



**The 137<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Boys & Girls Club of Worcester—Another Milestone Reached,**

with gratitude for the past and hope and resolve for the future. At last night's 137<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting we reveled in how much our kids have experienced and accomplished this year, and buoyed by the thoughtfulness and generosity of our volunteers, donors, sponsors and staff. The night was like a living scrap book of the Club with memories, activities and photos on each page. We listened to the kids on the



"Fund-a -Need" video and thought, this Club fills so many wants for our kids. It is a "safe and welcoming" place. They "make friends" here and it is a "place to belong." They love the Summer Theme Weeks, with memorable events like meeting a K-9 dog during "Animal Week," and the Field Trips, like going to the "New England Botanic Garden at Tower Hill" and learning about "special things that can help Earth."



We also know that they start on that path to reaching their potential when they are here. Last night we applauded scholarship winners, recognized for their accomplishments and bolstered by the financial largesse of others. The "Be Great!" scholar was Liz B. She will continue her studies at UMass Amherst. Here's what she wrote about her time at the Club: "It has given me the motivation to join programs and speak to individuals that support furthering my education, such as Money Matters, Career Launch, and

Diplomas 2 Degrees programs. I have prepared for college with the help of staff, learning how to apply for scholarships and college, as I dream of being a pediatrician." Danielle won the "CEILO scholarship" and will be heading to UMass Amherst as well. Danielle was a member of "IDZ Keystone, where we brainstorm ideas for club events and hold fundraisers. Being at the club gave me a structured place to stay

focused after school and helped me become more disciplined with my goals as I work towards them." Christian won the "Donahue Family Scholarship." He will major in English and minor in History at Worcester State University. Christian hopes to play football for the Lancers and become a schoolteacher. Carmen won the "Todd Jackson Scholarship" and will be off to Nichols College in the fall. She noted about the Club that she will "always be grateful for the impact that it has had on my life." We installed new Directors on our Board, we remembered a dynamic 2001 Hall of Famer, Joseph Ruseckas, we marveled at the lives of our new Hall of Fame Inductees, and we were struck by the numbers of Club members who were Member, Teen and Youth of the Month. We celebrated our Club Youth of the Year, Mercedes, and our "Francis Pisegna Volunteer Award" Honoree, Dennis O'Leary. We noted our immense gratitude for our "Foundation for the Future" Honorees, "The Fred Harris Daniels Foundation" and "DCU for Kids."

**We are so thankful to our sponsors for helping us to plan our Annual Meeting. We are reminded of your generosity from when the doors to the Club open in the morning to when the last light is shut off at night.**



**Help Us Reach \$50,000 for Worcester Youth This Summer**

Because of your incredible generosity at our 137th Annual Meeting, we raised **\$40,090.00** through our Fund a Need campaign to support summer opportunities for Worcester youth.

**We're so close to our goal.**

With your help, we can reach **\$50,000** and ensure that more young people have access to field trips, enriching theme weeks, affordable summer camp experiences, and life-changing Club memberships.

But don't just take our word for it.

**Watch this short video to hear directly from our Club kids about why summer at the Boys & Girls Club matters so much to them.**

<https://youtu.be/IVVqG3pSmrl>

Every gift, no matter the size, helps create a summer filled with safe spaces, caring mentors, new experiences, and unforgettable memories.

Will you help us cross the finish line?

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Thank you for helping us make this summer extraordinary for the youth who need us most.

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