

## The Effects of Covid-19...we need your help!

We know this is a tough time for a great many of you. Our thoughts are with our extended Club families and friends and we truly hope that you and your family are doing okay.

We realize many worthy charities are reaching out asking for support right now. Our hope is that you will consider helping our kids during this crisis as well.

Thank you in advance for thinking of the 1,785 individual children we serve each year with meals, homework help, character building programs, sports leagues, and social recreation.

Please consider helping with a gift to our GoFundMe emergency campaign by clicking on the button below. Please also share this link with loved ones and colleagues, the "Share" button is right below the "Donate Now" button on our GoFundMe page which you'll find by clicking on the button below.

Our thoughts are with you all!

[Click Here to Help](#)

## The Executive Director's Corner

Greetings!

To say I'm thrilled to be the Boys and Girls Club of Meriden's Executive Director, is a complete understatement. I couldn't be more excited to have the chance to provide leadership, vision, and opportunity for our Club members. The staff and I are taking our responsibilities very seriously as we try to mold our young members into productive, responsible, and caring citizens.

The number of institutions delivering services to kids in need are decreasing while our offerings are growing, broadening our impact in the community. We are accomplishing this through the financial assistance of our philanthropic foundations and generous donations from individuals within our community...for that, I would like to say Thank You!

In addition, I would like to thank Larry McGoldrick for his seven years of leadership, as well as his guidance through my transition. I also would like to thank Gary "Tex" Burt (my personal inspiration) and Don Maleto for setting the bar high for great leadership.

We are committed (Board of Directors and Staff) to making the BGC of Meriden a positive and impactful part of your child's life.

Sincerely, Larue A. Graham, Jr.

## It's called Torch for a reason...

Our Torch Club is designed to help teach our 10-13 year olds about leadership, community service and social recreation.

Meeting once a week, Torch officials are elected, projects and field trips are planned and ways to help other Club members and the city are discussed.

Our current Torch President Jovan says that it has made him more confident and showed him what it means to be a leader. He hopes other members will have a similar experience.

If you have a child ages 10-13 and want info on Torch: Call the Club!

## The Impact of the Club

CT Non-Club Kids		BGC of CT Kids
67%	Abstention from Sex	86%
87%	Abstention from Alcohol	95%
92%	Abstention from Smoking	99%
81%	Abstention from Marijuana	92%

### Board of Directors

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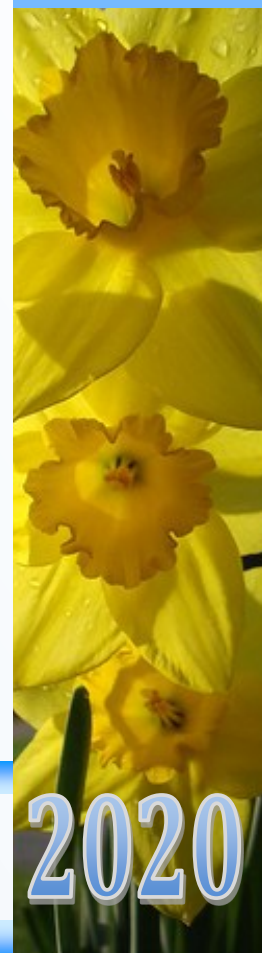
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# 30th ANNUAL Alumni Association Golf Tournament

Thursday, September 3, 2020



The Boys & Girls Club of Meriden is proud to announce that our 30th Annual Alumni Association Golf Tournament will be held this year on September 3, 2020 at Hunter Golf Club here in Meriden. The Tournament itself is a fun-filled day of golf, friends and great food, as well as, providing incredibly important funding to support our youth!

This tournament is one of our most important fundraisers. It helps give us critical funding for our "Food For Thought" Dinner Hour, our "Project Learn" tutoring and homework help program, and also provides support for our numerous sports and educational enrichment offerings.

Please put this date on your calendar and look forward to our very best Tournament yet!

## A Taste of Meriden....

The Boys and Girls Club of Meriden's Alumni Association has been helping our Club Kids for over 40 years. As part of their mission they provide scholarships, sponsor our annual golf tournament and hold a Hall of Fame Dinner, the time to induct folks who have helped the Club in some significant way.

Due to the on-going Covid-19 Pandemic, the Hall of Fame Dinner scheduled for May of 2020 has been postponed until the Fall.

## Upcoming Programs...

### Register Now!



#### Cuno Camp

2 week sessions run from

6/15 thru 8/21

[https://camps.bgcmeriden.org/  
CourseCatalog/CategoryView.asp?ID=130](https://camps.bgcmeriden.org/CourseCatalog/CategoryView.asp?ID=130)



#### Camp BGC

1 week sessions run from

6/15 thru 8/21

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CourseCatalog/CategoryView.asp?ID=136](https://camps.bgcmeriden.org/CourseCatalog/CategoryView.asp?ID=136)



#### Girls Basketball Clinic

Ages 8-14

7/13 thru 7/16

9am—1 pm

**Registration Coming Soon!**

For more information,  
please call:  
203-235-8185



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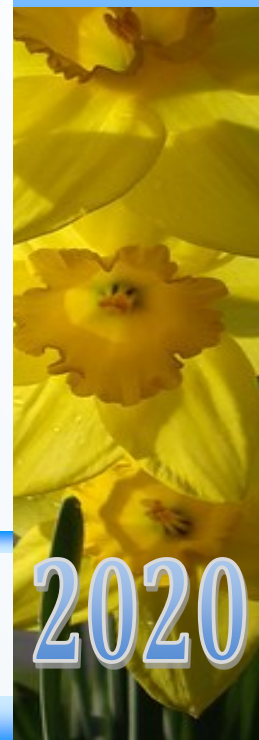


**BGC YOUTH  
OF THE YEAR**



"I have learned that life has challenges for all of us. The guidance and experience I have received at the Boys and Girls Club has taught me that with good role models, a positive attitude and hard work, I can overcome any obstacle and succeed at any challenge."

~Tanner McAuliffe



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