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BOYS & GIRLS CLUB  
OF GREATER DUBUQUE

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## A message from our Executive Director Tom Sullivan

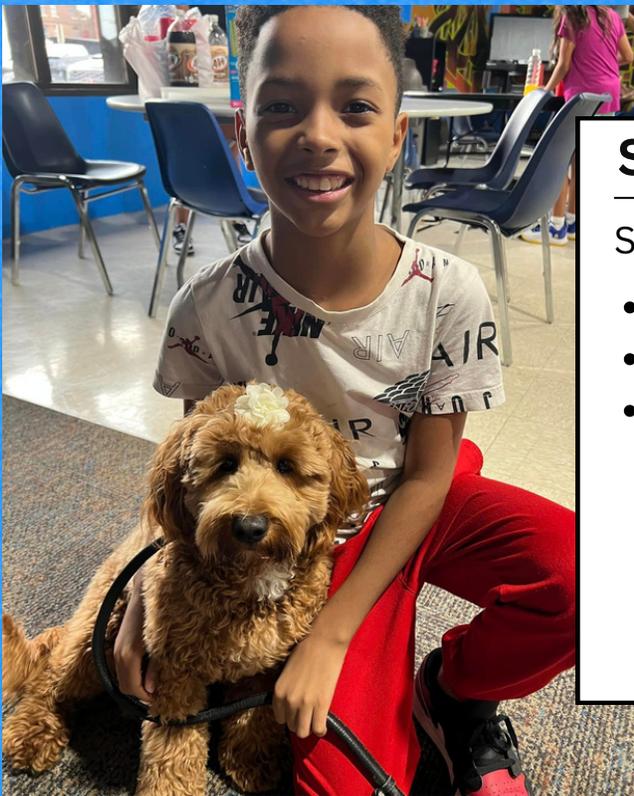
From the humble beginnings of Kate Van Duzee's small gathering of boys in her home in 1900, our journey has taken us on an incredible ride through history. We've navigated numerous transitions, including location changes for our young members, the birth of the Girls Club in 1973, and the merger of both organizations in April 1999. Yet, amidst the transformations, one constant has shone brightly—the Club remains a place of joy, where every child discovers a friendly face and a world of possibilities.

Today, the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Dubuque continues to be a beacon of hope for our community's youth. Whether it's the focus and support of Power Hour in our Tutoring Room, the exhilaration of our gymnasium, a nutritious meal in our cafeteria, creative expression in our newly revamped Arts & Crafts room, or the journey of discovery through our STEAM program within the new state-of-the-art Technology Center, there's something for everyone.

We extend an open invitation to all, urging you to explore the opportunities we provide for the youth in our community. Step into the future with us, where the Club is not just a place of fun but a catalyst for growth and transformation. As we look ahead, we remain thankful for your continued support and partnership. Together, we are sculpting a brighter future for the next generation, one where every child can leave their worries behind and embrace their potential within.



*Tom Sullivan*



### Support Our Club Today!!!

Scan the QR code to:

- Help children in need
- Help our Club grow
- Make a lasting impact



# DID YOU KNOW?

**THIS YEAR, OUR MEMBERS HAVE DANCED A TOTAL OF 424 HOURS THANKS TO CLASSES FROM TURNT KIDZ DANCE! THAT IS A LOT OF HAPPY FEET IN MOTION!**



## Pawsitive Vibes

**SOULY CELEBRATED HER 1ST BIRTHDAY WITH OUR MEMBERS! MEMBERS ENJOYED PLAYING GAMES WITH SOULY AND EVERYONE WAS TREATED TO SOULY'S FAVORITE TREAT...A SNOW CONE!! HAPPY 1ST BIRTHDAY SOULY!**



# CALENDAR

## Upcoming Events

08

January

### Open House

As part of Boys & Girls Club of Greater Dubuque Week we will be hosting an open house on January 8th, 2024. All are invited to come explore our space, meet some of our community partners, and see how we are changing kids' lives. Over the past year, we have renovated our Art Room and Technology Room as part of our STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics) education initiative. Please, stop down and see how we are making a difference!

### 1st Annual Mario's Boys & Girls Club Italian Dinner

April 8th, 2024, we are hosting the 1st Annual Mario's Boys & Girls Club Italian Dinner. Enjoy a delicious Mario's Italian Dinner while supporting the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Dubuque. Each dinner is \$10 and 100% of the proceeds benefit our kids. Tickets can be purchased online from the Boys & Girls Club website or in person from the Club. Tickets are limited to 1200. Dine in or carryout available!

08

April

# Great Futures Start Together!

The Boys & Girls Club of Greater Dubuque is proud to be partnering with St. Mark Youth Enrichment to help more kids! St. Mark's existing after-school program will be held in one location at the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Dubuque. After finishing their St. Mark programming, students have the opportunity for additional programming at the Boys & Girls Club! To celebrate our partnership, we hosted a party for community members, students, families, and staff. Thank you to everyone who made this day a success and we look forward to this amazing partnership and helping more kids!



# Staff Spotlight:

Meet Maurion Sherrod, Our Director of Sports, Fitness and Recreation

## Introducing Maurion:

Meet Maurion Sherrod, the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Dubuque's Director of Sports, Fitness, and Recreation. With a deep passion for sports and a commitment to our community, Maurion brings a wealth of experience to our team.

## A Journey of Achievement:

Maurion, a 2021 graduate of Loras College with a degree in Criminal Justice, is the first in his family to graduate from a four-year university. His journey from Milwaukee, Wisconsin, to Dubuque was driven by his dedication to

basketball, higher education, and a desire to set and achieve long-term goals.

## From Athlete to Mentor:

Maurion's athletic journey includes three years as a varsity athlete at Brown Deer High, where he was a team captain and part of two State Title winning teams. He has continued to make his mark in Dubuque by coaching and providing training to kids in the community.

## Making A Difference:

Maurion's daily work at the Boys & Girls Club offers him a hands-on opportunity to

positively impact the lives of our youth. His background in Milwaukee's challenging environment motivates him to be a positive role model and inspire the community's youth to achieve their potential.

We're excited to have Maurion on our team as the Director of Sports, Fitness, and Recreation. His journey from an aspiring athlete to a dedicated mentor is a testament to the transformative power of dedication and passion. We look forward to the positive influence he'll bring to our members and the greater Dubuque community.



# Shining Stars: Volunteer Edition

Special thanks to RSM Dubuque for making the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Dubuque their nonprofit of choice for their 2023 Power of Love Campaign. RSM employees donated their valuable time to help fix up our Club for the upcoming school year! They painted our new STEAM technology room, put together signs for our golf outing, put together tables in our STEAM art room, and other deep cleaning. RSM then makes a monetary donation based on the number of hours volunteered at the Club by their employees. We are so thankful for these volunteers and companies like RSM. Thank you!



# GET INVOLVED

At the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Dubuque, we believe that getting involved is the first step towards creating positive change in our community. When you get involved with our organization, you are joining a group of passionate individuals who are dedicated to helping young people reach their full potential. Whether you choose to volunteer your time, donate, or spread the word about our mission, your involvement can make a real difference in the lives of Club members.

Donate



Volunteer

