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## **BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF YORK COUNTY CELEBRATED ITS 4<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET**

***Catawba Chief Bill Harris received Boys & Girls Clubs of York County Dashaway Award  
Fort Mill Club's Chelsea & Savannah Art Program Showcase  
Introduction of Boys & Girls Clubs of York County's new CEO, Grace Lewis  
Todd Lumpkin surprised with inaugural Todd Lumpkin Board Excellence Award  
Full list of award winners and honorees***

**York County, SC – May 6, 2016** – Last night the Boys & Girls Clubs of York County (BGCYC) held its 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Awards Banquet honoring the best in volunteerism, community support, and all those that make possible GREAT FUTURES in our Clubs each and every day. The event was held on the Catawba Reservation and featured traditional dancing, drumming, and even a Friendship Dance joining all guests together to close out the night. The BGCYC presented awards to 50 outstanding Club members in each of our core program areas including Character & Leadership; Health & Lifeskills; the Arts; Sports, Fitness, and Recreation; and Education & Career Development. The complete list of Club members who received awards is included at the end of this release.

Chief Bill Harris was presented with the BGCYC's highest community honor, the Dashaway Award. The Dashaway Award was named after the very first Boys & Girls Club – the Dashaway Club. Past winners include Gale DiGiorgio, Solicitor Kevin Brackett, and Gary and Peggy Williams. Todd Lumpkin, BGCYC Board Chair, presented Chief Harris with the award and shared that “while the Chief has played an integral role in the formation of the Catawba Teen Center, his true character shines through when you find him playing pool, kayaking, and participating in other Club activities with Club members.”

Chief Harris ended his acceptance with a special treat for Awards Banquet guests and presented Irene Bedard, best known as the voice of Disney's Pocahontas, to our guests. Irene congratulated our Club members and shared a few kind words after learning earlier in the day about the event and inquiring about an opportunity to attend.

Fort Mill Club members proudly showed off their artwork created as a result of our outstanding

partnership with Chelsea and Savannah art studio in Fort Mill and funder, Jim Harper of Harper Corporation. From photography to fashion and everything in between, creativity shined bright as their artwork was on display for all guests to see during the banquet. Fort Mill Club members even took mini-polaroid photos of different areas and features of the Catawba Reservation and gave them to guests as they left for the night. We want to truly thank Chelsea and Savannah owners and artists, Tracey and Rachel, as well as Jim Harper, for making this dream come to life and helping our Club members to realize their creative talents.

The BGCYC was also proud to introduce Grace Lewis, our new CEO who will assume her role on May 23<sup>rd</sup>. Grace and her husband joined us to celebrate our honorees last night and get a taste of the Boys & Girls Clubs prior to joining our team later this month.

And last but certainly not least, the BGCYC board of directors pulled off the surprise of a lifetime as they honored Todd Lumpkin, board chair with an award named appropriately after him. Immediate Past Chair, Chrissy Catoe, writes that she "could not be more proud to represent the entire board and present the Todd Lumpkin Board Excellence Award to Todd last night. He is truly an amazing leader, community volunteer, husband and father. He has gone above and beyond the call of duty and it is with great respect that we honored him last night. The inaugural award was named the Todd Lumpkin Board Excellence Award and we plan to continue the tradition of honoring board members who go above and beyond the call of duty when serving on the board in coming year. Interim Executive Director, Kim Keel, writes "our Clubs have an excellent "Great Futures" role model and mentor in our board chairman Todd Lumpkin. His leadership over the past four years has set the bar high, and our organization, our community, and most of all our kids have clearly benefited from his commitment to serve."

Please see the following list of all Club members, partners, and volunteers honored last night below. And, join us in congratulating all who took home awards last night and thanking those who help to open the doors to GREAT FUTURES in our Clubs each and every day.

Photos from the banquet can be found at

<https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.1080898395282586.1073741956.185849191454182&type=1&l=631cd37356>.

# CLUB AWARDS

## Fort Mill Club

<b>Partner</b> Chelsea & Savannah		<b>Volunteer</b> Madison Harper
<b>Character &amp; Leadership</b> Jalen Brace Kaitlyn Murray	<b>Health &amp; Life Skills</b> Ziyah Bodison-Fasion Adriana Reese	<b>The Arts</b> Anna Adams Tony McKinney
<b>Sports, Fitness &amp; Recreation</b> Robert Graham Isaiah Mayhew	<b>Education &amp; Career Development</b> Lisa Umemoto Mia Davis	

## Northside Club

<b>Partner</b> PBI Performance Products		<b>Volunteer</b> Michala Tensey
<b>Character &amp; Leadership</b> Kamora McLaurin James Manning	<b>Health &amp; Life Skills</b> Zaria Steele Michael Heyward	<b>The Arts</b> Ashley Thomas Zamar Fils-Aime
<b>Sports, Fitness &amp; Recreation</b> DeVonte Evans De'Ashaj Crawford	<b>Education &amp; Career Development</b> Sydnei Taylor Boyd Brackett	

## Catawba Teen Center

<b>Partner</b> Indian Health Services		<b>Volunteer</b> Heather Rhodes
<b>Character &amp; Leadership</b> Joshua Brabham Mason Beaver	<b>Health &amp; Life Skills</b> Madison Fish Kylie Atkinson	<b>The Arts</b> Cameron Troxel Ethan Pelkey
<b>Sports, Fitness &amp; Recreation</b> Richard Bigham Mackenzie Nichols	<b>Education &amp; Career Development</b> Reece Funderburk Sarah Tucker	

## Clover Teen Center

<b>Partner</b> Clover Area Assistance Center		<b>Volunteer</b> Sharmaine Woods & Armanti Edwards
<b>Character &amp; Leadership</b> Cody Passmore Devin McGill	<b>Health &amp; Life Skills</b> Eren Ayan Patrick Clark	<b>The Arts</b> David Berry
<b>Sports, Fitness &amp; Recreation</b> Nardric Calhoun	<b>Education &amp; Career Development</b> Joseph Drury III	

## Rock Hill Teen Center

<b>Partner</b> Sigma Gamma Rho		<b>Volunteer</b> Officer Thomas Jones
<b>Character &amp; Leadership</b> Levi Jennings Daylen Featherstone	<b>Health &amp; Life Skills</b> Donald Sims Aaron Pendergrass	<b>The Arts</b> Bevin Hicklin Tyrise Robinson
<b>Sports, Fitness &amp; Recreation</b> Dawandrick Crockett Kanye Crockett	<b>Education &amp; Career Development</b> Christian Cherry Matthew Witherspoon	

**Youth of the Year Runner-Up** Bevin Hicklin

**About Boys & Girls Clubs of York County**

Since 1992, Boys & Girls Clubs of York County has maintained its mission to enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring and responsible citizens. Serving over 750 members last year, Boys & Girls Clubs of York County operates 5 Clubs in Clover, Catawba, Rock Hill and Fort Mill including. For additional information regarding the clubs and services, visit <http://www.bgcyc.org>.

**About Boys & Girls Clubs of America**

For more than 100 years, Boys & Girls Clubs of America (<http://www.GreatFutures.org>) has enabled young people most in need to achieve great futures as productive, caring, responsible citizens. Today, more than 4,100 Clubs serve nearly 4 million young people annually through Club membership and community outreach. Clubs are located in cities, towns, public housing and on Native lands throughout the country, and serve military families in BGCA-affiliated Youth Centers on U.S. military installations worldwide. They provide a safe place, caring adult mentors, fun, friendship, and high-impact youth development programs on a daily basis during critical non-school hours. Priority programs emphasize academic success, good character and citizenship, and healthy lifestyles. In a Harris Survey of alumni, 57 percent said the Club saved their lives. National headquarters are located in Atlanta. Learn more at <http://www.bgca.org/facebook> and <http://bgca.org/twitter>.

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