



BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
of Central Alabama
2007 Annual Report

What began as a group of concerned women for a few newspaper boys became an organization that would Impact the lives of children . . .



For generations to come.



Maggie Brooke

2007 Board Chair

How do you wrap up two incredible years as chairman of the board of Boys & Girls Club of Central Alabama? As chairman, I have been continually impressed by our organization. It was always such an honor to share the club with visitors. I would like to have taken a little credit sometimes, but we all know where the credit is due, our staff. We have an energetic staff that is excited about what they do and it shows.

As we come to the end of our Back a Youth campaign, I reflect on the last two years and how proud I have been to say I was the chairman of our board. There have been some changes to our facilities and our membership. We sold Camp Jimmy Goodwin in Walker County and began the process of identifying the right area for our next "Hub Club". Our membership has changed as the demographics of the neighborhoods we serve has changed. There is more of a demand for our programs than ever!

We are busy working on the future and keeping our programs at the clubs successful from year to year. The staff does a great job with the United Way Allocation Committee visit and the highlight of the year is the Youth of the year Dinner. Our organization is not only impressive on paper; we are making a difference in the lives of this generation and the next! Just listening to the Youth of the Year candidates give their speeches makes you proud, proud of the staff, the facilities, the members of the clubs and our board.

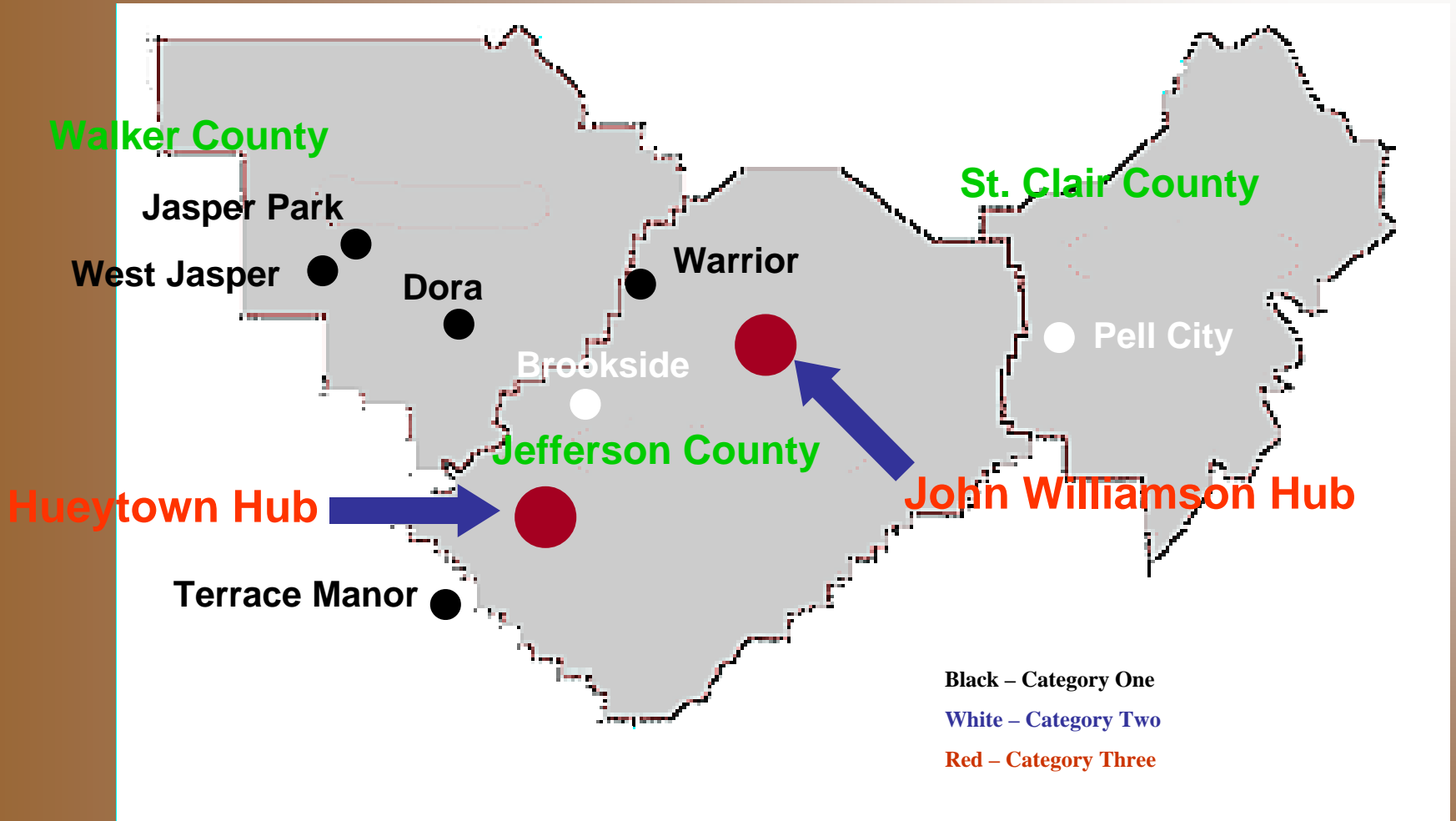
Thank you to all the board members who give of their time energy and finances to help make all of this happen. It is easy to get excited about Boys & Girls Club when you see what we do. We have the privilege of being a part and playing a small part in the success of the clubs.

Thank you all for letting me be the chairman of our board and thank you to the staff for your commitment to the members of the clubs. There are so many things I love about BGCCA, but the relationships I see between the club members and the staff are special. Our staff is what makes the difference in an organization that work and does some good and a really dynamic organization. I am glad we can be a part of this really dynamic organization!

Thank you again,

Maggie Brooke

Club Locations



Education & Career Development

Our goal is to enable youth to be proficient in basic educational disciplines, to be able to apply learning to everyday situations, and to embrace technology to optimize employability.

Outdoor & Environmental Education

Provide members with opportunities to explore environmental issues and encourage them to make informed, responsible decisions.

Sports, Fitness & Recreation

This program area helps young people to achieve and maintain fitness, make positive use of leisure time, learn skills for stress management, gain appreciation for the team environment and further enhance social and interpersonal skills. The programs are also designed to teach physical skills, teamwork, cooperation and fairness.

Character & Leadership Development

Leadership programs empower youth to support and influence their club and community, sustain meaningful relationships and develop a positive self-image. Our members have the opportunity to learn planning, decision-making and how to contribute to the club and the community.

The Arts

The Arts enables youth to develop their creativity and cultural awareness through knowledge and appreciation of visual and tactile arts and crafts, performing arts and creative writing.

Health & Life Skills

Boys & Girls Clubs help young people develop the capacity to engage in positive behaviors that nurture their own well-being, set personal goals and develop the competencies to live successfully as self-sufficient adults.

Core Programs

2007 Youth of the Year Awards Dinner



Charlotte Kent – Runner Up
John A. Williamson Club



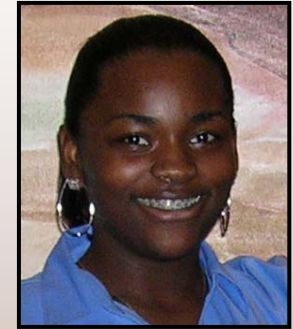
Erika Collier – Runner Up
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Winner
John A. Williamson Club



Jarrell Jones
2007 Youth of the Year
Brookside Club



Tyler Jasper – Runner Up
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Kara Kelley – Runner Up
Brookside Club



Maggie Brooke
Board Member of
the Year



Jay Miller
Alumni of the Year

The John A. Williamson Society

The John A. Williamson Society was created, to honor those who believe in developing the youth of today into the leaders and adventurers of tomorrow. These people believe in the work of the Boys & Girls of Central Alabama and have invested \$10,000 or more in an annual gift.



Throughout his lifetime, John A. Williamson gave a fortune to help thousands in need, yet he never sought monuments or memorials. He believed that a person needed to give something back to the community. He called it “Paying my dues for all my blessings.” He did it by investing money, but also investing himself into the charities and ministries he loved. When he saw a problem, he found a solution to fix it, even if it included creating a new ministry

Mr. Williamson served on the Board of Directors for over thirty years. He was the Chairman and leading donor in the Annual Campaign each year. He believed in the work and the children of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Alabama. It is due to this, that we honor his memory with the creation of the John A. Williamson Society. Members of this society realize that it just takes ONE person to make a difference in the life of a child. That is the kind of man John Williamson was.

The distinguished individuals listed are the members of the John Williamson Society. The Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Alabama congratulates and thanks these outstanding supporters for their commitment to the youth of Central Alabama.

2007 Inductees

Allen & Lynne Powell

James Redfield

Dale Benton

2006 Inductees

Steve Serra

The Williamson, Martin &

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2005 Inductees

The Daniel Foundation of
Alabama

The Drummond Company

The Phoenix Club of
Birmingham

2007 Budget

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Budgeted Revenue

Contributions	\$201,435	12%
Government Grants	\$204,145	12%
United Way	\$597,020	35%
Membership	\$ 74,041	4%
Program Fees	\$478,329	28%
Investment	\$ 70,769	4%
Fundraising	\$ 15,321	1%
Vending	\$ 46,235	3%

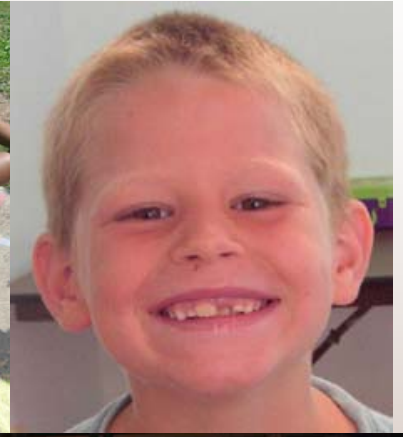
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Budgeted Expenses

Program	\$1,532,767	91%
M & G	\$ 151,680	9%
Fundraising	\$ 889	.0005%



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Roy Bragg

On May 11, 2007, a great man went home to be with his Lord. Roy Bragg was a long time board member and friend of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Alabama. He was a man of great wisdom and character who lived life to the fullest. Roy was a man who loved God and his family deeply. He believed that education was the key to success and gave much of his time to helping children all over Jefferson County achieve their fullest potential. The BGCCA misses Roy greatly and continues to remember his family in our thoughts and prayers.

Foundations for the Future



“A man is never so tall as when he stoops to help a boy.”

That was the motto of the *Birmingham Boys Club* when I became the Executive Director twenty-seven years ago. Those words are still as appropriate today as they were then. Yes, we would change “boy” to “child” and “man” to “person” because we are now the *Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Alabama*, but the concept remains the same. We are here for one purpose - to help all children develop their full potential in accordance to Judeo/Christian principles. We exist to provide guidance for children and teens as they navigate the road to adulthood. There are plenty of places for adults, but we are exclusive to children. We belong to our members. That is what makes each club unique and that is what keeps kids coming back.

As we make plans for the future of our organization we dream big. We are inspired by the dreams of our members. If they can work hard and grow up to be whatever they want to be, then why can't we? I think that the women and newsboys who began the Birmingham Boys Club back in 1901, would be amazed at the numbers of children we serve and what our clubs look like today. I also think they would be very proud of all that we have accomplished.

The next year brings a wealth of new challenges and promise. We will finalize our eight year strategic plan “Foundations for the Future”. In this plan we will highlight our accomplishments thus far and the path we will take to continue serving the children in the Birmingham metropolitan area. This is a very exciting time to be part of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Alabama. I consider it an honor to lead such an outstanding organization.

We have a dynamic board of directors who truly are the strength of our Clubs. They give of themselves in so many ways. Thank you for the work that you do.

One of the greatest joys of my life is to work everyday with our staff, many of whom I have had the privilege of watching grow up through the Club. They experienced the importance of the BGCCA and have devoted their lives to giving that experience to the next generation.

A final thank you to those of you who have come on board and invested in our programs and children. We could not do it without you.

2007 was a great year, but we cannot rest on the accomplishments of the past. As we travel through 2008 and beyond, join with us as we build the foundation for our 2nd century of service to the children of Central Alabama.

Sincerely,

Tom Cleckler, President/CEO



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Of Central Alabama

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Mission

To provide programs, facilities, and leadership that enable all youth to develop their full potential in accordance with Judeo-Christian values.

The Positive Place For Kids

Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Alabama (BGCCA) is one of the oldest youth development agencies in the southeast. BGCCA serves over 13,000 youth through eight clubs that are strategically located throughout Jefferson, Walker, and St. Clair counties and school outreach programs.

The clubs provide youth with a safe place to go during non-school hours where they can get help with homework, learn to use computers, develop job skills, prepare for college, participate in leadership opportunities, play sports and much more.

