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Serving Lodi, Hackensack, Wallington & The South Bergen Jointure Commission's Maywood Campus

Dear Friends,

Many things change from year to year and sometimes, from day to day. Rest assured that even in times of change or uncertainty, our commitment to the children and families in the communities we serve remains steadfast.

As the children and teens in our communities prepare to head **BACK TO SCHOOL**, we are ready to do whatever it takes to ensure that they have the support and tools needed to be successful in school and in the future, because that's what we do, **BUT IT TAKES YOU!**

Since 1949, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Lower Bergen County (BGCLBC) has helped build Great Futures and great leaders, by staying true to our mission, to enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential, as productive, caring, responsible citizens.

The BGCLBC is inclusive, and we believe that all children and teens should have access to affordable, quality, age appropriate, out of school time programming, regardless of their race, nationality, gender identity, disability, and/or their family's socioeconomic status. We strive to impact all youth, especially those who are at risk and sometimes hard to reach. ***Your donation today to our Back2School Campaign will help!***

In service of our mission, we:

- **Launched a Program Serving Exclusively Special Needs Youth**

Recognizing the inequality of out of school time programming for youth with special needs, we partnered with the South Bergen Jointure Commission and implemented comprehensive and enriching summer and after school programming for students attending their Maywood Campus School. Programming of this type is very rare and very costly due to the varying needs and abilities of each student and the required staff to student ratio. Thanks to a generous funder, we provide this program at no cost to families!

Parent Testimonial: "Jayden doesn't really know how to be sociable and in this specific setting, they are great with him. He plays with other kids. He learned how to ride a bike for the first time. I am completely satisfied. They are so good with him." ~Mom



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- **Launched an After School Program in Wallington**

Beginning the 2022/23 school year, we launched WAZE, Wallington Afterschool Zone for Enrichment at Wallington Jr. & Sr. High School. WAZE is a FREE enrichment based after school program serving students in 7th and 8th grades.

- **Expanded Programming to All Hackensack Elementary Schools**

In 2021, we partnered with Hackensack Public Schools to launch C.A.A.P, Comet Academic After-School Partnership program at Hackensack Middle School. The success of the middle school program along with the need for similar programming in the elementary schools, will make for an easy transition as we prepare to implement A.C.E., the Afterschool Comet Enrichment Program at the elementary schools for the 2023/2024 school year.

- **Answered The Call**

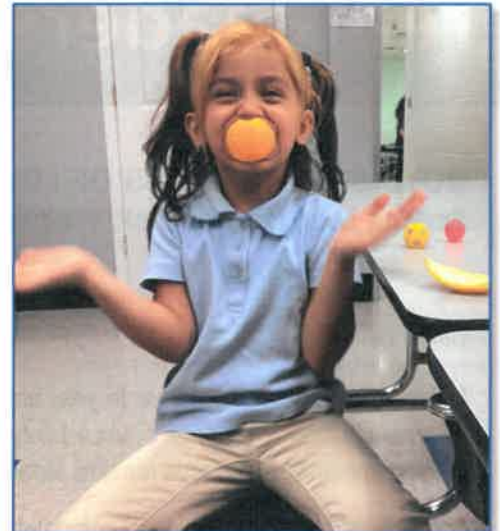
To fulfill a community need for quality before school programming, we now offer a Before School Program at the Lodi Clubhouse.

- **Provide School Supplies**

Each year, we strive to provide new school supplies to our members, including backpacks. This would not be possible without community and donor support!

- **Make Life Changing Impact**

We are making life changing impact through programs like Power Hour, our daily homework help and tutoring program, Keystone, our premier teen leadership and community service program, Mentoring, our world class mentorship program which matches children in need of positive role models with a trained, caring, adult mentor, and our Social Emotional Learning and Trauma Informed Care program which provides age-appropriate, small-group and one on one social and mental health services, provided by our licensed Social Worker.



Will you help us build great leaders and provide great futures for the kids who need us most?

We will do whatever it takes for kids like Jayden....but it takes You!

Please consider making a tax-deductible donation to support our **Back2School** campaign. You can donate by mailing the enclosed card along with your payment or donate securely online at www.bgclbergen.org/back-to-school.

Your gift helps make the positive impact of Boys & Girls Clubs possible.

Thank you for all that you do for our Clubs and our kids!

Sincerely,

Joseph J. Licata, MPA
Chief Executive Officer



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