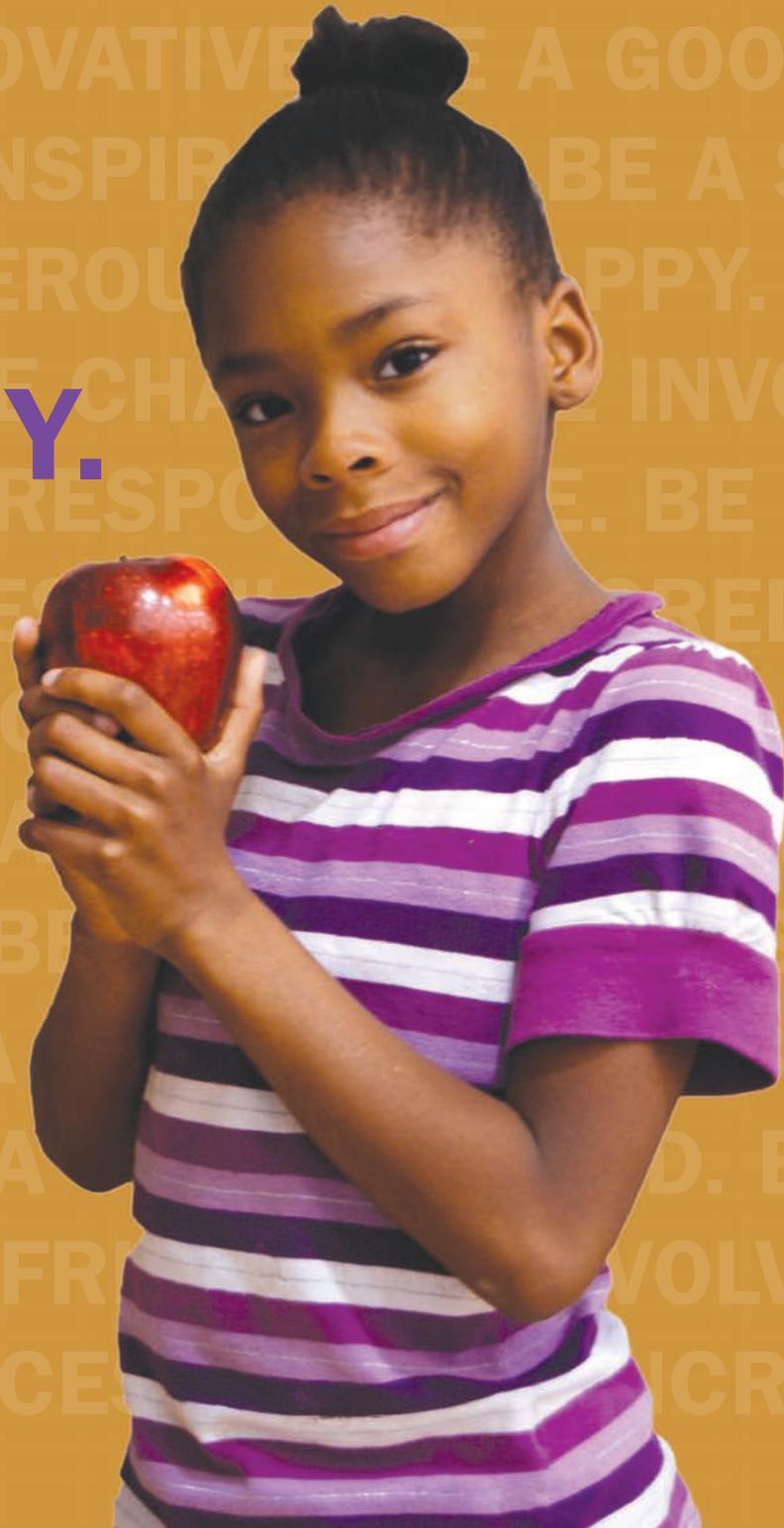
Programs and activities like these help GREAT FUTURES take flight at the Boys & Girls Club. With enthusiastic support and encouragement from our hard-working staff, our kids develop the skills and abilities that can make their dreams a reality.

This year, our annual report chronicles the achievements of some very special Boys & Girls Club members, both past and present. It’s certainly a diverse group of individuals, but they share something very important. Each and every one of their GREAT FUTURES started at the Boys & Girls Club of Worcester.

To find out how you can help our kids BE GREAT, contact Liz Hamilton, Director of Resource Development, at 508-754-2686, x 205, or at lhamilton@bgcworcester.org.

BE GREAT.

BE HEALTHY.



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BE DETERMINED

He's making a splash

He's only 11, but already Anthony Soares has won a pile of medals—34 of them, and 15 trophies—in national competitions. As a member of the Boys & Girls Club swim team, the “Hurricanes,” Anthony has competed in both the Bay State Games and the Boys & Girls Club National Championship Games in St. Petersburg, Florida. Ian Witt, athletic programs director, says that Anthony “is probably the hardest-working member of the swim team.” Along with athletic skills, young swimmers like Anthony are learning discipline and the importance of working hard at school, as well as in the pool. As a member of the team, Anthony and all the other swimmers have to keep their grades at a B level or above and participate in a community service project. They practice four days a week for two and a half hours.

“I didn’t have a clue about how to swim when I started taking lessons,” says Anthony, who was only six at the time. “But Coach Ian told me to keep trying and never give up. I guess it worked because I’ve won a lot of medals and trophies—some first place medals too. I remember the first time I swam at the Bay State games I was really scared. The pool is much bigger than the pool here at the Club.

The next year I remembered what to do. I try to help the other kids on the team who haven’t been to meets before. I tell them where they’re supposed to be and I tell them to pay attention so they don’t miss the call for their event.”

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Fact:

9 of our swim
team members
brought home 22
medals from the
national swim
championship in
Florida.

BE WELL-ROUNDED

In the ring she found her voice

You may find teenager Bianca Matos in the Boys & Girls Club gym practicing basketball, working out in the fitness room, or at the keyboard in the “Beats & Rhythm” workshop. Bianca is a well-rounded young woman with many interests and outstanding abilities.

“My younger brother and I have been coming to the Club since I was nine years old. My friends were coming here; I heard from them that it was a lot of fun. I really liked it and asked my mom if I could keep coming.

It’s the best place I’ve ever been. When I come here I feel happy and can be active; there’s always something to do. Last year I joined the *Beats & Rhythm* workshop taught by Keith Chester. When I started the workshop Keith taught me beats, then I learned chords. My favorite music is hip hop. I started singing at boxing matches, and this past summer I represented the Club at a Tornadoes baseball game where I sang the National Anthem. It made me so happy when two of the Tornadoes players thanked me for singing.

I got involved with fitness and boxing because it made me feel strong. Boxing makes you focus on your goals and on what is right in front of you. I used to feel scattered, but I’ve learned you just got to focus on the moment, not worry about what might happen tomorrow.

Math is my favorite subject, after that it’s science. My goals in life are maybe to be a chef—I love to bake—or to be a police officer. For the immediate future, I want to continue to play basketball. I play forward on the Claremont Academy varsity team and the Boys & Girls Club AAU team. I hope I can get a basketball scholarship to college.

I tell people the Club is a great place to be. It keeps you off the streets and makes you see there’s a different way to be.”

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Fact:

Three of our
boxers won
regional titles
and will
represent the
Club at
Nationals in
Kansas City
in 2011.

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BE INVOLVED

His dinners feed kids' spirits

Steve “Tank” Tankanow spent much of his youth at the Boys & Girls Club and was a longtime supporter of the boxing program. He studied therapeutic massage and graduated from the University of Massachusetts with a degree in nutrition. After spending a year working to alleviate hunger in the Middle East, he returned to Worcester, and purchased the Bancroft School of Massage in 1981. He has headed the school ever since. Tank never forgot the kids at Boys & Girls Club, and in 1998 he opened Kids Café to provide them with nutritionally-balanced evening meals.

“I’ve been a member of the Boys & Girls Club since I was a kid. To me, it was a safe place. I always felt at home. When I came back as an adult, the sounds and even the smells were the same as I remembered as a kid.

I was inspired to start Kids Café as a way of giving back to the community. Because my career has been involved in nutrition, I wanted to do something that provided good, healthy food for kids. I worked with the Worcester County Food Bank, and the Boys & Girls Club, and formed a non-profit organization. We started by making supper for a handful of kids 13 years ago; now we feed about 200 kids a hot, nutritious meal three nights a week. We’re helping keep kids healthy. It’s an important part of the mission of the Boys & Girls Club.

I’ve been fortunate that so many people have volunteered to help, or responded when I called. We’ve had everyone from executives to high school students contributing food or money to buy food. They pitch in as teams to cook and serve. It’s a lot of work to feed 200 kids, but with community support we always get it done.”

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Fact:

In 2010,
approximately
20,000 meals
were provided
to our Club
members through
our Kids Café
program.

BE A CHAMPION

Her passion and perseverance won Olympic gold

The only athlete from Worcester ever to win a gold medal at the Olympic games was a girl who trained at the Boys Club swimming pool. Albina Osipowich won gold medals for the 100-meter freestyle and as a member of the 4 x 100-meter relay team.

lbina Osipowich boarded the SS Roosevelt in July of 1928, bound for Amsterdam. She never thought that a pool, a stop watch, and all her hard work racing against boys in the Ionic Ave. pool would earn her a spot in history. But they did just that. Albina Osipowich went from an ordinary 17-year old who spent her time swimming at the Club to breaking world records, earning two gold medals, and beating the world's best swimmers. She also earned herself a spot in local history as the only athlete from Worcester to have ever won a gold medal at the Olympic Games. She was inducted into the Boys & Girls Club of Worcester's Alumni Hall of Fame in November 2008.

Upon her arrival back to the States, Albina received a warm welcome home. The people of Worcester were so moved by her story that they raised enough money to send her to Pembroke College in Brown University, where she continued to make history. In 1930, she became the first woman ever allowed to swim an exhibition in the university's pool. It was at Brown where she met her future husband, a basketball player named Harrison Van Aken. "Her story certainly is the quintessential American Dream," said Albina's granddaughter Kristin. "She was the daughter of immigrants who didn't have the money for her to go to the Olympics or to college, and she was able to achieve both of those dreams and goals."

Albina spent the following years being a devoted wife, mother to the couple's two sons, Harrison and David, and just enjoying life traveling with her family all over the United States. However, swimming always had a special place in her heart and the water is where she loved to spend most of her time. Her son, David, tells stories of her saving a struggling swimmer at a beach during a family outing and always trying to show kids how much fun swimming could be despite their fears. "If you met her you might never guess that she was an Olympic champion. But if you saw her swim, well, that was another story," he said.

The same was true for the world when the young 17-year old showed up in Amsterdam for the Olympics back in 1928. To many people, she was just a young girl who loved to swim at her local Boys Club. But with her perseverance, and her inimitable passion for the sport, she proved otherwise and made history in the process. "If you really want something, go out and try it," said David. "The only time you lose is when you don't try something. Who knows, maybe if you get really good, you may get all the enjoyment and success, too. Don't be afraid to try things."

Fact:

57% of the Club alumni
stated the Club saved
their life.

(from the 2007 Harris
Interactive national study)

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BE GREAT. BE A LEADER. BE SMART. BE HEALTHY. BE INNOVATIVE. BE A GOOD PERSON. BE AN INSPIRATION. BE A STUDENT. BE KIND. BE FRIENDLY. BE HAPPY. BE ACHIEVER. BE RESPONSIBLE. BE INVOLVED. BE INSPIRED. BE CONFIDENT. BE COURAGEOUS. BE SUCCESSFUL. BE INCREDIBLE. BE AMAZING. BE CREATIVE. BE STRONG. BE THE BEST. BE A CHAMPION. BE SMARTER. BE SMILING. BE INSPIRED.



BE CREATIVE.

BE A DONOR

Why should you invest in our Club and kids?

The Boys & Girls Club of Worcester is the **largest** youth development agency in Central Massachusetts.

- Not only do we have the most members, but our average daily attendance is approximately **400 youth** at three sites: Main South, Plumley Village, and Great Brook Valley.

We have a **special concern** for the disadvantaged.

- 82% of the children we serve are of minority groups; **92% are at or below the poverty level**; 60% come from single-parent homes.
- Even during tough economic times, we stay **true to our mission**. We keep our membership fees low, and we don't charge additional program fees. This ensures that Worcester's most disadvantaged kids can participate in our programs and services. Our annual membership fee is only **\$25 per youth** (just \$10 at our Great Brook Valley and Plumley Village sites), and we **provide scholarships to families** that are unable to pay.

We have hundreds of donors, volunteers and ambassadors that support our great staff and kids to ensure our status as the premier non-profit in Worcester.

- Although we only charge a \$25 membership fee, it costs approximately **\$500 to provide our impact-proven programs and services** to a child each year. Our supporters **invest in us** because our kids:
 - make good choices,
 - do well in school,
 - stay out of gangs,
 - acquire healthy habits,
 - gain job skills,
 - develop their ability to lead, and
 - do their part to build a strong community for years to come.

Help Our Kids **BE GREAT**.

Make an investment in the Boys & Girls Club today.

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BE FOCUSED

Taking all the right steps

Amanda Jubin knows where she wants to go in life; the young woman is disciplined and focused. She joined the Boys & Girls Club four years ago to participate in the dance team, “In Da Zone,” but quickly became absorbed into many other Club activities. She helps out in the art room, is available to younger members after school, and works as a locker room assistant. During the school year she’s at the Club from 2:30 in the afternoon until 9 at night. The Club has become her second home.

“I’ve had to learn to balance my time,” Amanda says. “I try to get all my homework finished before I leave school. Once I’m at the Club there’s a lot to do. This year I’m president of the dance team—I’ve been secretary and treasurer. As president, I’m in charge of making arrangements for all the competitions and shows, and leading fund raising.

I received the Christopher Koskinas Leadership Award, a scholarship to attend the National Leadership Forum on Medicine at Bentley College last summer. The forum was amazing. I got to observe surgery and I visited Children’s Hospital in Boston. I took part in seminars and learned how to triage patients. My career goal is to become a pediatrician.

This year is my senior year at South High and I’m taking an AP course, so I’ll be cutting back a bit on dance performances. My involvement with the dance team taught me to set priorities, gave me focus, and all those hours of practice kept me in shape. Being part of the team has been an unforgettable experience. When we’re performing we are all so connected. We dance as one and we dance our hearts out. We’ve won several competitions, but what’s important is that we do our best.

I see the Boys & Girls Club as a train that makes many stops in order to get everyone to their desired destination. I have the Club to thank for helping me reach my goals.”

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Fact:

Our award-winning dance team proudly represented our Club at many public performances around the state including the city-wide Youth Summit and the Greater Worcester Community Foundation’s Donor Appreciation event held at the Hanover Theatre.

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BE MUSICAL

Inspired to be creative

Stephan Barnicle is a composer and author, a soloist and conductor of choirs and orchestras throughout the U.S., Canada and Europe. He has received national awards for his music and his teaching. He is a former member of the Ionic Avenue Clubhouse.

“The Club gave me the opportunity to learn to deal with others from a variety of different backgrounds. This was very helpful in my life as a teacher. The activities that had the most impact on me were swimming and lifesaving skills, as well as playing board games. I learned to have faith in myself, to work and play cooperatively with others. Strong swimming and lifesaving skills helped me become a city lifeguard, where I was able to teach younger children to swim and play with others.

At the Club I learned that I was able to handle whatever life might throw my way. Life will throw you some curves, so be ready to deal with them. I also learned to look beyond the surface to get to know others; just because someone looks, sounds or acts different than I do, doesn't tell me whether or not they are good or bad people.

If I could tell the kids one thing to 'be,' it's 'be creative.' Those who best learn to think outside the box will be best prepared to find success in the ever-changing world they are living in. I'd tell them to find excitement in learning, and be sure to include study in the arts in their curriculum. That is where you will best learn to tap into your innate creativity.

I think the secret to a fulfilled life is realizing that nothing and nobody is perfect. We will all make mistakes and have disappointments. Don't let either make you negative or give up on what you know to be good. A life in pursuit of the good and the beautiful is a life of fulfillment. Find beauty in the simplest (a blade of grass shimmering in the moonlight, coated with ice after an ice storm) to the most profound (the awesome explosion of a star in the universe, bringing a new solar system to life). Find someone to share your life and your love, and remember that they are also imperfect, yet beautiful.”

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Fact:

In just four years,

our Cultural

Arts program has

grown to provide

music lessons,

theater camps,

weaving classes,

arts & crafts,

dance instruction,

and more!

BE INNOVATIVE

At the Club, his career took flight

Joe Ruseckas was one of the Boys & Girls Club's oldest and most distinguished members. He joined the Club on Ionic Avenue in 1927, when he was 10 years old. In 2001, he was in the first class of alumni to be named to the Club's Hall of Fame. Shortly before he passed away, in March 2010, Joe spoke about his experiences with the Boys & Girls Club, and his career designing high-test flight suits and space suits for astronauts.

“When my brother Vin and I joined the Boys Club we'd walk there from our house on Langdon Street near Compton Park. We had to scrape together the five cents for the monthly membership. I learned to swim at the Boys Club and my brother and I both played on the Club's basketball teams. At age 16 or 17 I went to work for the WPA (Works Progress Administration), the government program to provide jobs during the Depression. I was lucky enough to be transferred to work at the Boys Club. That's when I got to know the superintendent of the Club, Mr. Gilliam.

In 1927, when I was 10 years old, Charles Lindbergh made his solo flight across the Atlantic Ocean. From then on I was obsessed with flying. I used to walk to the Worcester Airport, at that time it was in North Grafton. I'd hang around the airport and help move the planes and do whatever I could to help. Gradually I got to know the pilots and worked for flying lessons.

When I got my private pilot's license in 1939, my first passenger was Bill Gilliam, the superintendent of the Boys Club. I took him up and we circled over the Club on Ionic Avenue. In 1943, at the beginning of World War II, Mr. Gilliam intervened when I had trouble with my application to the Army Air Corps. Without his help, I wouldn't have received my direct commission as a 2nd Lieutenant. William Gilliam and the Ionic Ave. Boys Club saved my future aviation career. I certainly would not have accomplished all that I have in my life had it not been for the Club.

After the war, I came back to Worcester as manager of the airport; one of the student pilots was David Clark. I gave him his flight test for his private pilot's license. In 1948, Mr. Clark offered me a job at his company as a pattern maker for pressurized suits for pilots flying at very high altitudes. Forty-three years later I retired from the David Clark Company. In the interim years, I became head of research, development and production. Some of the projects I worked on included designing pressurized flight suits for pilots like the ones the company had already made for test pilot Chuck Yeager. I also worked on space suits for the Gemini astronauts. In the late 1960s, I actually tested one of the pressurized suits we produced for pilots flying U2 spy planes.

I feel truly blessed to have had the Club in my life as a young boy. The Club today is just as important as it was when I was a kid. It's a constant source of assistance and support to kids in this city who seek a safe and meaningful environment to enjoy their childhood.”

“I certainly would not have accomplished all that I have in my life had it not been for Mr. Gilliam and the Club.”

Facts:

62% of the Club alumni stated that thanks to the Boys & Girls Club, they became more committed to their education.

28% of the Club alumni stated that they would have dropped out of high school had it not been for the Club.

(2007 Harris Interactive national study)

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BE SMART.



FINANCIALS

ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS 2010

Cash	\$ 260,078
Accounts Receivable	202,161
Employee Advances	2,552
Prepaid Expenses	31,571
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	496,362

PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

Land	313,474
Buildings	9,140,827
Equipment	767,764
Vehicles	51,350
Leasehold Improvements	14,867

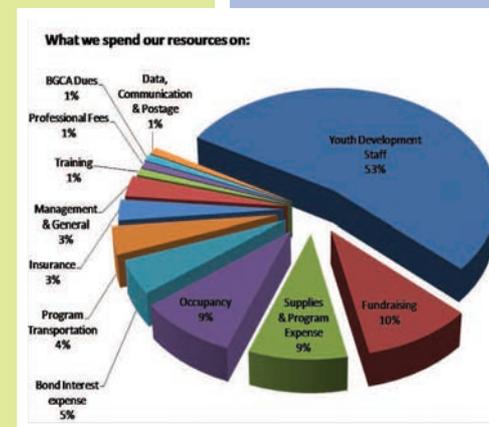
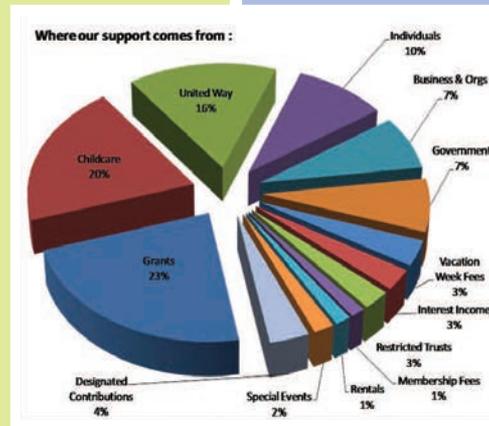
Subtotal	10,288,272
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	1,392,829

TOTAL NONCURRENT ASSETS 8,895,443

OTHER ASSETS

Investments	46,528
Contributions Receivable	9,908
TOTAL OTHER ASSETS	56,436

TOTAL ASSETS \$ 9,488,241



LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

CURRENT LIABILITIES 2010

Accounts Payable	\$ 176,527
Accrued Expenses	92,413
Deferred Income	23,222
Loan from Related Party	25,000
Current Portion of Long-term Debt	—
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	317,162

LONG-TERM LIABILITIES

Long-term Debt	2,588,301
Less: Current Portion Long-term Debt	—
TOTAL LONG-TERM LIABILITIES	2,588,301

TOTAL LIABILITIES 10,288,272

NET ASSETS

Unrestricted Net Assets	6,073,568
Board Restricted	10,887
Temporarily Restricted Net Assets	425,639
Permanently Restricted Net Assets	32,685

TOTAL NET ASSETS 6,542,778

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS \$ 9,448,241

BE DRIVEN

In pursuit of excellence

From perfecting her high school basketball playing skills at the Boys & Girls Club gym in Great Brook Valley, and using the Club's computer to work on school projects, to helping the poverty-stricken residents of a South African township plant gardens to feed their families, Jasmine Pitts has been on a leadership trajectory. The first young woman to win the Boys & Girls Club scholarship for an outstanding student athlete, Jasmine's academic and athletic excellence also earned her a full scholarship to Worcester Polytechnic Institute.

"I love it here (at WPI). It's hard and it's a lot of work but I enjoy it. I am a member of the National Society of Black Engineers, the Black Student Union, and a community service group. I was also a student ambassador and a member of the girls varsity basketball team.

In Cape Town, South Africa, I worked with a group of 27 WPI students on sustainable redevelopment in one of the informal settlements, Monwabisi Park. My group was the gardens & agriculture team, focusing on food sustainability in the settlement. We built vegetable gardens and tried to get members of the community to start their own gardens so that they can provide their own food for their families.

Due to the influx of people coming into the city after apartheid ended, space is a very big issue as well. The shacks are all very close to one another, not leaving much space for gardening. So, most of the gardens that we made are container gardens, using recycled materials such as old tires.

I still work at the Boys & Girls Club during the summer and over holiday breaks; they will always be my family! The Boys & Girls Club has helped me develop into a leader in many ways. It has provided me with several powerful examples of leaders to look up to: Cindy Jackson and Ike McBride; they've always been there for me. The Club has given me opportunities to be a leader; running the "Smart Girls" program during the summers and providing homework help during the school year. These activities are fulfilling and have helped to improve my leadership skills."

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Fact:

32 out of our 36 high school seniors graduated in June 2010 and are attending college.

Many of them are the first in their family to ever attend an institution of higher learning.

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BE A MENTOR

He found role models, then became one

Damian Almazraawi grew up at the Boys & Girls Club. Among his earliest childhood memories are times he spent at the Ionic Avenue Club when his mother worked there. When times were tough for his family, Damian spent every day at the Club. He developed expertise at working with the younger kids, enhanced his natural singing ability by taking voice lessons, and created a program that helped kids learn to write reviews of video games. His achievements earned him the Youth of the Year title in 2008. Damian is currently a student at Wheaton College, majoring in biochemistry. He plans to follow the pre-med track.

“Being a role model and learning from myself at the Club allowed me to grow as a person and understand what I want to accomplish in life. The Club taught me that, although we may have had a rough life there are always people and places that will help us. I learned that life might be unfair sometimes but smiling at a problem and keeping your head up never hurts.

The Club’s staff motivated me to keep going with anything I wanted to do; they truly introduced me to success with all their support and constant appraisal. The staff understands where all of us are coming from; they understand we all have different stories, and that people outside of the Boys & Girls Club have stereotypes. But they taught us that we are special, that we are the future leaders and will one day influence many, so that hopefully those stereotypes will be diminished.

My advice to kids in the Club today is to be whatever they want to be. Nowadays people constantly abandon their dreams because of the influence of others. Be what you are inspired to be and use the Club to harness your potential.

Kids should participate in activities, make new friends, but most importantly, use the Boys & Girls Club to succeed in academics. There are people here who really want you to succeed, and education is the key to many doors. I think it’s important for all kids to go to college. We have all of the resources we need here at the Club to help us achieve our dreams.”

“The staff understands where all of us are coming from; they understand we all have different stories.”

Fact:

90% of the kids

who participated

in our homework

assistance program

every day

improved their

grades by at least

one grade level in

at least one class.

BE MOTIVATIONAL

On a mission to inspire young women

Cardethia (Dee Dee) Moore-Jenkins, MSW, an adolescent social worker for the Department of Children and Families, was first introduced to the Boys and Girls Club as a child, while living in Great Brook Valley and enrolled in an after-school program. The staff took the children to the Ionic Avenue and Lincoln Square Clubhouses to swim, use the gym and participate in activities. Years later, she enrolled her son at the Ionic Ave. Club where he learned to box and to swim. One day when Dee Dee picked him up she noticed that some of the girls were just standing around watching the boys. She resolved to do something about it—a decision that led to more programs that engage and inspire young women.

“I went to Ike—his sister and I are best friends; he’s like a brother to me. I told him, ‘You need to do something for the girls.’ He challenged me to find something for the girls to do. I researched and developed a curriculum, ‘All About Me.’ I broke it down into categories and adapted it to activities I could do with the girls. I brought in co-workers and friends to facilitate group discussions on things like how to be a friend, how to take care of yourself, how to set and achieve goals. And I always have snacks as a way of attracting the girls. Sometimes there would be only one or two girls, other times, 20. That first session we met twice a week for six to eight weeks.” (Dee Dee recently started a new program with middle school-aged girls.)

“For me, it’s a chance to share what I’ve learned. I had good values instilled by my mother, I took part in programs such as Upward Bound, and I graduated from the University of Massachusetts in Amherst. I want the girls to appreciate themselves as individuals with a future, and not just see themselves in relation to boys. I also want them to see there are so many things they can do to steer away from drugs, alcohol, and teenage pregnancy.”

Leading the programs for girls encouraged Dee Dee to further develop her own career. She notes that even though she had life experience, she needed a graduate degree to legitimize her efforts. She went back to school in addition to working full time, and graduated with a master’s degree in social work from Salem State College. Dee Dee now is an adjunct faculty at Quinsigamond Community College’s Early Childhood Department, where she teaches a course on child abuse and neglect. She was recently inducted into the Boys & Girls Club Alumni Hall of Fame.

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Fact:

75% of our kids participated in neighborhood cleanups and other volunteer opportunities as a way to give back to the community.

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BE A LEADER

In the swimming pool he learned to never give up

The swimming coach who encouraged a young Jim McGovern to keep trying helped the youngster learn to swim and, more importantly, taught a valuable lesson to the man who now serves in the U.S. House of Representatives. The Congressman was an early supporter of the project to build the new Boys & Girls Club. He secured important funding for the facility, which was built through the efforts of so many in the community. To this day, Congressman McGovern remains one of this Club's biggest fans. He recently championed our Gang Prevention Through Targeted Outreach Program and helped our Club receive federal funding to support this endeavor.

"I was far from the best swimmer in the group. The coach kept telling me, 'You can do it,' so I kept trying. By the end of the program I was winning races.

The encouragement I received as a member of the Boys & Girls Club gave me the self-confidence to succeed. More than 30 years later, the same lesson is being repeated every day at the Boys & Girls Club.

Kids need someone to give them direction, to remind them to do their homework, to be a role model, show them good sportsmanship, how to be a leader. That's what is happening today at the Boys & Girls Club.

When I see this beautiful, state-of-the-art place, I see what a great message it is sending to the kids: People in the community believe in you; you are worth it. When I see these kids, I feel good about the future."

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Fact:

150 at-risk youth

are currently

involved in our

gang prevention

programs where

they receive

counseling, job

placement, and

academic support.

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