Our Club in Numbers

2018...

snacks & meals served

members participated in 4-H

members transported to summer recreation

average daily attendance

total # of members registered

Leadership and Citizenship Through 4-H

Club members in fourth grade and older participate in 4-H once per week during the school year as well as during the summer. The goal of 4-H is to develop citizenship, leadership, responsibility, and life skills of youth through experiential learning programs and a positive youth development approach. It is amazing to see the personal development and growth of our Club members through 4-H as the year progresses!

Youth who participate in 4-H at the Club during the year also have the opportunity to attend the State Fair each summer. Through the 4-H Springboard program, youth travel to the fair with Club staff and present the projects they have worked on to a panel of judges. This past summer, nine youth were invited to the State Fair. This is a great opportunity for growth and learning through leadership.

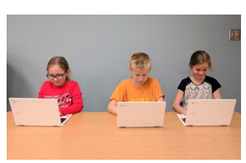
Youth are currently beginning projects in the areas of woodworking, sewing, and portrait drawing; enabling them to learn new skills in a supportive environment to gain confidence and leadership skills within the group.

Giving Hearts Day 2018

On February 8th, 81 generous donors helped our Club to raise an astounding total of

$35,907!

As a result of this outpouring of generosity, we were able to purchase a 14 passenger van to assist with transporting members. Having a larger vehicle allows us to transport our youth more efficiently on bad weather days and to/from summer recreation activities around town all summer. Since purchasing the "shuttle" as it has been deemed by our youth, we have been able to transport over 100 members. The funds raised also contributed to the purchase of updated Chromebook technology for our members.



Letter from Tim Graff, Council President

Serving on the advisory council for Boys & Girls Club of the Perham Area is an amazing, fulfilling experience. I am proud to be a part of such an invested group of caring people—from Club staff that mentor and care for Club members each day to board members and volunteers— everyone is committed and dedicated to providing exceptional before school, after school, and summer opportunities for the kids in our community.

With over 300 children walking through our doors each year and more than 100 kids attending each day, it is clear that our Club is a valued part of our community. Helping youth excel academically, socially, and civically is so very important— and we do it so very, very well. Every day, our Club has a positive impact on children and their families.

Right now, our Club is in the midst of its 2018 Great Futures Campaign. This is an exciting opportunity to invest in a child's future by making a financial contribution to our Club. If you are already a Club donor, thank you for your continued support. If you have not yet given to our Club, I encourage you to consider a gift now. Together, we can give all kids the great future they deserve!

Upcoming Events

Letter from Cori Brown, Unit Director

I am greatly blessed and humbled by the unique opportunities our Club and staff have each and every day to provide a "place to become." Boys and Girls Clubs of America provides us with the framework, while we provide the hands-on opportunities of a physical place where kids can feel safe, connect with others, and build the skills and confidences needed to reach great futures. We see potential in every member, and we are here to help them reach their full potential and become who they were meant to be. Each member's story is as unique and different as the members themselves. For some of our members, we are: consistency in the busyness of day to day living; safe transitions for families who share custody; support where members learn social skills and become a friend to others; leadership skills while participating in 4-H - including presenting projects at County Conference judging and at the State Fair; intergenerational connections with residents at Perham Living; volunteer opportunities to build leadership skills and become role models for younger members, and their own peers; a place where youth can learn to have a voice and create change; a place to come back to - from a Club member to a program leader; a place where stories are heard and valued and supported; and a place where youth are equipped with the skills and values they need to meet the challenges they face each day. All of this happens because our community sees the value of investing in youth and their futures. I invite you to read about what we do and the impact we have for youth, families and the community.

"Our Club is a place to become because you become more respectful. We make friends. You have an awesome experience here. You learn new, awesome things. The people are great. You become better adapted to the real world, and become a more well-rounded person."

Quote by youth responsible for creating the Blue Door Contest competition entry

(pictured from left to right)

Gavin Ollman - Caidyn Breid
Thea Hanson - Morgan Bachmann - Nick Swanson
Debra Cribb

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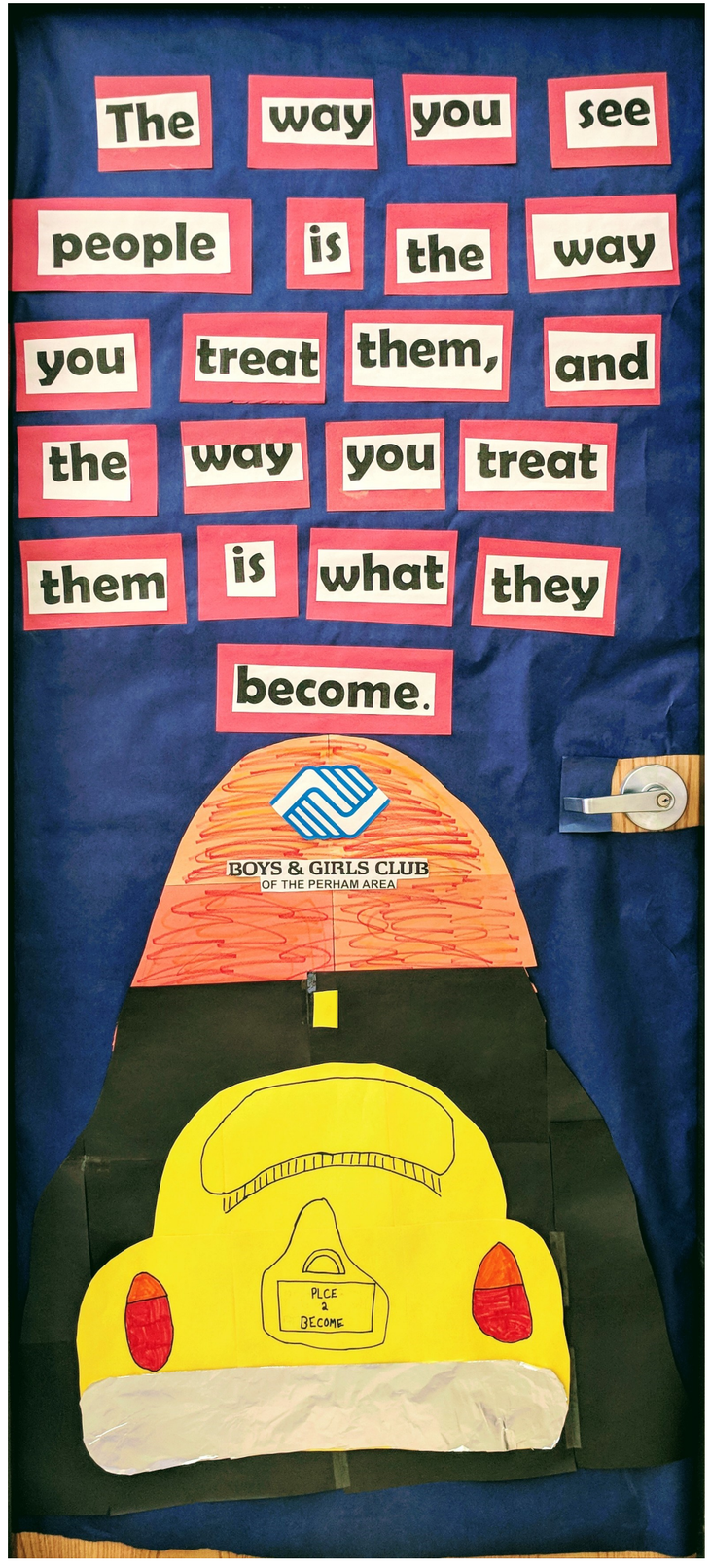
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