



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
OF ROCHESTER INC.**

HOURS:

Monday - Friday

2:30 - 8 p.m.

Saturday

10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

*Hours vary during holidays

MAIN FACILITY:

500 Genesee Street
Rochester, NY 14611

SATELLITE LOCATIONS:

Rochester City School 29
88 Kirkland Road
Rochester, NY 14611

Rochester City School 45
1445 Clifford Ave.
Rochester, NY 14621

Industry Residential Center
375 Rush-Scottsville Road
Rush, NY 14543

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WINE TASTING EVENT UNCORKS CLUB MEMBERS' POTENTIAL

Corks popped and glasses clinked in celebration of Boys & Girls Clubs of Rochester and its third annual wine tasting event October 20 at Monroe Golf Club. The "Uncork Their Potential" event brought more than 150 guests, each an advocate of the youth development organization and the positive afterschool programming it provides many of Rochester's kids. Their support helped raise \$41,000 (gross). The presenting sponsor of the event was longtime Boys & Girls Clubs of Rochester supporter Harris Beach PLLC. Glover-Crask Charitable Trust also provided a very generous match that night!

Event attendees sampled a variety of wines from across the Finger Lakes region and beyond, taking notes of their different flavors and textures and pairing

them with foods from the evening's strolling supper. Southern Glazer's Wine and Spirits, Hedonist Artisan Chocolates and Wegmans contributed a great deal to the ambiance of the night, generously donating wine and desserts for guests' enjoyment.

As guests sipped from their Boys & Girls Clubs of Rochester engraved wine glasses they had the opportunity to participate in the event's silent auction. Items included high-end bottles of wine, gift cards to local restaurants, Buffalo Sabres tickets, spa packages, a Kate Spade purse and much more. There was also a cork pull. Wine lovers received a numbered cork and when their number was chosen they got a bottle of wine with that particular number.

Opening a bottle of wine ahead of time helps it realize its full potential. That was the idea behind the theme of this year's wine tasting event. Those who attended the event opened their hearts and helped kids reach their full potential by supporting the various programs offered by the Boys & Girls Clubs of Rochester.

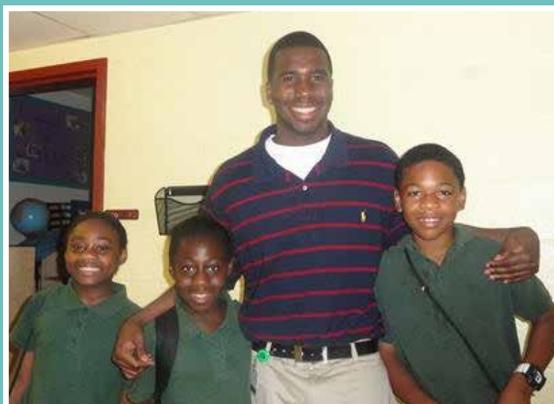
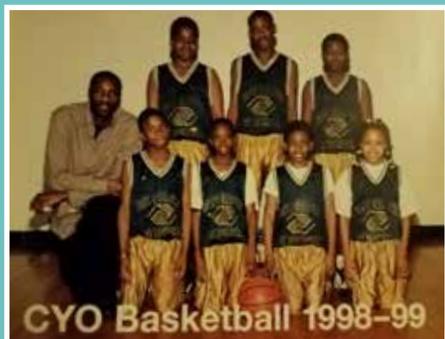
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Uncork Their Potential!

ALUMNI *Juno Simmons*



BOYS & GIRLS CLUB INSPIRES ALUM TO DEDICATE HIS LIFE TO UPLIFTING YOUTH AND GIVING BACK

Juno Simmons grew up in Rochester's 19th ward and, at the young age of 6, knew that Boys & Girls Clubs of Rochester would serve as a foundation for his future. When asked to remember his favorite programs, he vividly recalled one experience in particular that would end up setting him on the track to success. In fifth grade, Juno played on the Club's basketball team "The Running Rebels," which was coached by Reggie Smith, fitness coordinator at Boys & Girls Clubs of Rochester, as part of a Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) league. The team traveled to Georgetown University and had the opportunity to meet the collegiate players and play on the Hoyas' basketball court. It was then Juno said he was exposed to what college could be and knew higher-level education was in his future.

Sports were a significant part of Juno's time at the Boys & Girls Clubs of Rochester. He played soccer and baseball, but his love of basketball would again offer him a life-changing opportunity. The Club had developed a partnership with Allendale Columbia,

a college-preparatory school in Rochester, involving a summer basketball camp. Members of the Club were able to participate in the camp and would be looked at as possible applicants for the school. After taking part in the basketball camp, Juno worked with his family and executive director of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Rochester Dwayne Mahoney to apply to Allendale Columbia. This was ultimately a decision that would help pave the way for Juno's future.

"During my time at Allendale I began to question if it was really for me," said Juno. "But Boys & Girls Clubs helped me see the vision and acted as a pillar of support. Similar to the Club, Allendale exposed me to things outside of my community."

Juno graduated from Allendale in 2009 and went on to Chestnut Hill College for one year before transferring to the University of Albany. It was there that he majored in English and Sociology. During his time in Albany, Juno was supported by the Club by way of scholarships and always looked to his mentors for guidance. Boys & Girls

Clubs of Rochester taught him the importance of relationships, giving back and uplifting youth—lessons he continued to use throughout his college career and still today.

After Albany, Juno followed his passion of working with youth and enrolled in Teach for America, a two-year program that sent him to Houston, Texas where he taught third, fourth and fifth graders science and English Language Arts. His experience was eye-opening and he knew he wanted to further his education to, in turn, impact more youth.

"Boys & Girls Clubs instilled the love of academic competition in me," Juno said.

Johns Hopkins University provided the perfect atmosphere for the level of competition Juno was striving for. While earning a dual Master's degree in Education Administration and Supervision and Leadership in Technology, Juno worked on staff for Teach for America Baltimore and started his own nonprofit centered around empowering youth.

During his time in Baltimore, Juno was being pursued by Google. After three years of turning them down, he decided to take the top company up on its offer and show the youth he was working so closely with that they too could work for such an elite employer. For the last year and a half, Juno has been working at Google focusing on its Diversity and Inclusivity effort. In his spare time, he continues to give back as the newest and youngest IDEA Charter School Network advisory board member.

Juno visited the Club at the end of September and was pleased to see all of the changes to the building and the new program spaces. "The Club gives our kids access – access to the outside world, access to greater education, access to success – access they may otherwise not have. The new additions to the building - the technology center, recording studio, art studio and more - are preparing them to be 21st century thinkers and closing the educational achievement gap."

"It's our responsibility to pave the way for our youth," Juno said.

THINK BOYS & GIRLS CLUB THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

HELP PAVE THE WAY FOR MORE GREAT CLUB KID STORIES LIKE JUNO'S. SUPPORT BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF ROCHESTER THIS HOLIDAY SEASON WITH A DONATION. YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN CREATING GREAT FUTURES FOR ROCHESTER'S YOUTH.

THANK YOU!



Lights On Afterschool



Boys & Girls Clubs of Rochester, in partnership with the Community Health Foundation and Greater Rochester After-School Alliance (GRASA), hosted a Lights On Afterschool event to show the impact afterschool programming has on our community and its youth. Launched in October 2000, Lights on Afterschool is the only nationwide event celebrating afterschool programs and their important role in the lives of children, families and communities. The Afterschool Alliance organizes Lights On Afterschool to draw attention to the many ways afterschool programs support students by offering them opportunities to learn new things and discover new skills.

Research shows that from 3 to 7 p.m. juvenile crime escalates and 11.3 million kids are left unsupervised. Boys & Girls Clubs of Rochester opens to kids in our community every day after school at 2:30 p.m., keeping kids safe and giving them a positive place to learn, grow and create a great future.

"Data shows that kids that are involved in after-school programming are not involved in crime, they are actively engaged, they are doing service learning, they are participating in their neighborhoods," said Christina Dandino, Greater Rochester after-school alliance director.

Activities at the event included coloring lightbulbs and making them light up with a special paper circuit STEM activity, thanks to participants from the RIT Maker Faire!

"I love it when I know that young people are excited about where they are, having the opportunity to develop their social skills, their friendships and having the opportunity to try new things that they might not get to do otherwise," Dandino said.

Day for Kids Brightens Up Rainy Day



A few rain showers didn't keep community members and Boys & Girls Clubs of Rochester supporters away on Day for Kids September 17. More than 100 guests came together for the national Boys & Girls Clubs initiative that invites adults and kids alike to take one day to celebrate what it means to be a kid. For more than a decade, Clubs across the country and around the world have celebrated the Day with fun indoor and outdoor festivals, walks and picnics.

Our event included something for all ages. Inside, kids played on a giant inflatable obstacle course and battled it out in a jousting ring. Ping pong and foosball were brought outside into the parking lot where kids also played Four Square and enjoyed snow cones and popcorn. Finley of the RazorSharks and Moose of the Amerks joined in on the fun as well. Community partners Eastman Dental and Jordan Health provided free dental and blood pressure screenings and Vision Credit Union shared materials on its services.

Attendees also enjoyed hamburgers and hot dogs, live music provided by a DJ, face painting and a large game of Simon Says. Returning Boys & Girls Club members and brand new members used the day to register for the new year of after-school programming, which kicked off October 3.





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CLUB VISITORS

A power outage at the Club didn't stop National Boys & Girls Clubs Hall of Fame member and basketball star **CHAMIQUE HOLDSCLAW** and our Club members from having a great visit.



SENATOR MICHAEL RANZENHOFER stopped by to read to our members after donating \$20,000 to our Accelerated Reading Program.



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STEM PROGRAM



STEM: Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) are important and engaging subjects on their own, but when they're brought together they're even more fun! The opportunities for learning are also more extensive, which is always a focus at Boys & Girls Clubs of Rochester. The Club's STEM program kicked off this summer, with several different age groups participating. Taught by Ms. Floyd from our School 29 site, the curriculum includes a range of projects that require creativity, exploration, imagination and, most of all, thinking.

Over the summer, students made a floating device for a dog who was too short to swim with its owner, a prosthetic leg for an elephant and a beak for a bird. They also designed race cars out of recycled materials that they raced on their own track and built rockets.

"I was able to watch youth grow," said Ms. Floyd, STEM instructor and Boys & Girls Clubs of Rochester School 29 staff.

"The program we had over the summer was unique in that some of the kids knew nothing about STEM while others knew a lot. Every day was a great learning experience for the students, as well as myself, and I am excited to continue the program throughout the school year."

Prior to getting the curriculum in place, volunteers would help facilitate science experiments when they were able to make it to the Club. After seeing kids get excited about using yeast to blow up a balloon and making their own lava lamps, it was evident that STEM needed to be integrated into the daily programming at the Club. Club members look forward to each activity and realize the importance of discussing trial and error.

"I think STEM was really fun and scientific," said Quinn, a Boys & Girls Clubs member. "One of my favorite projects was the prosthetic bird beak. Without Ms. Floyd, STEM would never be as fun and educational."