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Steak n’ Burger

Steak n’ Burger has a long and storied past. One that simply started as a way to bring the youth (the formerly known as) Boys Club served and those that gave their time, effort, and financial resources together for a shared meal. In 1972 J.W. “Bill” Brakebill did exactly that and decided that for one night the Club kids would feast on steak while the adults ate hamburgers. The goal was to bring together different cultures, ages, religions, ideals, and ethnicities to get each group to understand and appreciate what the other brought to the table. Thus, Steak n’ Burger was formed from the ideas of a few founding Boys & Girls Clubs staff members.

These visionaries knew that if they could get the supporters to pay for a seat at the table they would recognize the immediacy and social responsibility with which they needed to raise funds to keep the doors open to the club helping these kids in their community. That is exactly what they did in 1972 and continue to do this day.

With growing recognition and increased funding from supporters, the annual Steak N’ Burger event became so successful that the idea spread across the nation to Clubs from Florida to California, and from Michigan to Texas. Today, it is one of the most recognizable Boys & Girls Clubs events.

Our legacy is so much more than an event, a speaker, an evening, a dinner. It’s the spark in the mind of a child to be greater than they could have imagined. These kids not only get to see a professional speaker, but they will also see our BGCM Youth of the Year speak, bringing into perspective that what they once imagined 5 minutes ago with you, forms into action and possibility with the BGCM Youth of the Year speech. What once was thought impossible in one night can turn a young mind to attainable.

The Annual Steak n’ Burger was so successful that it began to attract notoriety from other clubs across the nation. The idea caught on quickly and many Clubs today have adopted the fundraiser.

### Steak n’ Burger

Generous supporters like you recognize that the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Memphis (BGCM) is a tangible investment by purchasing burgers...tens of thousands of them. For more than four decades, this event has raised over $6 million, helping to support thousands of youth annually in Memphis.

Tonight, we come together as a community to celebrate diversity and the limitless potential of Memphis’ youth.

Great Futures Start Here.

Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Memphis

In 1958 a group of young men met in the home of John (Buddy) Thomason determined to find a way to mentor boys in their community. Their commitment to their mission led to the founding of The Phoenix Club, an organization of young up-and-coming leaders in the community brought together for the purpose of raising funds to support a club for young boys.

The group chose to invest in a nationally recognized organization, the Boys Club of America (BCGA). They secured the needed funds, selected the old Memphis Mounted Police Station on Barksdale as the site and hired Jim Carlile as the first Executive Director. In 1962 the Barksdale Boys Club opened its doors to 120 young Memphians and the rest as they say, is history.

In the face of great need many new branches of the Boys Club sprang up in the community, first the Goodwill Boys Club in 1967, followed by The Dixie Homes Club in 1969. The Boys Club continued to grow, adding Camp Phoenix in 1972, the Valantine Club in 1973 and replacing the Barksdale Branch with the Ira Samelson Jr. Branch in 1979. Though the Valantine Club is now known as the John Dustin Buckman Branch, both of these Clubs are open today and serve hundreds of kids every week. In 1990 the Southside Boys Club became the fifth branch of the Memphis Boys Club, which now serves hundreds of kids across the city.

1996 was a year of change for the Boys Club. Jim Carlile, stepped down as the President and CEO after more than 30 years of leadership. The end of one era marked the beginning of another as the Board appointed Brad Baumgardner the second President and CEO of the organization. In a fundamental shift, the Boys Club transitioned to the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Memphis, opening our doors to all the kids of Memphis to become a safe and positive place for all.

In 2000, the organization embarked on an aggressive Capital/Endowment Campaign to renovate, construct and establish new Clubs and the state-of-the-art Technical Training Center (TTC). The TTC opened in 2006 and remains the only facility of its kind in the country. The staff has trained and placed hundreds of kids in local jobs and higher education, once again marking the foresight of our local leadership.

In September of 2006, the Hickory Hill Boys & Girls Club opened and quickly grew to 500 members strong. Now boasting six local Clubs, one Technical Training Center and a resident summer camp, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Memphis served more than 3,000 kids but the need was still great. Brad Baumgardner stepped down and Vinny Borello became the new President and CEO in 2009. In his first year, BGCM established the Sycamore View Branch as the first “partner site.”

In January of 2011, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Memphis lost Bernal E. Smith Sr., a cornerstone of the organization. Smith was recognized for his years of selfless service by being inducted into the Boys & Girls Clubs Tennessee Alliance Hall of Fame. 2012 marked the Boys & Girls Clubs 50th Anniversary and we celebrated by opening the Oakhaven Branch and serving more than 3,000 members in our six branches.

Now under the leadership of CEO Keith Blanchard, our organization is forming new strategic partnerships to help our members reach their full potential. More than 1,000 kids every day have a better chance at Academic Success, Healthy Lifestyles and Good Character and Citizenship because of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Memphis.
TIMELINE

1955  In September of 1955, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Memphis is unofficially proposed at a meeting of nine young men at the home of John “Buddy” Thomson.
1958  The Phoenix Club is formed.
1962  The first Boys Club of Memphis is opened in April at 189 South Barksdale under the leadership of Jim Carlile.
1972  J. W. “Bill” Brakenbill proposes the first Steak n’ Burger Dinner, a concept that spreads to Boys and Girls Clubs across the country.
1972  Camp Phoenix opens for the first summer of serving kids.
1978-1979  The Iris Samelson, Jr. Branch opens in an abandoned YMCA building at 894 Isabelle.
1979  The Barksdale Club becomes the Central BGCM Office.
1984  Vollintine Branch is renamed after John Dustin Buckman.
1985  Four kids attend the RAGBRAI bike trip across Iowa.
1991  The Boys Club of Memphis opens its fifth site, Southside Branch.
1992  Jim Carlile retires after leading the organization for 30 years. Jim McCalla and Bernal Smith Sr. serve as interim directors. Brad Baumgardner is named the second President/CEO of the Boys Club of Memphis.
1993  The Boys Club of Memphis follows Boys & Girls Club of America’s lead and becomes the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Memphis (BGCM).
2000  Boys & Girls Club of Memphis embarks on an aggressive campaign to renovate, construct and establish new clubs and build a state-of-the-art technical training center. With overwhelming support from the community, the campaign is a huge success.
2006  The Hickory Hill Branch opens within a year, membership grows to more than 500 youth.
2006  The Technical Training Center opens offering classes in culinary arts, logistics and distribution programs for youth ages 16 to 21. This facility elevates BGCM by making it the only Club in the country that offers such a high caliber of services.
2009  Vamp Borello is hired as the third President and CEO in the history of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Memphis. The Sycamore View Branch is established as the first partner site shared with the Sycamore View Church of Christ.
2011  Bernal Smith passed away and was named to the Boys & Girls Clubs Tennessee Alliance Hall of Fame.
2011  Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Memphis turns 50.
2012  Oakhaven Branch opens.
2014  Keith Blanchard is hired as the CEO of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Memphis.
2016  First Club site inside Shelby County School opened
2020  50th Anniversary of Camp Phoenix.

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Hello everyone,

Over the past month, our nation has faced a myriad of uncertainties as we grapple with the impact coronavirus has had on our lives and those around us. Our ability as a nation to put aside our differences and help our fellow man is something to be celebrated and not forgotten. I have the honor of witnessing the difference people can make in their communities firsthand every day as the President and CEO of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Memphis. We know the insecurities our kids face every day would get even worse as this public health crisis grew. Our kids already face the uncertainty of where their next meal will come from. They already face gaps in educational attainment and achievement. The families we serve already struggle with accessing childcare. You could only imagine how this pandemic heightens those uncertainties.

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Memphis’ commitment to not only the youth we serve but our community as a whole only gets stronger in times of crisis. We recognized that this pandemic was going to have devastating effects throughout our area and that we as local leaders were uniquely positioned to do all we could to help. It’s why we immediately began providing virtual programming for all of our sites. We reached out personally to our members to comfort them and let them know how much we care. We started serving Grab n Go meals to our members and food drop off services to those unable to pick up. We worked with our local schools to make sure our kids remained focused on academics and healthy activities.

But that resolve can only get us so far as we face lost revenue and financial instability as demand for our services increases. And we’re not the only nonprofit facing a financial quandary of how we can continue to provide critical services and aid to youth and our community while also keeping our doors open, staff compensated, and resources stocked. I can’t stress enough the dire support nonprofits such as ours need if we are to not only continue to serve our community but help our nation recover once this is over. It’s not just how we respond to a crisis, it’s how we rebuild following it.

It’s because of this that I must express my extreme gratitude on behalf of my Club staff, the youth and parents we serve as well as the community we call home, to you, our loyal supporters for “attending” our 2020 Steak n’ Burger in the midst of this crisis. I can’t even put into words the difference your support will make in the lives of our children. Financial support will enable us to continue our mission toward helping as many people as possible as we soldier on through this epidemic.

Boys & Girls Clubs are a constant and comforting presence during crises and will continue to be, but we can’t do it without the support of our community and loyal patrons like you. A heartfelt thank you, for supporting Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Memphis and our youth in a time of need so that we can continue to support our community during theirs.

Keith Blanchard
President and CEO of Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Memphis

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Steak n’ Burger Founder,

J. W. “Bill” Brakebill.

Keith Blanchard
President and CEO of Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Memphis
Dear BGCM Friends,

Since we can’t celebrate in person, we are honored to have you as our virtual guests. Like everyone else, we are working to adapt to our socially distanced world and with that, we are hosting our first virtual Steak & Burger event. For over 49 years, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Memphis have supported the kids in our community with a safe place to go after school, with excellent staff members and programs developed and supported by our national organization. Financial support for BGCM however, comes from local patrons and business partnerships. We are responsible for raising the funding needed to serve our kids and keep our Club doors open. Maintaining our ability to serve our kids and retain our staff during the coronavirus pandemic is now our top priority.

Our Steak & Burger event is always an important fund raiser but your support this year means even more than in the past. The staff, volunteers, board members and I could not be more appreciative for the difference you are making in the lives of our kids. Together, we will get through the Coronavirus Pandemic of 2020 and soon return to our normal lives. At BGCM, that means a return to our mission of enabling all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens.

The staff and board members at the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Memphis pray that you and your family remain safe and healthy during this time. And again, many thanks.

Anne Wulff, 2020 Central Board Chair
Camille Wilson currently attends Bluff City High School and is in the 10th grade. Her hardship in dealing with her parent’s divorce has helped her to push forward and not hinder her success. Camille is enrolled in honors classes while participating in her school’s choir. Camille is currently employed at a neighboring KFC restaurant, which she realizes is just a stepping stone for her as she pursues and achieves her goal to become a doctor.

Current School: South Bluff High School  College Choice: Howard University

LaStacia Cloyd

LaStacia Cloyd has been a member of the John Dustin Buckman Club for six years, and attends Central High School. This year she joined her high school wrestling team. LaStacia describes herself as an outgoing leader with a passion for songwriting. She plans to enlist in the National Guard or Army Reserves to obtain a position in the medical field before attending college to major in athletic training.

Current School: Central High School  College Choice: Middle TN State Univ.

Patricia Noel

Patricia Noel is the Oakhaven Youth of The Year. She is a six year club member of our Oakhaven Branch. She is a member of the Keystone Club and participates in most of the programs at the club. She is a senior attending Oakhaven High School where she is a member of the Mighty Hawk Band and JROTC where she holds the rank of second lieutenant.

Current School: Oakhaven High School  College Choice: Austin Peay University

Ashley Alvarez

Ashley Alvarez is 14 years old and attends White Station High School. Her G.P.A. is currently 4.2 and she plans to attend the University of Tennessee of Knoxville. In her spare time, she likes to watch Netflix, hang out with friends, and read books. At her Boys & Girls Club, she enjoys spending time with the people around her and helping staff with Power Hour, which is Homework Help, Cheer/Dance, being a Junior Staff and wherever else she is needed in her community.

Current School: White Station High School  College Choice: undecided

Jyahyara Lawson

Jyahyara Lawson is a senior at Kingsbury High School where she is a member of the school's newspaper staff and varsity track team. She has been a member of Ira Samelson Boys & Girls Club for three years. She is a member of the Torch Club and leader within the Notes for Notes Music Studio. Before coming to the club, Jyahyara’s internal struggles caused anxiety in social situations. She has an incredible fear of engaging with others. However, she credits participating in Boys & Girls Clubs programming for helping her connect with her feelings and become courageous enough to come out of her shell. At a very young age she was diagnosed with cancer but faith, hard work and a steady support system has enabled her to beat the odds and live a full, healthy and active life. She plans to attend South West College after high school and becoming a licensed cosmetologist.

Current School: Kingsbury High School  College Choice: Southwest TN Community College
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See what supporting our Boys & Girls can do.

Willis Towers Watson is a proud supporter of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Memphis.

MSC is proud to partner with Boys and Girls Club of Greater Memphis to provide safe and comfortable environments while reducing facility costs, stabilizing budgets and eliminating capital exposure.
Mearl Purvis grew up on the traditions that have molded her into an award-winning journalist and a community engaged person. Fairness, family, gratitude and compassion.

Her stories often examine the lives of the unsung heroes and heroines making a difference in their communities. Ask her what her favorite pastime activities are and with enthusiasm she will say reading to school children, enjoying art and music and interior design.

Mearl has won eight Regional Emmy Awards, the prestigious Edward R. Murrow Award, the equally prestigious George Foster Peabody Award and the J.C. Penny Missouri Award. The graduate of Jackson State University in Jackson, MS Mearl was trained to be a well-rounded journalist and learned how to write, edit, produce as well as anchor.

Her career assignments have been vast and impressive. A documentary on the life of Empress Napoleon Bonaparte took her to Paris, France and the French countryside. A personal trip to Phnom Penh, Cambodia ended with a special report after Mearl toured Tuol Sleng, the Genocide Museum, where Pol Pot’s murderous regime killed more than 12,000 people. From the horrors of what hatred can destroy to the power of what love can create, she tells her private moments with the Dalai Lama – a ‘soul makeover’. Mearl has shared a stage with four world leaders including Desmond Tutu, Mikhail Gorbachev, U.S. presidents Jimmy Carter and Bill Clinton.

Ryan Silverfield

Ryan Silverfield was named the head coach of the Memphis football program on Dec. 13, 2019 and directed the Tigers in their first-ever appearance in the Goodyear Cotton Bowl Classic against Penn State on Dec. 28, 2019.

In 2019, Silverfield served as deputy head coach and offensive line coach as Memphis won its first outright conference title in 35 years with a 29-24 win over Cincinnati at Liberty Bowl Memorial Stadium.

Silverfield also has been a part of Memphis staffs that led the program to three-straight American Athletic Conference West Division crowns from 2017-19 and four-straight bowl appearances from 2018-19. With Silverfield, Memphis has 38 wins the past four seasons, including two 10-plus win campaigns in 2017 (10-3) and 2019 (12-2).

In four seasons, Silverfield has coached five offensive linemen to all-conference honors. Collectively, Silverfield’s 2018 unit was one of 10 semifinalists for the Joe Moore Award, given to the best offensive line in college football.

A 2018 Frank Broyles Award candidate, Silverfield first came to Memphis in 2016 with over 18 years of coaching experience at the high school, college and NFL levels. He remains the only coach to have worked with an NCAA single-season rushing leader and an NFL single-season rushing leader.
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BROWN MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

SUPPORTS THE BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF GREATER MEMPHIS

SONIC America's Drive-In® is proud to support the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Memphis.

LEWIS THOMASON Proud Supporter of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Memphis
1972  WINFIELD DUNN
Winfield Dunn is a graduate from the University of Mississippi, The University of Tennessee College of Dentistry, and holds an honorary doctorate of jurisprudence from Southwestern University of Memphis. He is a former governor of Tennessee. Dunn became the first Republican governor elected in Tennessee in 50 years and is known for his statewide kindergarten program and the Department of Economic and Community Development. Winfield is chairman of “Character Counts,” which is a non-profit that advocates character development for adults and children.

1973  BILL BATTLE
Mr. Battle founded CLC in 1983. Based in Atlanta, the company is a comprehensive trademark licensing agency specializing in the protection and marketing of collegiate trademarks and brands with an emphasis on maximizing the revenue potential of licensing for its institutions. Mr. Battle came to the business of collegiate licensing after 17 years in college football, first as a player and later as a coach. He played for the University of Alabama under head coach Paul “Bear” Bryant, worked as an assistant coach and was head football coach at the University of Tennessee from 1970 until 1976.

1974  HANK AARON
Hank Aaron is known for being one of the most consistent offensive players in baseball history. He played for Milwaukee Braves, Atlanta Braves and the Milwaukee Brewers. In addition to holding the home run record of 755 he also holds the major league record for total bases, extra-base hits, and RBI. Aaron was named Most Valuable Player by the National League in 1957. He won three Gold Gloves for his play in the right field and he was named to a record 24 all-star squads.

1975  LARRY CSONKA
Larry Csonka was the All-American fullback at Syracuse University. He was named the Most Valuable Player several times throughout his career in the NFL. Csonka played with the Miami Dolphins’ and led them to three Super Bowls while earning All-Pro and Pro Bowl honors. Csonka is one of the top 20 leading runners in NFL history. He was elected in the Professional Football Hall of Fame in 1987.

1976  BUD WILKINSON
Bud Wilkinson graduated from the University of Minnesota. He started his career as an assistant football coach at the University of Oklahoma and then became the head coach and athletic director. Wilkinson led Oklahoma to the Big Six championship. His team never lost more than one game in his during his 10 years of coaching.

1977  JESSE OWENS
Jesse Owens attended Ohio State University where he began participating in track and field. In the big Ten, he set 3 world records and tied a fourth in track and field. He also set a world record in the 220-yard dash. During the Olympics in 1936, Owens became the first American in the history of Olympic Track and Field to win four gold medals in a single Olympic Game.

1978  AL MCGUIRE
Al McGuire graduated from St. John’s University in 1951 and played four years of professional basketball with the New York Knicks and the Baltimore Bullets. After several assistant coaching positions, he became the head coach for the Marquette University in 1964. He led his team to win both the NIT (1970) and 1977 NCAA championships. In 1971, McGuire was named Coach of the Year by Associated Press.

1979  GOVERNOR LAMAR ALEXANDER
Governor Lamar Alexander became the 45th governor of Tennessee in 1978. He walked 1,000 miles across Tennessee in his now famous red and black plaid shirt during his campaign. He helped Tennessee become the 3rd largest auto producer and the 1st state to pay teachers a premium for teaching well. Governor Alexander graduated from Vanderbilt University and New York University Law School.

1980  LOU HOLTZ
Lou Holtz started his coaching career in 1960 at the University of Iowa as an assistant. He was an assistant coach at William & Mary, University of Connecticut, University of South Carolina, and Ohio State during the 1960s. He became a head coach in 1969 at William & Mary taking them to their only bowl game. Coach Holtz left W&M to coach at NC State before leaving the college ranks for the NFL. In 1977, Coach Holtz became the head coach at the University of Arkansas.

1981  JERRY CLOWER
Jerry Clower graduated from Mississippi State University with a degree in Agriculture. He worked for a number of different chemical plants before he became Director of Field Services. His humorous stories improved his sales and he eventually made a comedy album. Clower made appearances at the Grand Ole Opry and traveled widely to tell his tales. He has also published four best-selling books.

1982  JAMES A. LOVELL
James Lovell graduated from the United States Naval Academy with a Bachelors Degree in Science in 1952. Lovell continued his education at Ivy League schools. He was selected as an Astronaut by NASA in 1962. He completed his fourth mission as Spacecraft Commander of the Apollo 13 flight and became the first man to journey twice to the moon. He holds the record time in space.

1983  BROOKS ROBINSON
Brooks Robinson gave a new meaning to Baltimore Orioles baseball. He holds the major league records for most hits, most games, most seasons, most chances, most putouts, most assists, and most double plays for third baseman. Robinson was named the Most Valuable Player several times in Major League Baseball.

1984  LOU BROCK
Lucernous Lou Brock helped Southern Louisiana’s baseball team win the NAIA world series championship, which led him to an offer by the Chicago Cubs in 1962. Brock began playing for St. Louis Cardinals in 1964 where broke the National League’s stolen base record. He was the oldest player to steal over 100 bases.

1985  TERRI BRADSHAW
Terry Bradshaw graduated from Louisiana Tech. One of the most dominant quarterback of NFL for the Pittsburgh Steelers, he led them to 8 AFC Championships and 4 Super Bowl titles. He was known for calling his own plays. Bradshaw was named the NFL’s “Most Valuable Player,” by the Associated Press and named All-Pro and All-AFC in 1978.

1986  DANNY WHITE
Danny White is known for setting 8 Dallas Cowboys’ records for completions and touchdown passes. He broke the touchdown passing record in his first year. White took the Cowboys to the playoffs 5 times and won 3 NFC East Titles. He is ranked 4th best in Arena Football history and was inducted into the Arena Football Hall of Fame in 2002.

1987  FRANK BROYLES
Frank Broyles graduated from Georgia Tech with a degree in Industrial Management in 1947. While at Georgia Tech, he was a star quarterback and lettered in baseball and basketball. In 1958, he became the University of Arkansas’ head football coach where he began the process of rebuilding the football team. In 1964, his team won all 11 games and was voted “National Champion” by the Football Writers Association of America. He also won the American Football Coaches Association “Coach of the Year Award” in 1964.

1988  GOVERNOR LAMAR ALEXANDER
In 1987, after serving two terms as Governor, Lamar Alexander became the president of the University of Tennessee. During his time as Governor, he helped Tennessee become the 3rd largest auto producing state. Tennessee was also the first state to pay teachers a premium for teaching well. Governor Alexander is a classical and country pianist.

1989  PAUL TUDOR JONES
Paul Tudor Jones is the president and founder of Tudor Investment Corp., one of the best known and most successful macro hedge funds. Jones got his start in the trading business on the floor of the former New York Cotton Exchange and has favored the futures markets for his trading strategies. Jones was a director on the FIA board for many years, and has contributed time and energy to charity, most notably through his financial and personal support for the Robin Hood Foundation, an organization dedicated to fighting poverty in New York City.

1990  ROOSEVELT “ROSEY” GRIER
Roosevelt Grier attended Penn State University. He started his professional career in football with the New York Giants. Grier then went to play for the Los Angeles Rams, where he became one of the best defensive linemen in football history. He earned Pro Bowl Honors three times. He is now an inspirational speaker, and cofounder of American Neighborhood Enterprises, an organization works to help disadvantaged city dwellers buy homes and receive vocational training.

1991  REGGIE WHITE
Reggie White is known for being one of the best athletes to play defensive end in the National Football League’s history. He was a two-time NFL Defensive Player of the Year and set a Super Bowl record with three sacks. White has worked diligently in the off-season with inner-city youth and was the associate minister of Inner City Church in Knoxville.

1992  WILFIE ALAN
Willie Davis graduated from Grambling University and went to the University of Chicago for his master’s degree in business. He played for the Green Bay Packers’ where he made all pro five times, played in 5 NFL title games, and the first two Super Bowls. He entered the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 1981 for never missing a game over the course of 12 years.
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1993 DON HUTSON
Don Hutson graduated from the University of Memphis with a degree in sales. He became #1 salesperson in a national training organization. Hutson has been President of National Speakers Association (NSA) and received the “Cavett Award” in 1991. He was awarded the International Speakers Hall of Fame Award.

1994 DREW BROWN
Drew Brown graduated from Southern University with a bachelor’s in business administration. He joined the U.S. Navy in 1981 and during his storied career he earned the “Wings of Gold.” His other awards include The Meritorious Service Medal, The Freedom Foundation Medal, and The Congressional Black Caucus Male Achievement Award. Brown is well known for his leadership capabilities and his book, “You Gotta Believe.”

1995 ARCHIE MANNING
Archie Manning attended the University of Mississippi where he was named the “All-American Quarterback,” and is the only Ole Miss Player to have his number retired. Manning was inducted into the National Football Foundation College Hall of Fame. He won the Byron “Whizzer” White Humanitarian Award and the Bert Starr Humanitarian Award. Manning operates the Manning Passing Academy, which is a summer camp for high school quarterbacks and receivers.

1996 HENRY FRANKLIN WINKLER
Henry Winkler received a Bachelor’s Degree in 1967 from Emerson College, Master of Fine Arts in 1970 from Yale University, and Ph.D. in Hebrew Literature in 1978 from Emerson College. Winkler is a familiar face from the popular 1970’s and 1980’s show “Happy Days” where he played the role of Arthur “Fonzie” Fonzarelli. Currently he is producing and directing television shows and movies.

1997 DAVE WINFIELD
Dave Winfield was drafted by four different professional teams for three different professional sports out of the University of Minnesota - the San Diego Padres - MLB, the Atlanta Hawks- NBA, the Utah Stars - ABA, and Minnesota Vikings - NFL. He was known for his cannon arm and played for six different MLB teams during his career which spanned from 1973-1995. He won the Roberto Clemente Award in 1994 for his humanitarian activities.

1998 JACKIE JOYNER-KERSEE
Jackie Joyner-Kersee came from an impoverished East St. Louis neighborhood and rose to stardom as an incredible athlete. She excelled in track and field as well as basketball. Joyner-Kersee or “Super Woman” held the American record for the long jump. She competed in four different Olympic Games ’84, ’88, ’92, & ’96. At the Olympics Games, she won a total of three gold, one silver and one bronze medal. She was the first woman to hold the heptathlon world record and it still has not been broken.

1999 KYLE ROTE, JR.
Kyle Rote, Jr. started playing soccer at 16 years old. At age 21 he became the number one pick of NASL by the Dallas Tornados. Three times he won ABC’s “Super Stars” competition. He was later named as “Greatest Athlete of the Millennium” by ESPN. Kyle Rote, Jr. is known for being the only American born player to ever win professional soccer league championship for the NASL.

2000 TEE MARTIN
Tee Martin is a graduate of the University of Tennessee, where he earned a Bachelor’s Degree in Child and Family Studies. As starting quarterback, Martin led the University of Tennessee to the national Football Championship in 1999. He was an active member of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Mobile as he was growing up and credits his Club experience for much of his leadership skills in making life-long decisions.

2001 JOHN CALIPARI
John Calipari is a graduate from Clarion State in 1982. He was the Head Basketball Coach for the Memphis Tigers and is among the few who have won 300 or more games in their first 13 years. Calipari has always stressed the importance of education and subsequently the overall graduation rate of his players have improved.

2002 ROBIN ROBERTS
Robin Roberts graduated from Southeastern Louisiana University with a Bachelor’s Degree in 1983 in Communications. She was the 3rd all-time leading basketball scorer and rebounder. She began her career as a sports director at Atlantic and Nashville radio. In 1989, she joined ESPN as a sportscaster and in 1995, she joined ABC News “Good Morning America.” She is very well-known for her versatile coverage on prime-time television.

2003 LEE CORSO
Lee Corso, one of college football’s most opinionated and entertaining analysts, is a member of ESPN’s college football team. Corso, in his 17th year with ESPN, serves as game analyst for the ESPN College Football Thursday Night telecasts and as studio analyst for Game Day. He joined the network after 28 years as a coach at the college and professional levels, including 17 seasons as a head coach. A graduate of Florida State University, Corso earned a Bachelor’s Degree in Physical Education and a Master’s Degree in Administration and Supervision.

2004 TOMMY WEST
Tommy West, former Clemson head football coach who came to Memphis in 2000 as defensive coordinator. He became the Tigers’ 21st head coach on November 30, 2006. The hiring proved to be very beneficial for the University of Memphis football program as the popular coach has led the Tigers to two consecutive bowl appearances. He earned a Bachelor’s Degree at the University of Tennessee while playing tight end.

2005 A.C. WHARTON
Mayor A.C. Wharton has been a public servant for more than two decades, starting in 1980 when he was appointed Shelby County Public Defender. Wharton graduated from Tennessee State University and University of Mississippi Law School. He was the first ever African-American professor of law at the University of Mississippi from 1974 until 1999 while in private practice. He was elected Mayor of Shelby County in 2002.

2006 PEYTON MANNING
Peyton Manning finishes his college career at the University of Tennessee as the most winning quarterback in SEC history. He accumulated 42 NCAA, SEC, and Tennessee records. Peyton was selected by the Indianapolis Colts as the first pick in the 1998 NFL Draft. A six-time Pro Bowl selection and two-time MVP, he has produced totals during his career that rank among the best in NFL history. Peyton established The PeyBack Foundation in 1999 to promote the future success of disadvantaged youth by assisting established programs that provide leadership and growth opportunities for children at risk.

2007 HERMAN BOONE
Herman Boone is a former football coach at T.C. Williams High School in Alexandria, Virginia. His first year as the Head Coach at T.C. Williams High School was subject to controversy due to the court-ordered integration. The integration of the football team was the subject of the film Remember the Titans. Boone was portrayed in the movie by Denzel Washington.

2008 DOMINIQUE DAWES
Dominique Dawes started in gymnastics at the age of six and by the mere age of 10 she was competing. She was placed in the international spotlight in the 1992 Olympics in Barcelona, Spain and was the first African-American to ever qualify for the Olympic Games. Dawes is a 3-time Olympian and Olympic Gold Medalist. She was inducted into Gymnastics Hall of Fame in 2005 and currently she serves as the President of the Women’s Sports Foundation.

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2017 ROBYN BOWDEN
Robyn Bowden is known for her affable charm as he is for his championship teams. The legendary college football coach guided Florida State University to more than three hundred victories, two national championships, and twelve Atlantic Coast Conference titles, finishing in the top five in the country in 14 straight seasons, and led the Seminoles to Bowl Games in 28 consecutive seasons during his 34 year tenure. The patriarch of college football’s most famous coaching family, Bowden was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame in 2006.
2014 JAY MARTIN
Jay serves as President and CEO of Juice Plus+, the Company he founded in 1970, continuing to be motivated by the words that inspired him 50 years ago to found this great Company. Words that today are cast in bronze at the entrance of Juice Plus+ World Headquarters in Collierville, Tennessee, words that have become the Company’s Mission Statement: “TO BUILD A STABLE AND LASTING COMPANY THAT WILL HELP AS MANY PEOPLE AS POSSIBLE REALIZE THEIR DREAMS.”

2015 RICHARD MONTANEZ
Richard Montañez began as a janitor at the Frito-Lay Rancho Cucamonga plant in California in 1976, until he invented the Flamin’ Hot Cheeto. From this inspiration, the Flamin’ Hot line of products was born. Flamin’ Hot Cheetos influenced future ethnic products and the first Frito-Lay Hispanic marketing team. Montañez is the company’s top Latino executive and leads Multicultural Sales & Community Promotions across PepsiCo’s North America Divisions.

2016 ANFERNEE PENNY HARDAWAY
Growing up in the Binghampton neighborhood of Memphis, Tennessee, Penny was raised by his grandmother while his mother was away at work. His grandmother would call him “Pretty,” but with a deep southern accent, it sounded like “Penny,” which resulted in the nickname. Penny attended the Ira Samelson, Jr. Boys & Girls Club, where to this day, past Board Members are able to recall seeing sixth grade Penny dunk a basketball on a ten-foot goal. After graduating from Treadwell High School, Penny went to The University of Memphis where he played until 1993 when he was drafted by the Golden State Warriors as the 3rd overall pick in the NBA draft. Penny has often times been compared to Magic Johnson due to his size and quickness. As an alumni of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Memphis, we are beyond thrilled to welcome Penny back home to inspire many, especially our kids.

2017 BUTCH JONES
The University of Tennessee announced on Dec. 7, 2012 the hiring of Butch Jones as the 24th head football coach of the Vols. Jones owns a 71-44 record (.617) in nine seasons as a head coach prior to the 2016 season, and his teams have earned bowl appearances in seven of his first nine seasons as a head coach. Jones joined UT from the University of Cincinnati, where he finished with a 23-14 record (.657) in three seasons with the Bearcats. A staple of Jones’ programs has been success in the classroom, and the Vols have made great strides academically during his tenure. Tennessee has posted the highest team GPAs in program history under Jones, including a record 2.85 in Spring 2015 and a 2.80 cumulative GPA average in Spring 2016.
PAST SnB SPEAKERS

2018 MIKE NORVELL
Mike Norvell stepped off the plane in the Bluff City December 4, 2015, as he became the 24th head coach for the University of Memphis football program. The youngest FBS head coach in the nation at the time of his hiring (aged 34). In his first season he had the most wins by a first year head coach in program history and was the first to lead the tigers to bowl eligibility his rookie season. Norvell came to Memphis with an ability to develop dynamic defenses, and his first season with the Tigers did not disappoint. Prior to coming to Memphis, Norvell coached at Arizona State, Central Arkansas, Tulsa, and Pittsburgh. Norvell played wide receiver at Central Arkansas from 2001 to 2005 and is the school's all-time receptions leader.

2019 BARRETT JONES
Barrett Jones was born and raised in Memphis, where he graduated from Evangelical Christian School. Jones was considered a four-star recruit by Rivals.com, and was listed as the No. 1 center in the nation in 2008. He received an athletic scholarship to attend the University of Alabama, where he played for coach Nick Saban's Crimson Tide football team from 2008 to 2012. After redshirting his initial year at Alabama, Jones started all 14 games for Alabama's 2009 national championship team at right guard. He was the winner of the 2011 Outland Trophy given to the best lineman in college football. Barrett ended his Alabama career winning 3 BCS National Championships - each championship at a different position - as an All-American guard, an All-American right tackle, and an All-American center in 2013, Jones was drafted by the Rams in the fourth round of the NFL Draft and proceeded to play in the NFL for 3 seasons. He currently lives in Memphis with his wife Katie and is an ESPN College Football Analyst.

COSTLY BURGERS
When you were ten years old and your imagination was at its best you probably dreamed of being a flying crime fighter, catching Moby Dick, winning a gold medal at the Olympics --- or maybe going to dinner with the governor where he ate a hamburger and you ate a steak! Dreams change with age.

Governor Winfield Dunn addressed anticipated statesmen, such as a hamburger in front of the mayor and steaks for Club members Milton Levi. The Governor was an ace who paid $100 for the Boys' Club members and enjoy a host of fun experiences at the three Clubs throughout the year. Presenting over 1,000 club members enjoyed themselves and talking about their clubs and how great it was, and so, to be 10 years old and have so many adult friends who care about them. The burger-eaters are now members of the Honorary Board of Directors, Boys' Clubs of Memphis. This year's Steak and Burger dinner was their first annual meeting. “The event was a tremendous success,” announced Chairman Sam B. Hubscher, from Canton. Thanks to them.

In his closing remarks Governor Dunn asked each of the boys present to do him a favor, “Try to convey to others by your leadership, and your character, and ideas, such an image that they will want to be like you.”

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Program Director: Nyron Hawkins

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Club Director: Ron Nelson
Program Director: Avis Monso

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Director: David Keigan

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Club Director: Eldridge Walker
Program Director: Taurus Britton

OAKHAVEN CLUB
3900 Tchulahoma Road
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Club Director: Lawrence Kris Young
Program Director: Kelly Thomas

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903 Walker Avenue
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Director of Career Development: JaMeko Williams
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SYCAMORE VIEW CLUB
1910 Sycamore View
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Program Director: Tevaris Douglas

PROMISE ACADEMY SPRING HILL CLUB
978 Frayser-Raleigh Road
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Program Director: Stacy Green

PROMISE ACADEMY HOLLYWOOD CLUB
1346 Bryan Street
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Club Director: Chantelle Bonds
Program Director: Drushrena Kyles

OUR PROGRAMS

3 CORE AREAS

ACADEMIC SUCCESS
The goal is to enable youth to be proficient in basic educational disciplines so that they are able to apply learning to everyday situations and embrace technology to optimize skills and employability.

CHARACTER & LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT
Leadership programs empower youth to support and influence their Club, community & peers, sustain meaningful relationships, and develop a positive self-image. Club members are given the opportunity to learn about planning, decision-making and how to contribute to their Club and community.

HEALTHY LIFESTYLES
These programs help young people develop the capacity to engage in positive behaviors that nurture their own well-being, set personal goals, and develop competencies that will help them to live successfully as self-sufficient adults.
Great futures begin when we put kids first

First Horizon is proud to support the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Memphis and other organizations like it that see great potential in all our children and invest in their futures.
CLUB & PROGRAM DIRECTOR BIOS

Bernal E. Smith Club

Club Director, Eldridge Walker - Eldridge Walker is a native of West Point, Mississippi and a graduate of Mississippi State University. He has 13 years of Non-Profit management/youth development experience as well as a licensed and certified insurance broker. Eldridge has a true passion for helping people, especially youth, as he believes it is his calling from God. In his spare time, he enjoys traveling, reading, playing basketball, and spending time with his son, Eth.

Program Director, Taurus Britton - Taurus Britton is a native Memphian. A graduate of Lenoir-Rhyne College, Britton received a BS in Criminal Justice, and is working on his Masters in Criminal Justice with a Low Enrollment concentration. Before joining BGCM, he worked at Youth Villages. Taurus is an alumnus of the Bernal E. Smith Club, and is now glad to be giving back and supporting youth from the same community he grew up in.

Craigmont Club

Club Director, Chris Gainer - Growing up in the inner city of Memphis, Chris had to work hard and prove himself at all times. He grew up in the Irwin Samelson Boys & Girls Club with friends such as Penny Hardaway and Elliot Perry. Each of them went on to play in the NBA, and Chris is now ready to use his experiences playing basketball to teach and show the kids of Memphis that "Dreams Do Come True."

Program Director, Donte’ Pryor - Donte’ Pryor is a dedicated and hardworking individual who loves working with youth of all ages. He is a former math teacher that also mentored & tutored the youth at his church over the past five years. He recently decided to leave the classroom back in September of 2017 to join the staff at the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Memphis to serve the youth of the city in a different capacity.

Ira Samelson Jr Club

Club Director, Gwendolyn Woods - Gwendolyn Woods was born and raised in Memphis, TN. Growing up in the inner city of Memphis, Gwendolyn has faced many challenges. However, the foundation from her mother and mentorships significantly impacted her life as a child and pushed her to achieve greater goals for herself which included receiving athletic scholarship and obtaining her Bachelors and Master’s Degree. Because of the support she has received, she is passionate about attempting to do that for our kids today. Gwendolyn has been blessed with several opportunities to work with youth in different organizations and is excited about being a part of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Memphis Organization.

Program Director, Nybone Hawkins - Born October 17, 1969 in Montgomery, AL. The fourth child to Martha Hawkins in a single parent household. Signed with Memphis State University in 1988 on a scholarship. Obtained a degree in Communications from University of Memphis in 2007. Has been a leader in the Memphis non-profit arena for over 16 years. Has tirelessly work to improve the plight of the youth of Memphis and Shelby County since leaving Professional Athlete. Selected as the University of Memphis Black Alumni Chapter Alumna President. Married to wife Yolanda D. Hawkins of 18 years. We share a daughter Nyia Simone Hawkins.

John Dustin Buckman Club

Club Director, Ron Nelson - Growing up, Ron was a member of the Dixie Boys Club for 11 years under the direction of Ben Smith. In 2005, he became the Program Director at the John Dustin Buckman Branch. While serving in this capacity, he has instilled positive character and leadership skills to high-need programming for over 500 youth.

Program Director, Avis Monso - Avis N. Monso is a native Memphian and a graduate of Northridge High, The Health Care Institute and Tennessee State University. I am a certified CNA and have a B.S in Family Consumer Science with an emphasis in Child Development and Family Relationships. I worked as a Pre-K teacher for Head Start for 7 years and currently work as a Program Director. After residing in Georgia as a Pre-K Teacher, I returned back to Memphis and continued working as a Pre-K Teacher until finding my way back to John Dustin Buckman Boys & Girls Club, where I currently serve as a Program Director. I have a strong passion for working with the youth.

Oakhaven Club

Club Director, Lawrence Kris Young - Lawrence originally came to the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Memphis as a club member at the Goodwill unit. He later served as Program Director at the Ben E. Smith Club and now serves as the Club Director at the Oakhaven Club. Lawrence continues to set a great example for the members of the youth for which you can achieve if you set your mind to it.

Program Director, Kelly Thomas - Kelly was born and raised in Memphis, before becoming Program Director, Kelly worked for the Parks & Neighborhoods division for the City of Memphis as a Recreation Leader. His love and desire to see children and young adults reach their goals and see their dreams fulfilled drive him to work to the best of his ability.

Promise Academy, Spring Hill

Club Director, Eric Dupree - Eric Dupree was born and raised in Memphis, TN. He has a strong passion to encourage, enlighten and empower the youth of today through his daily life experiences. He has served as Youth Coordinator at his local church and Auxiliary Juvenile Probation Officer for the city. He believes in the saying, “You have to be the change that you want to see.” He is excited to be a part of the Boys & Girls Clubs Of Greater Memphis and a true believer that Great Futures Start Here.

Program Director, Athanasia “Stacy” Green - Stacy grew up as part of a military family, but she mostly grew up in Baltimore, Maryland. She relocated to Memphis for high school, where she attended Tennessee State University and the University of Memphis College of Art (MCA). In 2018 Stacy received a Bachelors degree in Fine Arts with an emphasis in metal work from MCA. After graduation she accepted an apprenticeship with a local Silversmith for two years. All the while volunteering for different arts institutions in the Memphis area, teaching art classes and workshops. Stacy is passionate about teaching young people creativity and exploration in a safe and fun environment.

Promise Academy, Hollywood

Club Director, Chantelle Bonds - Chantelle Bonds was born in Chicago, IL. And raised in Memphis, TN. Chantelle has a passion for children and for the community. Growing up in the inner City of Memphis, she attended the Porter Boys & Girls club and graduated from Booker T Washington High School. She received her B.S. in Human Resource Development and Family Studies from the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff and her Masters in Business Administration from Independence University.

Program Director, Drusheena Kyles - Drusheena Kyles is a native Memphian and a graduate of The George Washington University. She specializes in General Education Development and Host Workshops, Seminars, and Events to promote college readiness and career development to prepare Boys & Girls Clubs trainees for successful careers.

Porter Goodwill Club

Program Director, Akumi Okuwubuia - "I’ve been a Memphis native all my life and was raised by an Alumna of the Vols in Neyland Stadium. Experiencing great Memphis eateries is a close second. I believe that “Success isn’t just about what you accomplish in your life; it’s about what you inspire others to do.”

Jayla Sims - Jayla Sims is a Memphis native, Lausanne Collegiate and University of Memphis alumna. She is passionate about mentoring and developing youth into future leaders. Jayla is very excited to serve students in internships, as well as helping them navigate the university and establish a strong personal brand.

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Join us in 2020 once again at Chickasaw Country Club! The Golf Course, originally designed by William Langford, went under a full renovation in 2018 by Bill Bergin, and consists of TifTappend greens and amazing views.

Enjoy the largest amateur tennis tournament in the Mid-South which attracts over 300 guests and players. Friday come play in our NEW pickleball tournament at Memphis Country Club. Saturday morning you will take to the courts at 4 local country clubs and enter a round robin style tournament vying for the top spot on the leader board.

Players and guests are invited to join the after party later that same night at Crosstown Concourse, this event is open to the public. There is a large silent auction with an online option so you can bid from your phone, complimentary appetizers & cocktails, music, and a ping pong tournament that is always entertaining.

COACH COCHRAN GOLF CLASSIC
Monday, October 5th & Tuesday, October 6th
Chickasaw Country Club

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Friday, July 31st Pickelball Tournament - Memphis Country Club
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