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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 of Memphis’ youth.

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

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 kids in their community. That is exactly what they did in 1972 and continue to do to this day.

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 form the (formerly known as) 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.

The group chose to invest in a nationally recognized organization, the Boys Club of America (BCA). They secured the needed funds, selected the old Memphis Mounted Police Station on Barksdale as the site and hired Jim Carille as the first Executive Director. In 1962 the Barkdale 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 Hornes Club in 1969. The Boys Club needed to grow, adding Camp Phoenix in 1972, the Vollintine Club in 1973 and replacing the Barksdale Branch with the Ira Samelson Jr. Branch in 1979. Though the Vollintine 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.

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.

In 1996 was a year of change for the Boys Club. Jim Carille, 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 Baumgarten 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 Baumgarten stepped down and Vinny Borrello 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.
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” Thomason.
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” Brakelbill 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 Ira Samelson, Jr. Branch opens in an abandoned YMCA building at 894 Isabelle.
1979 The Barksdale Club becomes the Central BGCM Office.
1984 Vollintine Club 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 Vinny 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 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.
2012 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.
2021 50th Anniversary Steak n’ Burger Dinner
Dear BGCM Friends,

On behalf of the staff, volunteers and kids at the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Memphis, I would like to welcome you to our 50th Annual Steak ‘n’ Burger dinner! This unique annual event has been bringing our Club members and supporters, like you, together to share a meal for five decades. Tonight, I would encourage you to share your insight and listen to the many success stories from our Club members of how the Boys & Girls Clubs have affected their lives. Of course, none of these meaningful stories would be possible if it were not for my wonderful staff and volunteers who work tirelessly to make a difference in the lives of our children and teens.

Every day, more than 1,200 kids between the ages of 6-18 count on our Clubs to provide an after-school meal, a caring mentor, computers for homework, intramural sports, art classes and a safe and positive environment to achieve their full potential. In addition, our Juice Plus+ Technical Training Center provides our young adults, ages 16-21 with career exploration, opportunities, exposure, technical skills, and training they need to access the jobs and career pathways of the future.

Together, we are raising Memphis higher, raising expectations for life and raising hope. Our Club kids are going somewhere – 100% of our seniors graduate with a plan for their future, more than half headed to vocational schools, two-year and four-year colleges and some to armed forces, with 71% of our teens expecting to graduate from college, 73% of our kids getting A’s and B’s and 94% successfully transitioning from grade to grade.

Again, thank you for joining us tonight. We hope you enjoy the evening and getting to know our kids as much as they enjoy getting to know you.

Keith Blanchard, President and CEO

Bringing Communities Together for 49 Years of Steaks, Burgers, and Conversations.

In Honor of the Man Who Started It All, Steak n’ Burger Founder,

J. W. “Bill” Brakebill.
Dear BGCM Friends,

We are excited to have you attend the 50th anniversary of the Steak & Burger event! We appreciate your support. BGCM provides a safe place, caring adult mentors, fun, friendship and high-impact youth development programs on a daily basis during critical non-school hours. We know clubs make a difference based on the strong positive outcomes youth experience:

• 100 percent of seniors graduate, and 100 percent of graduates go to college, get a job, or join the military.
• 81 percent of BGCM members show an increase in homework completion.
• 57 percent of alumni said the club saved their life.
• The percentage of Club girls who express an interest in a STEM career (47 percent) is more than three times greater than that of their same-aged female peers nationally (15 percent).

During the pandemic, the BGCM provided meals and computer access when to students in need. The BGCM relies on individual donations and corporate partnerships for support to provide the resources necessary to continue its mission. We are excited about our recently announced partnership with the City of Memphis and Shelby County Schools to expand our programming to the schools. We are grateful for the support of tonight’s speaker, Mayor Jim Strickland, for helping to make it a reality. Thanks again for being here and supporting the work of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Memphis.

Michael Keeney, 2021 Central Board Chair

Greetings Steak N’ Burger Family and Friends,

2021 has been a better year in comparison to 2020 when we speak of our ability to socialize with one another, although, we are still living through a pandemic. The pandemic has led to more creative ways to stay in contact with one another, while at the same time, remain safe by socially distancing ourselves and wearing our masks. With the schools returning to in-person learning, our Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Memphis continue to be a place of refuge for so many students in our area and are very important to the livelihood of the students who participate in them. It is with great honor and privilege that I welcome you to the 50th Annual Steak N’ Burger.

Throughout the pandemic, our clubs continued to provide vital resources to the students in the Memphis area. We were able to provide support for our parents who continued to work through the pandemic by offering them a place for their children to learn virtually in a safe environment. We were able to do this because of your generous financial support to our organization. For decades, this support has changed the lives of so many youths through the life-altering opportunities they can experience at the clubs.

The support you give changes the lives of the students and the people they interact with within our communities on a daily basis. The staff and students at the Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Memphis say “Thank You” for all that you do and for the financial support which is a blessing to so many in so many ways.

Bianca J Sweeten MD, FAAP, Chair
Join the Heritage Club

The Heritage Club is an association of friends of the Boys & Girls Clubs from all across the county, like you, these people seek to ensure that the future needs of our city & youth are met by including the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Memphis in their estate plan. This planning might include a will, a charitable gift annuity, a trust or an insurance policy.

The process is easy, let our Development Team help.

Contact Rachel Reddin at RachelR@bgcm.org or 901.205.1193

Ashley Alvarez is 15 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 at 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.

Her platform for running for National Youth of the Year:
“Most older generations have given up on the younger generations. They are bombarded daily with young people in the news for making bad decisions. Most young people need solid role models or leaders in their lives. There are great young people like myself, in this country that are to make a difference in their communities in order to make the world a better place. We as youth must persevere. We must find a way to continue to be relevant even in the unfortunate circumstances. We must put in work. Even when no one believes in us, we must believe in ourselves. I envision today’s American youth being the next generation. I firmly believe we can achieve this. As Youth of the Year, I will advocate for positive ways to make this happen within Clubs, communities and schools.”

How our Club helped her overcome obstacles going into middle school and on to high school:
“Classes in middle school were harder than elementary school. I would be stressed out about classes and work just as hard to maintain my GPA and sometimes it was expected from my parents to maintain the same grades I had in elementary. White Station Middle School is a much harder school. I found it difficult and hard. I recall the first progress report I received in Middle School and I made an 84, which is a high on the grading scale and two points from an A. Tears instantly began to fill my eyes and I was devastated. I also knew my mother would not be pleased with a B. When I walked into the Club that day, Ms. Redd instantly picked on my demeanor and the look of disappointment on my face and began to talk towards me. We met in the middle of the gym floor and that’s when I began to cry again while explaining to her what was wrong. First she gave me a side hug and looked at me and said, “We talked about this during the summer and I told you guys that Middle School is totally different from Elementary School.” I responded to her by saying, “Don’t I know it now” and we both just started laughing. Afterwards we talked in her office on how to better handle disappointment in school and better management of time. When my mother came to pick me up from the Club that night, Ms. Redd and my mother met in her office to talk about better ways to motivate me and she explained to my mother about transitioning to a higher level in school. Middle school and Ms. Redd prepared me for my freshman year of White Station high school, so I know what is expected and what I am up against as far as classes. Now I take it a little easy on myself. We are not perfect and sometimes things happen. Learn how to adapt to a new setting or atmosphere.”

We are proud to have our Club member Ashley Alvarez as our Youth of the Year for 2021. We know she will go on to a Great Future!
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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.
Jim Strickland was sworn in as mayor of Memphis for a second term on January 1, 2020, with a continued pledge to reinvest in our neighborhoods, our citizens, and to keep growing our economy.

Mayor Strickland’s vision is to reverse population loss through a strategy that reinvests in Memphis’ core and its neighborhoods—changing a long-held view that Memphis should grow outward. The mayor said his administration will focus on “building up, not building out,” and through the implementation of the city’s first long-range plan in nearly 40 years—Memphis 3.0—and the recently announced $200 million Accelerate Memphis: Invest in Neighborhoods project, we’re doing just that.

Mayor Strickland is a 1982 graduate of Christian Brothers High School, a 1986 graduate of the University of Memphis and a 1989 graduate of the School of Law at the U of M. He practiced law at Glankler Brown PLLC from 1990 to 1998, when he began practicing at Kustoff & Strickland PLLC, where he remained until becoming mayor.

Mayor Strickland was elected to the Memphis City Council in 2007, and served as its chairman in 2014. In eight years representing District 5, then-councilman Strickland became known for fighting for government transparency and public safety.

Community service has long been a part of Mayor Strickland’s life. He has served with various organizations, such as the St. Vincent de Paul Soup Kitchen, where he continues to volunteer. He is a gold life member of the NAACP.

Mayor Strickland is married and has two children.

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 past time 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 Emperor 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 calls 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.

Otis Morris was born July 15, 2010 in Memphis, TN. It was discovered at the early age of 2 years old that Otis had a musical gift. He would perform different kinds of songs from popular T.V. shows and iconic artists. He began taking his music career seriously at a young age. By 2018, he had been featured on mainstream platforms like The Ellen DeGeneres Show and Steve Harvey.

You can expect to receive a dynamic show from the young rapper. Yung Hunnid raps positive lyrics intended to inspire and uplift people of all ages. Clean, inspiring with a swagged out sound that will leave you wanting to see more from this talented kid.

Though he is inspirational, he remains very humanitarian in nature. He loves to help people which is why he expresses that he wants to be a doctor later in life. It’s obvious that this kid has big plans. For now, he chooses to focus on school, music, and having fun at the Samelson Club!

Otis Morris is one of our very own Club members from the Ira Samelson Jr Boys & Girls Club. He got his start in our Notes 4 Notes studio within the Club.

He was most recently featured as one of the 10 talented youth chosen to perform at the Boys & Girls Clubs of America National Convention in May.

We’re proud of Otis a look forward to his Great Future!!

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1972 WINFIELD DUNN

Winfield Dunn is a graduate of 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 chairmen of "Character Counts," which is a non-profit that advocates character development for adults and children.

1973 BILL BATTLE

Mr. Battle founded CCL in 1983, a consulting firm 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 755-11 he also holds the major league record for total bases, extra-base hits, and RBIs. 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 Bowl’s while earning All-Pro and Pro Bowl honors. Csonka is one of the top 20 leading runnners 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 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 three world records and tied a fourth in track and field. 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. In 1979, Governor Lamar Alexander 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 10 years of coaching.

1979 GOVERNOR LAMAR ALEXANDER

Governor Lamar Alexander became the 45th governor of Tennessee in 1978. He walked 1,000 miles across Tennessee in his noble red and black plaid shirt during his campaign. He helped Tennessee become the 3rd largest auto producer and the 1st state to pay teachers more 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 1960’s. 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 of the University of Arkansas.

1981 JERRY CLOWELL

Jerry Czower 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. Clown 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 Louisiana State University where 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 1st American to walk on 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 in six different times in Major League Baseball.

1984 LOU BROCK

Larcenous Lou Brock helped Southern Louisiana’s baseball team win the NIAA 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 he broke the National League’s stolen base record. He was the oldest player to steal over 100 bases.

1985 TERRY BRADSHAW

Terry Bradshaw graduated from Louisiana Tech. One of the most dominant quarterbacks of NFL for the Pittsburgh Steelers, he led them to 8 AFC Central 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 1 year. White took the Cowboys to the playoffs 6 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 founder and president 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 lineman in football history. He earned Pro Bowl Honors three times. He is now an inspirational speaker, and co-founder 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 WILLIE DAVIS

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 six NFL title games, and the first two Super Bowls. He entered the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 1989 for never missing a game over the course of 12 years.
Baker Donelson is proud to support the good work of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Memphis.

Here’s to a successful 49th Annual Steak n’ Burger Dinner!
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 inducted into 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 20-year 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 Bart 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 - NBA, and Minnesota Vikings - NFL. He was known for his cannon arm and played for the six different MLB teams during his career which spanned from 1973-1995. He won the Roberto Clemente Award in 1987.

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 silver, one gold and one bronze medal. She was the first woman to hold the heptathlon world record and it has still not been broken.

1999 KYLE ROTE, JR.
Kyle Rote, Jr. started playing soccer at age 18 years old. At age 21 he became the number one pick of NASL by the Dallas Tornadoes. Three times he won ABC's "SuperStars" 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 BOBBY BOWDEN
Bobby Bowden is known as much for his 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. In 2006, Bowden announced his decision to retire after the 2006 season after 34 years as head coach.

2001 JOHN CALIPARI
John Calipari is a graduate of Clarion State in 1982. He was the Head Basketball Coach for the Memphis Tigers and is among the few who have won 200 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 Northwestern 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 in Atlanta and Nashville radio. In 1990, she joined ESPN as a sportscaster and in 1996, 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 a 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, 2000. The hiring proved to be very beneficial for the University of Memphis football program as the popular head coach had two consecutive bowl appearances. He earned a Bachelor’s Degree at the University of Tennessee while playing tight end.

2005 A.C. WHARTON
Minter’s 300 career victories, considered 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 PETEY MANNING
Peyton Manning finished 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 Paycheck 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 his 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 1992 Olympics in Barcelona, Spain and was the first African-American to ever qualify for the Olympic Games. Dawes is a 5-time Olympian and Olympic Gold Medalist. She was inducted into Gymnastics Hall of Fame in 2005 and currently serves as the President of the Women’s Sports Foundation.

2009 MICHAEL OHER
Michael Jerome Oher is an American football offensive tackle for the Baltimore Ravens of the National Football League. He was drafted by the Ravens in the first round of the 2009 NFL Draft. He played college football at the University of Mississippi for the Ole Miss Rebels. His life prior to college is subject to one of the subjects of Michael Lewis’s 2006 book, The Blind Side: Evolution of a Game and the subject of the 2009 film The Blind Side.

2010 OJ MAYO
O'Neal J'Anthony "OJ" Mayo, is an American basketball player that has been playing with the Memphis Grizzlies since July 8, 2008. He played college basketball for the University of Southern California. As an athlete at Huntington High School and North College Hill High School, Mayo helped lead the local basketball teams to victory. He was drafted by the 2008 NBA Draft and was taken third overall by the Minnesota Timberwolves on June 26, 2008. Mayo was a part of the 2008 U.S. Select Team to help get the Olympic team ready for the 2008 Summer Olympics in Beijing.

2011 NICK SABAN
A man of vision who has a proven record of success, University of Alabama Head Coach Nick Saban is committed to building a total football program and players of strong moral character. His uncompromising dedication to excellence in every phase of the program has resulted numerous national championship titles for his program and repeat National Coach of the Year titles for himself. His commitment to building the total football program, placing education first, instilling discipline and responsibility on and off the field transformed the Tigers into a force on the national stage.

2012 RUDY GAY
Born August 27, 1986 in Baltimore, Maryland, Rudy Gay attended Archbishop Spalding High School. He then attended The University of Connecticut, playing two years under UConn Huskies Head Coach Jim Calhoun before entering the 2006 NBA Draft. Rudy was drafted in the first round, 6th overall by the Houston Rockets, then traded to the Memphis Grizzlies for Shareef Abdur-Ra'oof. Rudy Gay is considered to be one of the NBA best two-way forwards, as well as an elite clutch shooter. He is a Gold Medalist, having played for Team USA in 2010 in the FIBA World Championship.

2013 BOBBY BOWDEN
Bobby Bowden is known as much for his 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 34 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 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.
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 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 Alabama Crimson Tide football team from 2008 to 2012. 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. He currently lives in Memphis with his wife Katie and is an ESPN College Football Analyst.

2020 RYAN SILVERFIELD
Ryan Silverfield was named the head coach of the Memphis football program on Dec. 13, 2019 and coached the 2018 Tigers in their first-ever appearance in the Goodyear Cotton Bowl Classic against Penn State on Dec. 28, 2018. In 4 seasons with the Memphis Tigers, Silverfield has coached 5 offensive linemen to all-conference honors. Silverfield’s 2018 unit was one of 10 semifinalists for the Joe Moore Award, given to the best offensive line in college football. He remains the only coach to have worked with an NCAA single-season rushing leader and an NFL single-season rushing leader.

April 2, 2013
VIP Guest
VIP table No. 30

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.”

- Governor Winfield Dunn
First Steak n’ Burger Speaker January, 1972

2019 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 Molly 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 DO come true.

In 1972, a hamburger in front of Governor Dunn and steak for the VIP guests. The Governor was a man who paid $100 for a dinner with the Boys’ Club members and a host of fun and exciting experiences. Governor Dunn and William Lee enjoyed themselves discussing the club and talking about their club and what they did, and to the 10-year-olds and so many adult friends who care about them.

The Boys’ Club is an honor to membership of the Executive Board of Directors, Boys’ Clubs of America. This year’s Steak and Burger dinner was their first annual.
OUR CLUBS

A SAFE, POSITIVE, & SUPPORTIVE PLACE FOR YOUTH

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Program Director: Bianca Bowdry

Bernal E. Smith Club
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Club Director: Taurus Britton
Program Director: Shelby Henson

Porter Goodwill Club
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Club Director: Akumdi Okwumbua
Program Director:;

Promise Academy

Spring Hill Club
3796 Frayser-Raleigh Road
901.324.4496
Club Director: Monique Hibbler
Program Director: Lauryn Hartness

John Dustin Buckman Club
1100 Vollintine
901.527.7994
Club Director: Ron Nelson
Program Director: Nyron Hawkins

Oakhaven Club
3900 Tchulahoma Road
901.249.5724
Club Director: Lawrence Kris Young
Program Director: Avis Monso

Sycamore View Club
1910 Sycamore View
901.388.2067
Director: Paula Guyton
Program Director: Tevaris Douglas

Promise Academy

Hollywood Club
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Club Director: Chantelle Bonds
Program Director: Drusheena Kyles

Craigmont High School Club
3333 Covington Pike
901.416.4312
Director: Chris Garner
Club Board Chair: Donte’ Pryor

Camp Phoenix
1826 Ed Pratcher
662.562.5970
Director: David Kelgan

Technical Training Center
903 Walker Avenue
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Director of Career Development: JaMeko Williams
Assistant Director of Career Development: Crystal Caullfield
Culinary Arts Director: Quin Kelly

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.
BGCM is proposing opening and operating an additional 10 Clubs sites in partnership with the City of Memphis.

The proposed new sites are:
- Booker T. Washington MS
- Hamilton HS
- Manassas HS
- Oakhaven HS
- Sheffield HS
- Trezevant HS
- Westwood HS
- Wooddale HS
- Melrose HS
- Raleigh Egypt HS

Building Economic Opportunity: Youth Workforce Readiness

As a leading youth development expert, Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Memphis (BGCM) has the experience and scale needed to address the complex issues that our Memphis youth face today. Since their doors opened over 65 years ago, ten Clubs have been established across the city. They meet the most vulnerable youth where they are, serving over five thousand children and teens each year.

Real, lasting change takes collaboration, big ideas and bold action. BGCM is uniquely positioned to help make that type of change happen in Memphis. From an economic standpoint, Memphis has the highest child poverty rate in the nation for large cities.

- 44 percent of our children live in poverty.
- Students in low-income communities are, on average, three grade levels behind their peers in affluent communities by the 4th grade.
- Only 25 percent of all 3rd graders in public schools in Memphis read at 3rd grade level.
- Low-income students are five times more likely to drop out of school. Of all the students who graduate from public high school in Memphis, less than 20 percent are college ready.

BGCM will provide a safe place, caring adult mentors, fun, friendship and high-impact youth development programs on a daily basis during critical non-school hours. We know clubs make a difference based on the strong positive outcomes youth experience:

- 100 percent of seniors graduate, and 100 percent of graduates go to college, get a job, or join the military.
- 81 percent of BGCM members show an increase in homework completion.
- 57 percent of alumni said the club saved their life.
- The percentage of Club girls who express an interest in a STEM career (47 percent) is more than three times greater than that of their same-aged female peers nationally (15 percent).

Boys & Girls Clubs teach young people about judgment, creativity, decision-making, communication and collaboration. Their evidence-informed approach puts holistic skill development and career exposure at the forefront of young people’s experiences from the time they are six years old through their teen years, emphasizing three components to provide youth with the knowledge, skills and learning experiences they need to succeed in life and work.

EXPLORE—Clubs provide career exploration for youth, including exposure to the world of work, career assessments to identify talents and interests and opportunities to learn about post-secondary pathways to careers.

DEVELOP—Clubs provide the people, programs and places that help youth build their essential and technical skills.

APPLY—Clubs offer youth opportunities to practice skills through real-life work experiences, such as service-learning, job shadowing, first jobs, internships and pre-apprenticeships. This allows young people to apply academic and technical skills that enhance the employability.
BERNAL E. SMITH CLUB
CLUB DIRECTOR, TAURUS BRITTTON - Taurus Britton is a native Memphian. A graduate of Lemenye-Owen College, Britton received a BS in Criminal Justice.
He has 18 years of experience serving as a youth officer with the Memphis Police Department and has been recognized for his dedication to criminal justice with a Law Enforcement Certification. Before joining BGCM, he worked as a Youth Volunteer. Taurus is an alumnus of the Bernal E. Smith Club, and now is glad to be giving back and supporting youth from the same community he grew up in.
PROGRAM DIRECTOR, SHELBY HENSON - Shelby Henson is a native Memphian. A Graduate of The Lane College, where she received her BS in Education. Henson taught in the classroom from 2013 until granted the opportunity to become the Program Director of the Bernal E. Smith Boy’s and Girl’s Club. Shelby has been a part of Boy’s and Girl’s Club since 2014 and plans to provide many more years of service. She loves Boy’s and Girl’s Club and everything it represents. She loves to sing. Dance, draw, paint, write poetry and build positive relations with parents and campers.

CRAIGMONT CLUB
PROGRAM DIRECTOR, CHRIS GARNER - Growing up in the inner city of Memphis, Chris had to work hard and prove himself at all times. He grew up in the Ira 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, DONTÉ PRIYOR - Donté Priyor is a dedicated and hardworking individual who loves working with youths 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 Club of Greater Memphis to further serve the youth of the city in a different capacity.

IRA SAMELSON JR CLUB
CLUB DIRECTOR, CARISSA SMITH - Carissa Smith is a native Memphian. She was raised in South Memphis and graduated from Frayser High School. Carissa grew up in an environment where faith and the love for others was the fundamental strengths that shaped her morals and beliefs about the world around her. As a teen, she volunteered with her mother who taught her the value of giving back and responding to the needs of others. These lessons helped her become a poor counselor for at-risk girls in the community. After receiving her first stipend, she realized that she could be rewarded for something she was passionate about. As a result, she began a career path with agencies where she could mentor youth and brighten their futures. Her faith has led her to the Memphis Boy’s & Girl’s Club where she plans to positively and creatively impact the lives of the children she serves.
PROGRAM DIRECTOR, BIANCA BOWDRY

JOHN DUSTIN BUCKMAN CLUB
CLUB DIRECTOR, RON NELSON - Growing up, Ron was a member of the Diste Boys Club for 11 years under the direction of Bernal 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 and quality programming for over 500 youth.
PROGRAM DIRECTOR, NYRONE 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 as a football 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 and the overall image of the city. Inducted University of Memphis MC/left Club Hall of Fame the Billy J. Murphy Award. Selected the 2020 University of Memphis Black Alumni Chapter Alumna of the Year. Married to wife Yolanda D. Hawkins of 28 years. We share a daughter Nyla Simone Hawkins.

OAKHAVEN CLUB
CLUB DIRECTOR, LAWRENCE KRISS YOUNG - Lawrence originally came to the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Memphis as a club member at the Goodwill unit. He later served as Program Director at the Bernal 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 what you can achieve when you set your mind to it.
PROGRAM DIRECTOR, AVIS MONSO - Avis N. Monsor is a native Memphian and a graduate of Northside High, The Health Care Institute and Tennessee State University. I am a certified CNA and have a B.S. in Family Consumer Science w/an emphasis in Child Development and Family Relationships. I worked as a Substitute Teacher for Memphis City Schools before serving as a Program Director for Buckman and Goodwill Club. 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.

PROMISE ACADEMY, SPRING HILL
CLUB DIRECTOR, MONIQUE HIBBLET - Monique was born in Memphis TN and graduated from Kingsbury High School. She received her Bachelors of Arts and science in Communication in a minor in Culture and Communications from the University of Phoenix. She is currently enrolled at the University of Phoenix, again and will be getting her masters degree in educational studies. Monique grew up with mentors in her life and she never knew it would be her calling to, in turn, do the same until 2019 when she began working for Boys & Girls clubs and Shelby county schools. She rediscovered her passion for mentoring and she has never looked back.
PROGRAM DIRECTOR, LAURYN HARTNESS

PROMISE ACADEMY, HOLLYWOOD
CLUB DIRECTOR, CHANTELLE BONDS - Chantelie Bonds was born in Chicago, IL. And raised in Memphis, In. Chantelie has a passion for children and for their education and development. She attended Meacham High School in Chicago, received her B.S. in Human Science, Human Development and Family Studies from the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff and her Masters in Business Administration from Independence University.
PROGRAM DIRECTOR, DIONNEA KYLES - Dionneha Nyles is a native Memphian and a graduate of The George Washington University. She spent many years living in Los Angeles, CA with her son, Ramsey. During that time her attention was focused on discovering the components of a healthy lifestyle, especially for children and teens. Recently she returned home, to share with the youth of Memphis her findings regarding the honoring and care of one’s health through nutrition, yoga, and meditation. Before joining Boys and Girls Club of Greater Memphis, she worked at the Memphis Office of Youth Services.

PORTER GOODWILL CLUB
CLUB DIRECTOR, AKUMI OKUNUKUIWA "IFE" - Inakumuswi (My Wealth is To Be) was raised in Memphis TN. He is a creative and an outstanding individual who loves to engage in fashion design, sports, and fine arts. He has mentored and worked with inner city youth since his early teenage years and has been a staff member of Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Memphis since 2006.

SUCAMORE VIEW CLUB
CLUB DIRECTOR, PAULA GUYTOR - Paula Guyton is a native of Memphis, TN. Paula is an outgoing, dedicated, hardworking young lady who loves working with children and helping them reach their maximum potential. Paula has been a staff member of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Memphis since 2005. Paula has worked at four units, all in which she has been promoted. Paula believes in “inspiring Youth to Be GREAT!”
PROGRAM DIRECTOR, TEVARIUS DOUGLAS - Tevarius Douglas is originally from Bolivar, TN. He has worked with the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Memphis since 2008. Douglas has been honored as Staff of the Year twice (2) BGCIM Clubs. Tevarius loves spending time with his kids and also loves to coach and play basketball. Tevarius believes in Inspiring Youth to “Lead By Example.”

JOHN DUSTIN BUCKMAN CLUB
CLUB DIRECTOR, RON NELSON - Growing up, Ron was a member of the Diste Boys Club for 11 years under the direction of Bernal 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 and quality programming for over 500 youth.
PROGRAM DIRECTOR, NYRONE 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 as a football 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 and the overall image of the city. Inducted University of Memphis MClub Hall of Fame the Billy J. Murphy Award. Selected the 2020 University of Memphis Black Alumni Chapter Alumna of the Year. Married to wife Yolanda D. Hawkins of 28 years. We share a daughter Nyla Simone Hawkins.

CAMP PHOENIX
CAMP PHOENIX DIRECTOR, DAVE KEIGAN - Growing up, Dave spent summers in Maine on Sebago Lake where he learned to swim, fish, canoe and explore the woods. After college, he moved to Southern California where he started working for the Boys & Girls Clubs as Shop Director and worked his way up to Program Director. He became Camp Director of Pathfinder Ranch for the Boys & Girls Clubs of Palm Springs in 1983. Dave joined the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Memphis in February 2009 to Direct Camp Phoenix.

JUICEPLUS+ TECHNICAL TRAINING CENTER
DIRECTOR OF CAREER DEVELOPMENT, JAMEKO WILLIAMS - Jameko Williams brings with her more than 15 years of experience in technical education and workforce development. She is passionate about vocational training and the bright futures that careers in these areas can provide. Jameko holds an MFA from the University of Memphis, and BA degrees from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. One of her favorite pastimes is checking on her students. Experiencing great Memphis eateries is a close second. She believes that “Success isn’t just about what you accomplish in your life; it’s about what you inspire others to do.”
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF CAREER DEVELOPMENT, CRYSTAL CAUFLIELD - In the fall of 2012, Crystal took on the role of Career Prep Director where she serves as the Technical Training Center in organizing their curriculum as well as scheduling guest speakers, implementing new programs such as UPS Road Code, and making sure that the club members receive the skills necessary to enter the work force. In the spring of 2019, she was promoted to Assistant Director of Career Development where she works with the coordination and implementation of the grants that support the Technical Training Center in meeting their annual goals.

CULINARY ARTS DIRECTOR, QUINNESHA EAST - In the fall of 2019, Quin took on the role of Culinary Arts Director at the Technical Training Center. She is dedicated to providing engaging and delivering content that covers food safety and sanitation, commercial food preparation, meal production, customer service, catering, and culinary arts. By designing high-quality, thorough lessons, she equips students with the skills and knowledge necessary to master daily objectives and grade level standards.
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