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BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS  
OF THE FOX VALLEY

# FUTURES

## UPCOMING EVENTS



**Thanksgiving Day,**  
**November 24, 2016**  
*Downtown Appleton*

This family event features a 5-mile run or 2-mile walk.

Proceeds partially benefit the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Fox Valley

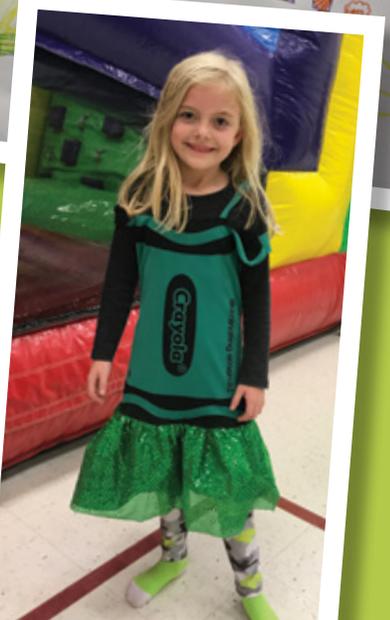


**March 11, 2017**  
*Radisson Paper Valley Hotel*

The evening combines a champagne reception and four-course premium wine dinner with live entertainment, auctions, and more.

To register and learn more, please visit  
[bgclubfoxvalley.org](http://bgclubfoxvalley.org)

## Lights on Afterschool Celebration



Each fall we celebrate Lights On Afterschool, a nationwide event that highlights quality afterschool programs and the important role these play in the lives of the children



and families in our community. In October, all nine of our Boys & Girls Clubs hosted fun family activities that let our kids do what they do best – just be kids. Of course, the success of events like these is made possible with the

help of our many volunteers.

Volunteers are everywhere in our Boys & Girls Clubs – from the board room to the kitchen, playing basketball and helping with homework, playing games, giving mock job interviews and tours of workplaces, coaching Youth of the Year candidates, leading dance competitions, and so much more.

You'll find here stories of individuals whose passion for the kids we serve knows no bounds. They, and so many others, are helping to steer our youth and the organization forward to brighter futures. You'll also find news of our Keystone and Torch Clubs. Designed to help youth develop lifelong leadership in community service, these Clubs teach planning and decision-making skills, and help Club members ultimately become responsible, productive, and caring citizens of our communities.

From all of us at the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Fox Valley, we send our warmest wishes to you and your family this holiday season.

GREG LEMKE-ROCHON  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



## Great Futures \$100,000 Matching Gift Challenge

Three families have come together this holiday season to offer a \$100,000 Matching Gift Challenge to support Boys & Girls Clubs of the Fox Valley's programs and services. All gifts to the Boys & Girls Club received through December 31st, 2016 will be matched up to \$100,000 by these generous donors. Julia, a member of the Boys & Girls Club of Appleton, shows her enthusiasm by donating \$1.25 from her own savings. Mr. Josh and all of us at the Club say, "Thank you, Julia!"



## Caring Adults

Steve Seifert, a long-standing member of the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Fox Valley's Board of Directors, was attracted to the Club's mission from the start, "Every element of the Boys & Girls Club resonated with me - its mission to reach youth most in need, teaching kids good citizenship and how to help their peers, getting support to do well in school, and fostering health and wellness."

Steve's 11 years of Board service has been inspired by special moments with Club youth, such as meeting the Boys & Girls Club's Youth of the Year candidates. He believes these young people are able to achieve their goals because of Club staff members urging them on. The opening of the new Club of Menasha in 2015 was

especially meaningful for him, "Menasha needed a place for its youth to learn and grow in a safe environment. I'm very happy the Club of Menasha was built so quickly."

Steve cites the Club's outcome measurement tools and fiscal stewardship as another way to demonstrate the success of its programs and services. He says, "At the local and national level, I trust the Boys & Girls Club movement; we could probably use a lot more Clubs in other places." Beyond that, "It's the little things, like having breakfast with the kids. The kids are happy, learning good manners, and getting good lessons all the time...If I had to design something for kids, it would be a Boys & Girls Club. It's important. The more you get to know the Club, the more impressed you'll be."

# Character & Leadership Programs



Teen Center Coordinator Kashia Thao and the Menasha Keystone Club get to work planning their next activity. Weekly meetings are an important part of Keystone Club and provide teens opportunities to make leadership decisions.



Menasha teens bake homemade goodies for a Keystone Club bake sale.



Members of the Club of Little Chute Elementary School, along with Club Director Ross Mortensen, help clear yard trimmings around the front entrance of the school.



Torch Club members from Kaleidoscope Academy volunteer for Autumn Adventure, a community event held at the Timber Rattlers Stadium. Torch Club offers younger adolescents positive group experiences that help them cultivate good character and effective leadership skills.

# Kindness is Contagious

Kaylee Akey is thrilled to be part of “Miss Elisabeth’s Lending Library” at the Boys & Girls Club of Little Chute Elementary School. Elisabeth Allen volunteers four days a week at the Club and created a treasure trove of secondhand books for Club members to enjoy. If a Club member reads for just 10 minutes, they get to keep the book and put their name in it. Kaylee, inspired by Miss Elisabeth’s idea, donated two boxes of her own books to the library. Kaylee says, “I decided that Miss Elisabeth’s heart would grow if she got those books. And then, my heart would grow if she gave those books to other children. And then, the children’s hearts would grow by getting a book.”

As Kaylee’s mother, Kara Akey is grateful for volunteers like Miss Elisabeth who inspire kids to read and spark their giving spirits. 📖



Miss Elisabeth, Kara Akey, Kaylee Akey

## SERVICE TO YOUTH AWARD WINNERS



Jeff Werner, Nancy Johnshoy, and Steve Seifert (pictured left) received the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Fox Valley’s Service to Youth Award to recognize their long, devoted, and extraordinary service to youth in the Boys & Girls Club movement. Together, Jeff, Nancy, and Steve have given 37 years of service to the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Fox Valley.

## WHAT A YEAR TO VOLUNTEER

More than **600** adult and **100** youth gave **5,278** total **hours** of volunteer service to the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Fox Valley this year. **11** individual volunteers served at **more than one** Club location and **7** individuals helped in programming areas for **more than 100** hours. **20** community groups served **more than 2,000** hours combined and **8** individuals became Boys & Girls Club staff members.



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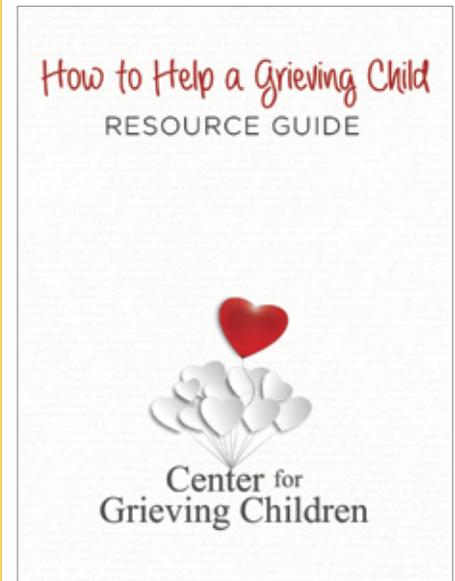
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**MISSION** — To inspire and enable all youth, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, responsible, and caring citizens.

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and Loris Damerow



The Center's new **"How to Help a Grieving Child Resource Guide,"** made possible by New York Life, offers practical information and resources to help parents and educators understand grief from a child's perspective.

To download **"How to Help a Grieving Child Resource Guide"** visit [cgcfvalley.org](http://cgcfvalley.org)

**M**ore than 140 people enjoyed **Hope & Healing**, a commemorative event to benefit the Center for Grieving Children, on October 20, 2016. A special thank you to **Chad Hershner**, featured speaker, and **Loris Damerow**, Director of the Center, for sharing stories of healing after the loss of a loved one.

