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Our Mission:

To inspire and enable all young people, especially those who need us most to realize their full potential as productive, responsible and caring citizens

To Our Boys and Girls Club Family,

It's that time of year for our "It Takes One" Campaign! We have had a very exciting and productive year at the Club. We could not have had this success without the generous support from our community. Highlights include:

- **PHASE 12 Basketball League**—Developed a very successful new basketball and mentoring program for 40 middle school youth, in collaboration with the Meriden Police Department, which will continue in 2015.
- **CAMP BGC** —Provided a revamped, 8 week summer "camp" at the Club for 65 children, which included Brain Gain: a national BGCA program successfully proven to minimize the academic "summer slump".
- **EXTENDED DAY PROGRAM** — The quality of our 2013 in-school program at John Barry Elementary School led to a second partnership with Roger Sherman Elementary School in 2014.
- **CUNO CAMP** — We continued the beautification and facility upgrade, including the addition of a new Challenge Course with 8 different elements, made possible through a grant from the Cuno Foundation. Our summer camp attendance numbers increased from an average of 55 campers per week in 2013 to 100 weekly campers in 2014.
- **MERIDEN ABC** —Our Torch Club collaborated with Girls Inc.'s Junior Leaders Club to create the Meriden Anti-Bullying Coalition, made possible through a grant from the Kiwanis Club.
- **PROGRAMATIC STRUCTURE AND QUALITY** — Our staff began creating more structured, planned programming experiences for members during vacation weeks and school days off. This has prepared us for a major transition into structured afterschool programming in 2015.
- **FOOD FOR THOUGHT** —A new dinner program at the Club designed to encourage healthy conversation and food choices at the dinner table. An adult volunteer or staff member will "host" every table.

As our campaign slogan conveys, it only takes one person like YOU to make a huge impact in the lives of our children. Please consider donating to the Boys and Girls Club of Meriden by check or online at www.bgcmeriden.org. Thank you for your support!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "L. McGoldrick", written over a circular scribble.

Lawrence McGoldrick