

Jasmine Thomas Wins the 2023 David Fussell Outstanding Leadership Award



From left to right, Jasmine Thomas, Sharon Fussell and LaTonya Lyons

On Wednesday February 21, 2024, over 300 educators, Club supporters, civic and corporate leaders gathered at the Westin Chattanooga to honor the Clubs 2023 teen leaders, pictured below, representing Howard, Brainerd, Tyner, Red Bank, CGLA, Chatt Prep, and GPS high schools.



Staff Spotlight

Patrick Black

Program Director,

Emma Wheeler

Patrick is a Chattanooga native, he attended Battle Academy Elementary School, East Lake Academy for middle school, and graduated from The Howard High School.

Patrick was 11 years old when he joined the Boys & Girls Clubs, and remembers his early days at the Club being filled with fun, feeling safe and learning new things. Patrick first started working at the Club as a summer camp counselor, then as a part-time program coordinator at Highland Park, and then as a Teen Program Director at the Club's Midtown Unit located on the Chatt Prep & CGLA Campus.

Patrick recently graduated from East Tennessee State University with a degree in Criminal Justice and Sociology and is now the Teen Program Director at the Club's new Emma Wheeler Unit.

"I feel personally connected to the Club's mission" states Patrick, "and helping the kids that we serve is incredibly fulfilling and motivating".

Family Wellbeing



During the 2023 holiday season, over 134 Club families, consisting of 437 children and 187 adults, participated in our annual Adopt-A-Family program. Each family provided a wish list of much needed items, and sponsors shopped and wrapped all presents. To reserve your family for the 2024 holiday season, please email: volunteer@bgccha.org



Shoes, Shoes & Shoes!

On December 13th, 2023 over 20+ local Truist employees distributed new shoes to 350 elementary school club members. The event was underwritten by Truist, Titanic Pigeon Forge and Samaritan's Feet.



Community Engagement

Every month, Marion Environmental, Inc., a Chattanooga-based company, provides our club members with gift/snack bags decorated to match the current holiday.



Jacen, an East Lake member, shows off the Easter gift bags.

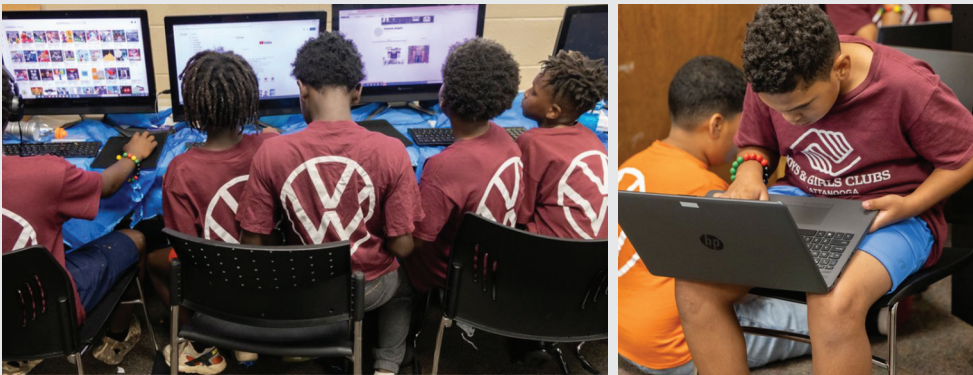
Civic Responsibility

Every spring, the Club's teen leaders spend the day in Nashville at the state capital, visiting the Governor's office, Senate and House of Representatives, as well as meeting with the Hamilton County Delegation.



Kori Atkins, on the left, and Jasmine Thomas, right are pictured meeting with Senator Bo Watson and Representative Ester Helton-Haynes.

IT Drives Learning!



The Club significantly invests in bringing the IT world to our members. Our education priorities include reading & writing, STEM, applied mathematics, and financial literacy skills. All of our Clubhouses include a large computer lab, library, and teen college & career launch pad.



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FRIDAY, MAY 3
3:00PM - 7:00PM
SATURDAY, MAY 4
10:00AM - 2:00PM

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2024 STAKE 'N BURGER DINNER

TUESDAY,
APRIL 23, 2024
5:30PM COCKTAILS
6:30PM DINNER



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