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2016 Great Futures Gala

The second Annual Great Futures Gala was a 'pig' hit once again as 200 supporters and Board Members gathered on the Gateway Clipper Fleet to celebrate Great Futures in Pittsburgh. Eight outstanding youths from each of our Clubs were honored at the event. Honorees included: Hunter Smutney of the Carnegie Club, Robyn Russell of the Estelle S. Campbell Club, Came'ron Mosley of the Duquesne - West Mifflin Club, Katie Barry of the LaRosa Club, Renee Killmeyer of the Northern Area Club, Mia Vento of the Shadyside Club, Jacob Scott of the Sto-Ken-Rox Club & Vanessa Todd of the Wilkesburg Club. Mia Vento from the Shadyside Club was named the 2016 Youth of the Year. Also honored were the 2016 Dapper Dan Youth of the Year, Ionie Banner and the 2016 Joe Gordon Youth Volunteer of the Year, Zaire Teagle. The evening boasted over 70 silent and chinese auction items donated from local businesses throughout the Greater Pittsburgh area. Event sponsors included Dollar Bank, HM Insurance, Proshire, Grant Thornton, Guardian, UPMC, and Reed Smith. Our VIP (Very Important Pig), Nola, attended with parents Chris & Lauren Miladinovich. Club Alum, Vanessa Campagna, entertained the crowd with her amazing vocal talents.

A lively live auction included two African Safaris, Don's Appliances Dinner for ten prepared by Chef Anthony, and granite counter tops!

The esteemed Kiss a Pig Candidates worked hard for many months to raise over \$64,000 for the Clubs and the top three winners got to smooch Nola. Top honors went to reigning champ and EVP and Director of the LaRosa Club, Jim Barry who raised \$17,305. "Fun" Tim Faller of TJS insurance and Chris Miladinovich came in second and third place and also got to plant one on our friend, Nola. Nola has generously committed to raising over \$1 million for the organization, which is pertinent as the agency has been experiencing a demand for services over the past year. "With an increase in daily attendance exceeding 40% at all our Clubs," said President & C.E.O. Mike Hepler, "acts of kindness and financial support from events like The Great Futures Gala are needed now more than ever to insure that the children of the community have every opportunity to have a wonderful childhood." If you didn't make it this year, we hope to see you next year to celebrate with us! [Check out our Thank You Page for more highlights.](#)

OUR MEMBERSHIP IS **GROWING**, AND WE COULDN'T BE HAPPIER



Making friends at the Club!

Presently, our agency has seen tremendous growth in the need for our services over the past year from our local communities. Many children depend on the 'Club' as a safe place with caring staff to assist them on their journey for a Great Future. Our membership has grown by 15% and our members' daily attendance is up 40%. Our summer camps served 2,000 more children than the prior year with many needing to access our scholarship fund.

The quality of our programming continues to shine and give positive results to our members. We are proud to report that we have seen reading and math scores increase 30% thanks to our formal tutorial program. We are looking forward to an amazing summer program!

Calling All Golfers!

Want to make a meaningful contribution to our summer camps? Want to do it from the golf course? You or your business can participate in or sponsor *The 2016 Nellie King Golf Classic*. It will be held on Tuesday, June 7th at Sewickley Heights Golf Club. This tournament is the primary fundraiser for our summer camps and every dollar raised goes directly to improving the quality of programming offered and even helps to provide scholarships for those who need them. We are currently accepting golfers, auction donations and sponsorships. Save 10% now through May 1st! Please contact Jamie at jamiecoltonwalters@bgcwpa.org for more information!



Summer Frisbee Fun!