



BOYS & GIRLS CLUB
OF OYSTER BAY - EAST NORWICH
BAHNIK YOUTH CENTER

Fulfill Holiday Wishes for Club Members

With the holidays quickly approaching, staff members are working hard to provide families with the most magical holiday season possible. Here are some ways the Club is requesting assistance this holiday season:

Make a Donation to Our Annual Fund Drive

Each holiday season, the Boys & Girls Club holds an end-of-the-year appeal to help reach the Club's annual budget. These funds help support the general operations and give Club members the greatest gift of all - the promise that the Boys & Girls Club will always be a safe and fun place where they are welcome. Donate on our website, or mail in your donation to the Boys & Girls Club of Oyster Bay-East Norwich (One Pine Hollow Road, Oyster Bay, NY 11771).

Secret Snowman Program 2024

The purpose of this project is to enable underprivileged members to receive a special gift to help brighten their holiday season. The parents of those members who are chosen will be given the opportunity to name a gift their child needs or wants. In order to maintain the anonymity of the members, each member will be assigned a number which will appear on the paper snowman, along with their gender, desired gift and size and color, if applicable. The snowmen are color coded, in that the same color snowmen will indicate that the participants are siblings. The snowmen will be displayed in the lobby of the Boys & Girls Club beginning on Tuesday, November 19th, for parents, board members, volunteers, and staff to select and purchase a gift in time to distribute to the recipient's parent for the holiday. If you would like to participate, simply stop by the Club and select one of the Secret Snowmen. Kindly wrap the item listed on the Snowman you select and securely attach it to the package. Please drop off your present at the Club no later than Tuesday, December 10th.



Give the Essentials

Provide a laundry basket filled with supplies like toilet paper, paper towels, shampoo, conditioner, soap, toothpaste, laundry detergent, bath towels, cleaning supplies, etc., and the Club will disperse these items to families in need. Donations can be dropped off at the Club, Monday-Friday, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Supply the Club with Gift Certificates

As with many non-profit organizations, budgets are necessary for capital expenses and programming. Funds are not readily available for the needed little extras. In many cases, you may have gift cards that you are not able to use. Our Club is always accepting donations of gift cards, and for donating them, you are able to utilize a tax-deductible donation.

Provide the Boys & Girls Club with Much-Needed Items

The Club is currently in need of the following new items: board games, card games, calculators, small prizes for incentives, art room materials, gym equipment (basketballs, footballs and soccer balls), gift cards (Walmart and Amazon) and more.

Adopt a Family

Currently the Club has some families who will not have a holiday, unless they are adopted by a kindhearted person. How does the program work? You may contact Cathy Barrundia, Program Director, or Donna Prisco, Office Manager, to let them know you are interested in adopting a family. They will identify a family and provide you with their information and their needs and holiday wishes. Kindly drop your presents at the Club no later than Wednesday, December 18th.

For questions or information about our Holiday Wishes Programs, please contact Cathy Barrundia, Program Director, at cbarrund@bgcoben.com, or 922-9285, ext. 16, or Donna Prisco, Office Manager, at dprisco@bgcoben.com, or 922-9285, ext. 15. For more information on Club programs and services, visit us at www.bgcoben.org, like us on Facebook or follow us on Instagram @BGCOBEN, or call 922-9285.