



Phillips 66 Awards Boys & Girls Clubs of Whatcom County \$265,000 Grant



Technology is very quickly evolving. Every day new technology surfaces that increases efficiency and further advances our lives. In early 2019, Phillips 66 awarded the Boys & Girls Clubs of Whatcom County a \$265,000 grant to invest in science, technology, engineering & math programs that will impact the Clubhouses in Bellingham, Blaine, Ferndale and Lynden.

With this grant, the Boys & Girls Clubs will immerse members in new and exciting technology to stay on pace with other children globally. Our new STEM programs will get members excited about science, technology and math that will help them grow academically and achieve a GREAT FUTURE.

Throughout the county, Clubhouses will be equipped with a variety of new computers, electronic microscopes, robotics programs and 3-D printers. There will be a new experiential and fun STEM curricula that is hands on and interactive to further help kids achieve academic success. The computer labs will be renovated and given a new look to inspire children to keep learning every day. We will continue to share updates as we make progress on this exciting project.

Thank you Phillips 66 for supporting the kids who need us most!

Youth of the Year Community Dinner



On January 22nd, Boys & Girls Clubs held their annual Youth of the Year event. Members put their new skills and confidence on display at the Community Dinner in front of more than 300 guests. Ashley Acton, Phoebe Anderson, Diamond Hester, Maddie Hulford, Zen Ortega, Gracie Renskers, Breanna Robertson and Sidney Roff shared their personal stories about the impact the Club has made in transforming their lives.

Congratulations to Gracie Renskers and Phoebe Anderson who

won their respective divisions. Gracie Renskers, the new Junior Youth of the Year, is in 7th grade and attends the Blaine Clubhouse. Phoebe Anderson, Senior Youth of the Year, is in 10th grade and attends the Lynden Clubhouse.

Each year, thousands of Club members participate in local, state and regional Youth of the Year programs. Phoebe Anderson will be representing Whatcom County in Seattle at the state competition in March!



Message from the CEO

“ Every day over 400 children walk through Club doors excited to continue their day with all the programs we have to offer. Though spring is just about to begin, we want to remind families about our Summer Program this year. When school is out, Clubs are in! This summer we will provide eight weeks of exciting programs, each week with their own theme. We continue to teach kids in a creative and engaging way so members can easily transition back to school in the fall. Summer Programs are also helpful in providing a safe and positive environment for children to enjoy every day during the school vacation. We are proud to offer Summer Programs at an affordable price, with opportunities for financial assistance to those who qualify. We hope to see you at the Clubs this summer! ”

-Heather Powell, CEO



Inspire Higher Dreams

Gala & Auction: April 26th, 2019

Our most elegant event of the year. Join us for an exciting evening full of great auction items, a 5 star dinner and live music at the Silver Reef Event Center in Ferndale.

Tickets: \$150 through April 1, \$160 after that date.

21+ event.

Ferndale Cornhole Tournament:

September 28, 2019

The Ferndale Clubhouse will be hosting the 5th Annual Cornhole Tournament. Join us for a fun filled evening of games, food and drinks!

21+ event.

Tickets & RSVP for events available at:
www.whatcomclubs.org/get-involved/events/



On January 10th, The Seattle Mariners organization spoke on the importance of following one's dreams and how to achieve those dreams; staying drug-free, respect, education, attitude, and motivation (D.R.E.A.M). The Mariner Moose was also in attendance and was very popular among all the Club kids. The Mariners concluded their visit by signing baseballs, posters and T-shirts as well as taking photos with each one of the 100 kids in attendance. Thank you Mariners for the impactful D.R.E.A.M speech and supporting the Boys & Girls Club in Blaine!



BOURBON STREET BINGEAUX



What an amazing night! The room was full of energy and enthusiastic guests throughout the event. We appreciate every guest who joined us to support the Bellingham Clubhouse and thank all our volunteers and sponsors who made this a record setting event!

1 GREAT NIGHT **225 GUESTS**

\$35,594 RAISED

140 BELLINGHAM KIDS IMPACTED

New Club Champion Banners

In February, 86 Champion Banners were hung in the gymnasiums in Bellingham and Ferndale. Each banner represents a person or business that believes in the Boys & Girls Clubs mission and the positive impact that Clubs have every day on children.

Club Champions donate an unrestricted gift of \$1,500 or more in a year. We are grateful for each Club Champion who chose to make a difference in the lives of our members. Thank you Meyers Construction for hanging the banners!



GREAT FUTURES START HERE.

SUMMER AT THE CLUBS

Join the Boys & Girls Clubs of Whatcom County for eight weeks of fun and engaging activities! Open to youth entering 2nd grade through those entering 6th grade. Each week will follow a consistent theme at the Bellingham, Blaine and Ferndale Clubhouse. Check out our exciting summer lineup! \$100 per week, includes breakfast, lunch and snack. More information coming soon regarding teen summer programs. If you have questions contact Dena Kindred at (360) 738-3808 ext. 310 or dkindred@whatcomclubs.org



Mad Science

Week 1: 06/24 - 06/28



Water Week

Week 2: 07/01 - 07/03



Builders Brigade

Week 3: 07/08 - 07/12



Space Week

Week 4: 07/22 - 07/26



Planet Earth

Week 5: 07/29 - 08/02



Extreme Games

Week 6: 08/05 - 08/09



World Travelers

Week 7: 08/12 - 08/16



Superhero Week

Week 8: 08/19 - 08/23

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Gala & Auction

Date: April 26th

Time: 5 pm - 10 pm

Location: Silver Reef Event Center in Ferndale

BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS ATHLETICS NEWS

Another exciting basketball season has wrapped up for our Boys & Girls Club teams. This season we had 80 K-6th grade teams and 22 high school teams from Bellingham, Ferndale and Blaine!

The sun is making an appearance more often, the birds are coming back and we are so excited for our spring sports to get underway! The Boys & Girls Club baseball, fastpitch and volleyball teams will play their first games in mid-April and we invite you come out this season and cheer on the kids. We are excited to announce that this year Bellingham's T-ball and pitching machine teams will play their home games at Roosevelt park, right next to their home club! Check our website in early April for game schedules. We hope to see you in the gyms and on the field!

Visit www.whatcomclubs.org/athletics/ for more information



Partner Spotlight

Our four Clubhouse doors would not be open if it were not for all the support we receive from our community members and businesses. Thank you to all that have continued to support the Boys & Girls Clubs of Whatcom County.



The Alcoa Foundation donated \$58,000 in 2018-2019 in support of our Positive Action Program. This program engages youth ages 6-18 in character development, social and emotional learning and academic improvement. Thank you Alcoa Foundation!



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