



BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS

of Warwick

Fall 2007



What's Happening?

Announcing..... Before School Childcare Program!

School has started and on the first day of school, the Boys & Girls Club was filled with excited kids looking to re-connect with old friends. We have new and exciting programs that will be offered here at our Norwood branch. Cooking, chorus, and photography are just a few to name, without giving too many of our secret programs out.



We have also started a [morning care program](#) as part of our Child Care program. Opening at 6:30 in the morning, we provide breakfast, quality programs and then safely drop your child off at school! We are still enrolling for after kindergarten and after school, discounts also apply for siblings and registering for before and after school care.

Our hours of operation for the after school childcare program are after school until 6:00. We are licensed by DCYF and all of our employees have first aid and CPR certification and undergo a minimum of 20 hours of training per year. We transport to and from most public schools in Warwick.

During school vacations, look no further—The Boys & Girls Club has some of the most popular [vacation camps](#) in Warwick. We will be open for Christmas, February, and April vacation. Our hours of operation are 7:30 – 6:00. Your child will have many choices of activities to do while enrolled for vacation camp. Sports, arts and crafts, cooking projects, and contests are just a few programs to mention for our upcoming vacation camps. Your child will also have the option to go on [field trips](#) each day during that week. Some field trips have included bowling, the movies, roller-skating and Mystic Aquarium. If you have any questions or would like to stop by for a tour, call Peter at 401-467-4385.

It Just Takes ONE.....

In the wake of receiving notification that our application for continued funding from the United Way was denied, our leadership and board met to discuss strategic planning to make up for this funding. After numerous meetings, we have decided to embark on a new campaign, designed by the Boys & Girls Clubs of America, called the It Just takes ONE campaign:

One day in the life of a child can make a huge impact on his future.

One caring adult can create an unbreakable bond with a child that will last throughout his lifetime.

One Boys & Girls Club can offer hope to an entire neighborhood.

One gift from you can open the door to a brighter tomorrow for more of our children.

This year, *It Just Takes One...our 2007 Annual Campaign* has a fundraising goal of \$91,000. We know that it takes just one caring adult to make a lasting difference in the life of a child. Concentrating on youth who need us most, our Club provides programs in health, education, career exploration, the arts, and sports, fitness and recreation. Most importantly, we specialize in character development. Every day, staff members at the Boys & Girls Club are faced with the task of providing young people with guidance, a sense of belonging and the skills they need to succeed in life. We purposely keep dues low -[\\$15 per year](#)- so that all young people will have the opportunity to join. You can help create this opportunity – to develop relationships with caring professionals and to experience programs that build character – by making a financial contribution to our Club in 2007.



It just takes one person to help make our dreams come true. It just takes you. All of our donors help us to continue to welcome and inspire more and more children who need help each day!

Spotlight on.....Mallory Cole!



The Boys and Girls Club would like to welcome Mallory Cole as the new Education Specialist at the Norwood Branch. Mallory is currently attending CCRI majoring in social work. Her favorite things to do outside of work are reading, going to the movies and spending time with her family and friends.

Mallory said she "expects to learn a lot from the members at the Club and to have a lot of fun while working here." Mallory is excited about making a difference in the kid's lives each day.

WELCOME MALLORY!



*"While we try to teach our children all about life,
Our children teach us what life is all about."
~Angela Schwindt*



Upcoming Important Dates!

- September 27th—5:30 pm Annual Meeting
- October 8th—Columbus Day—Clubs Closed
- November 10th—11th—Gingerbread Decorating Extravaganza!
- November 12th—Veterans Day—Clubs Closed
- February 17th—2nd Annual Game Dinner
- March 29th—Auction & \$10,000 Cash Raffle
- June 30th—30th Annual Golf Tournament!

Mark Your
Calendars!

Fall Programming underway at the Norwood Branch!

This Fall's programs are some of the best we've ever had! Check this out---the Learning Center, lead by Mallory will be having Power Hour, our homework help program from 3:15-4:15. She will also have creative writing, lots of new computer opportunities, a fun day of crazy puzzles, a book club and the members will have a chance to create their own Norwood Newsletter. In the Art room, Kathleen will have a [Norwood music choir](#) and not only that, but she will have an intro to art with drawing, realism, painting and many other mediums!

But wait! We're not done yet! In the Gym there will be all types of team sports like basketball, soccer and volleyball, fitness programs like the 25 mile club and Fitness Authority and lots of fun activities for our young members like the parachute and relays, to name just a couple!

The Game room is going to be the place to be this Fall with all the different tournaments we have scheduled and the unusual records that will rise and fall!

The Teen Center is going to be a great place to hang for those members in grades 7 through 12. We will have homework help, a lot of tournaments and clubs. Cooking classes are on Fridays and you can even eat what you cook (if you're brave enough!). Another great program will be Keystone, our teen leadership club. That will run on Wednesdays from 4:30 - 5:30. An awesome program for those who care about their club and community! For any questions about our programs, please call 467-4385.



Fun in the Summertime!



[Summer Camp 2007](#) has come and gone, but the memories will last a lifetime. Exploring the beach, games of kickball, and swimming in the pool are just some of the memories that the staff and children took home everyday. During the course of the summer we had several special events. The junior staff had the opportunity to go to [Old Navy](#) and job shadow for several hours. [Cox Communications](#) came out and worked with our kids on sending letters to the troops and a huge water fight during water week. We also had an end of the year talent show where kids were able to showcase their talents in front of the whole camp. Some of the acts included singers, dancers and even a hula hoop twirler. A parent said it best " *The Boys & Girls Club provided a safe environment for my kids to go and have a good time*" All though most kids were sad when leaving the last day of summer camp, we can all start to look forward to another great summer next year.



(Left: Jenna & Tori learn the basics of using a cash register at the Old Navy in Warwick Mall)



Rosie Perez from Cox Communications, with Madison & Sarah writing letters to our troops

Introducing.....

Good Morning Ann!!



The Boys & Girls Club would like to introduce Ann Connolly as the morning childcare specialist at the Norwood Branch. Ann has over eight years of experience working with children. Some of her previous jobs included being a teacher assistant and a preschool

teacher. Ann has three children attending the Club, and her son is now participating in our Junior Staff Program!

You will see Ann every morning in our Before School Child Care program! She will greet your child with a smile every morning before engaging them in morning activities, breakfast and bringing them to school. Some of her interests include reading, art, and cooking, which she can't wait to bring to her programs at the Club!

Get WELL with Mollie

Mollie Rabiner joins us as Wellness Coordinator at the Oakland Beach Branch, from Lexington, Kentucky where she received a Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree with an emphasis in sculpture from the University of Kentucky. Along with being passionate about facilitating other's creative process, she continues to learn and grow creatively while focusing on her own art work. Mollie relocated to RI last year to attend an Expressive Arts Program at Salve Regina University in Newport, where she is presently enrolled in the Certificate of Graduate Studies Program within the school of Holistic Counseling. She is also certified to teach kids yoga through a program called Childplay Yoga, which is a fun way to engage children of all ages in the practice of yoga in a very playful manner. With much enthusiasm she weaves all of her experiences and interests into the Wellness

Program. *"Through the wellness program we explore healthy and creative ways to be an individual in this world"*



The Club—A place for Parents Too!

Hey, parents! Did you know you could play an important role in your child's experience at the Boys & Girls Club? *Here's how...join the Parents Club!* Anyone who has a child that is a member of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Warwick can join.

The Parents Clubs meet twice a month to plan special events for the members and to plan small fundraisers, including a Spaghetti Dinner and May Breakfast to help buy program supplies for the Clubs.

"I enjoy participating in the Parents Club here because not only is it for a great cause, but it doesn't take a lot of time out of my schedule and I can always bring my child with me" said one parent of a 7 year old member.

Call Paula at 467-4385 or Chris at 739-4515 for more information on the Parents Club and meeting schedule. Check out our website at www.wbgclubs.org for a complete listing of Parents Club sponsored events

Right: parent's club member, Joe Gonsalves poses with his grill at a Parent's Club sponsored Event



Fit, Fun and Fancy Free!

Coming soon— a Fitness center at Oakland Beach!!! As part of our Club-wide Kick it Up Program, we are excited and looking forward to breaking ground on a new fitness center at our Oakland Beach Branch. As our attendance continues to rise at Oakland Beach so do the demand and needs of the community. In order to offer a wide variety of fitness options to our members we will be opening our fitness center very soon. It will contain Treadmills, Elliptical machines, free weights, and more! There will be a trainer on staff to assist our members in proper fitness techniques. We are looking forward to offering the very best fitness options as well as creating a welcome environment for our members to get in, or continue to stay in great shape!

A big thank you to The City of Warwick, Struever Bros. Eccles & Rouse, Saccoccio & Associates, Champlin Foundations and the Rhode Island Health and Building Education Corporation for their support of this program!

On the Court, With Chris Piasczyk

Another session of Summer Basketball is now complete! This successful season saw 80 of our members enhance their basketball skills in a fun environment.

Instructed by our Youthoop Director Chris Piasczyk our members learned proper shooting, passing, ball handling, rebounding and defensive techniques while having fun and also playing a few games. Now that summer is over our winter Youthoop season is right around the corner. Registrations are now being accepted for the Youthoop Season, forms are available at our website- www.wbgclubs.org. Games and practices begin in November! If you have any questions you can call Chris at the Oakland Beach Branch at 739-4515.

Hope to see you all out on the court this winter!



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Your gift has a significant impact on the Boys & Girls Clubs of Warwick ability to continue to provide quality programming and a safe place for kids to go during the after school hours. Here are just a few examples of how your donation can help :

- ~ \$75 Provides arts & crafts supplies for 3 weeks
- ~ \$100 Provides game room supplies for 6 months
- ~ \$125 Provides one week of childcare
- ~ \$250 Provides two weeks of a summer camp experience
- ~ \$500 Sponsors one Child for a year
- ~ \$1000 provides sports equipment for one year for over 1700 members!

Yes! I would like to help the Boys & Girls Clubs of Warwick with a contribution of:

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