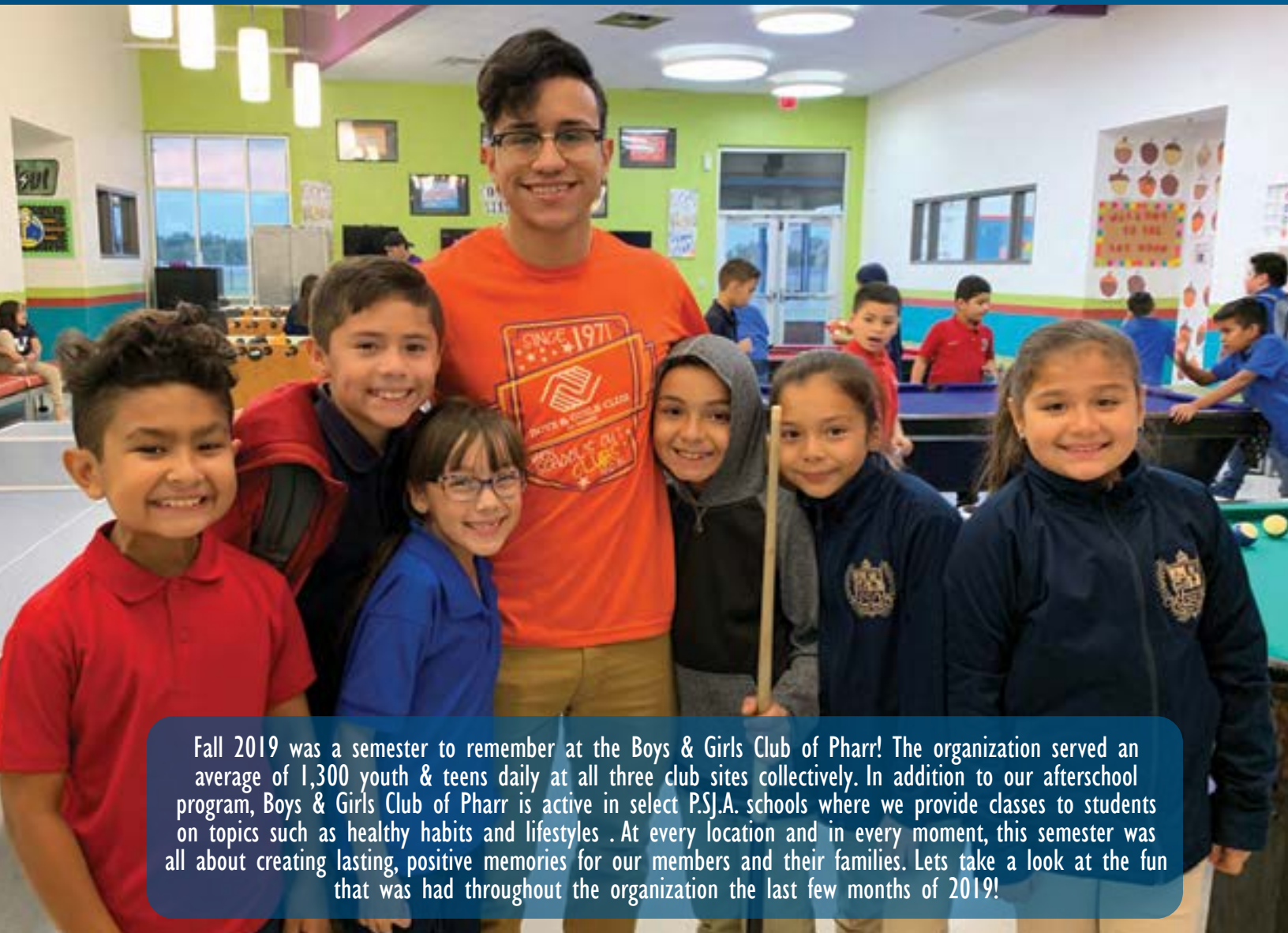


Boys & Girls Club of Pharr/ San Juan

AFTER SCHOOL

FALL 2019

NEWSLETTER



Fall 2019 was a semester to remember at the Boys & Girls Club of Pharr! The organization served an average of 1,300 youth & teens daily at all three club sites collectively. In addition to our afterschool program, Boys & Girls Club of Pharr is active in select P.S.J.A. schools where we provide classes to students on topics such as healthy habits and lifestyles. At every location and in every moment, this semester was all about creating lasting, positive memories for our members and their families. Lets take a look at the fun that was had throughout the organization the last few months of 2019!

GREAT FUTURES START HERE.



BOYS & GIRLS CLUB
OF PHARR

Club Locations

Main Unit:
1026 S. Fir St
Pharr, TX
956. 781. 5437

San Juan Unit:
509 E. Earling Rd.
San Juan, TX
956. 784. 3504

South Pharr Unit:
302 E. Las Milpas Rd.
Pharr, TX
956. 787. 6869



BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF PHARR

2019 FACTSHEET

HELP OPEN THE DOOR TO
GREAT FUTURES

4 School Sites + 3 After School Sites = 7 Total Locations

2019 Club Survey Results

Of our club members...

97%

stated they felt safer at Boys & Girls Club compared to other places.

95%

stated they attend the Boys & Girls Club because it's fun

91%

stated the club instilled a sense of belonging in them.

100%

of our club teens stated they are academically ready for a Post-Secondary Education.

94%

stated they attend the club because of positive adult relationships that set High Expectations.

Connect with us on Social Media!
@BGCPHarr



TEEN TALK



BE KIND TO YOUR MIND CONFERENCE!

October 5, 2019

The Boys & Girls Club of Pharr and San Juan along with BGC Edinburg, McAllen, and Weslaco hosted a Teen Talk conference through the Youth & Family Support Services Program. This event initiated conversations for Teens & Parents focusing on mental health awareness, prevention, and coping mechanisms. Local health professionals, advocates, and leaders joined throughout the day to speak to attendees in support of mental health and emotional well-being. Judge Rene Betancourt and Texas Tropical Behavioral Health received awards honoring their leadership, efforts, and achievements towards the cause. The Boys and Girls Clubs of the RGV, along with the help of these incredible community supporters, are creating a movement that encourages kindness to one's self and others, as well as ending the stigma surrounding mental health. While hard hitting topics were talked about, the goal of creating a positive and fun space was definitely achieved! 120 attendees were able to have a great time socializing with friends and family. By bringing the issues children and youth face to discussion, we can improve the health and happiness of today and the future.



A huge thank you to everyone who took part in, contributed, and attended this event!



2019 End of Year Banquet and Youth of the Year Reveal!

At the end of every year, Boys & Girls Club joins together as an organization to celebrate another successful and impactful year. Staff were recognized and thanked for their selfless efforts the last 12 months. Throughout the banquet we recognized our team's dedication with special milestone awards and yearly achievements. We also shifted the spotlight to the pillars of our organization, our Board of Directors, without whom we could not operate. We are incredibly grateful to have this powerful leadership who continuously strive for greatness. The evening reflected our organizational culture of community and positivity, as we looked back at 2019 with confidence for an even stronger 2020.

Congratulations to
Boys and Girls Club of Pharr's
2019 Youth of the Year....
Ashley Caballero!



"The club helped me see who I really am and what I'm capable of doing. The first day I walked through the club doors, I was a different person, I was a different girl. Boys & Girls Club is more than just an afterschool program. It's a place where you can create strong friendships and participate in many unforgettable events and become a better role model."
- Ashley Caballero



At our end of year banquet, we revealed the winner of the Boys & Girls Club of Pharr's 2019 Youth of the Year!

The winning title went to 16 year old Ashley Caballero who joined the club six years ago. Ashley has excelled as a young leader and president of our Community Youth Development committee. Along with the title, Ashley received a \$1,000 scholarship for her education.

She was among 3 contestants who we are all very proud of for shining throughout the competition. We wish Ashley the best of luck as she moves on to the state level of the competition in Austin, TX!



♠ Night of Fun!

BGCP's Annual Night of Fun fundraiser was held at the Texas Card House where many supporters came to enjoy a night of poker, prizes, food, friends and fun. "Thank You" to all of our sponsors including Texas Card House of the Rio Grande Valley and City Café for making the event extra special with their services, venue, delicious foods, drinks, and desserts. Our deepest appreciation to the Boys & Girls Club of Pharr and San Juan Board members who put so much effort into making this night an awesome one. We are so grateful for their dedication to our organization. The funds raised allow us to continue to serve the youth & teens of in our communities with positive resources that enable great futures!

Christmas Bingo

Our annual Christmas Bingo is always a holiday favorite as it benefits our Christmas Toy Drive for members! Our community of staff, parents, family, and friends come together for an evening of bingo fun, snacks, and awesome prizes. Thank you to our staff for their efforts with this event, to all who attended, and to everyone who donated a prize. Because of all of the support with this event, our members had the biggest smiles when they received their holiday gift!





TRUNK OR TREAT

safe fun for the whole family

Trunk or Treat 2019!
Boys & Girls Club of Pharr's annual Trunk or Treat event is a fall favorite amongst our community. This year, over 1,500 were in attendance as we hosted a safe and fun evening for the whole family to enjoy (pets included)! Friends and families gathered at the main unit parking lot that we transformed into our trunk extravaganza, complete with a themed photo station and inflatable fun zone. Staff were extra creative with their trunks this year and thousands of treats were distributed. Congratulations to the winner of the trunk contest...
House of Clowns!

Veterans Day Parade

We were honored to take part in Pharr's Veterans Day Parade on November 9, 2019. Members enjoyed marching down the streets of Pharr and proudly waving our great country's flag. We are so grateful for all the brave and courageous Veterans who have served for our freedom. Our deepest gratitude to every Veteran and to all those who continue to protect the USA. We can have great futures because of their service!



Local Spirited Support

Throughout November, we partnered up with a few local businesses in support of our organization and had a great time doing so! November 14, 2019 was Spirit Night at Chik-Fil-A of Pharr where a portion of profits went towards the Club with a mention at checkout. We had a fun time providing face painting to Chik-Fil-A customers and thanked everyone who dined in or drove through in support of Spirit Night! We also partnered with the wonderful Kendra Scott team of McAllen for an afternoon of Kendra Gives Back on November 23, 2019. A portion of every purchase with a BGCP mention came back to support the Club. We appreciate all the Kendra Scott team for their generosity and warm hospitality. Thank you to everyone shopped KS' beautiful pieces of jewelry for our organization. It is a joy to be surrounded by such support in our community!



national family week

Sponsored By:



We celebrated National Family Week November 18-22, 2019 with exciting activities, prizes, and lasting memories thanks to a generous \$10,000 sponsorship from HEB Helping Here. Main Unit, South Pharr, and San Juan hosted events throughout the week that centered around giving back to our families. Activities included family art creations, movies, games, food, and fun! We capped the week with our annual Thanksgiving feast at all three Club sites, where a collective 1,000 were in attendance. We thank every donor and volunteer who contributed to this feast for all of our families. The week exuded a strong sense of community and happiness, and we are extremely grateful to HEB for making it all possible!





Nutrition Series at the San Juan Unit



Every semester, Boys & Girls Club of Pharr presents an educational and health positive nutrition series for parents to attend on a weekly basis. This term, we hosted the classes at our San Juan Unit on Wednesday evenings where parents dove into the conversation of health and nutrition. At each session, parents were able to learn different recipes and received a box of groceries to take home to their families. We had a great series and appreciate all who attended. A special thank you the San Juan Community Resource Center for allowing us to use their facilities!



Lights On Afterschool

On October 17, 2019 we celebrated the 20th Lights on Afterschool event at all 3 of our units. Lights on Afterschool is a national event that highlights the importance of afterschool programs.. Main Unit, South Pharr, and San Juan opened up their doors for an evening of family fun showcasing to parents all that we offer at BGCPHarr! We are proud to be the leading organization in providing a safe and positive afterschool environment for youth & teens of Pharr and surrounding communities!

2019 Club Christmas Parties!

Main Unit, South Pharr, and San Juan Unit hosted our annual Christmas celebration with so many fun holiday activities and of course our favorite Toy Drive giveaway! We were so happy to see our members filled with joy and gratitude as they received their Christmas gift from the Club. Again, this is only possible through our Christmas bingo, so we truly thank everyone who supported that event. It was an afternoon of Christmas spirit and smiles at the Club!




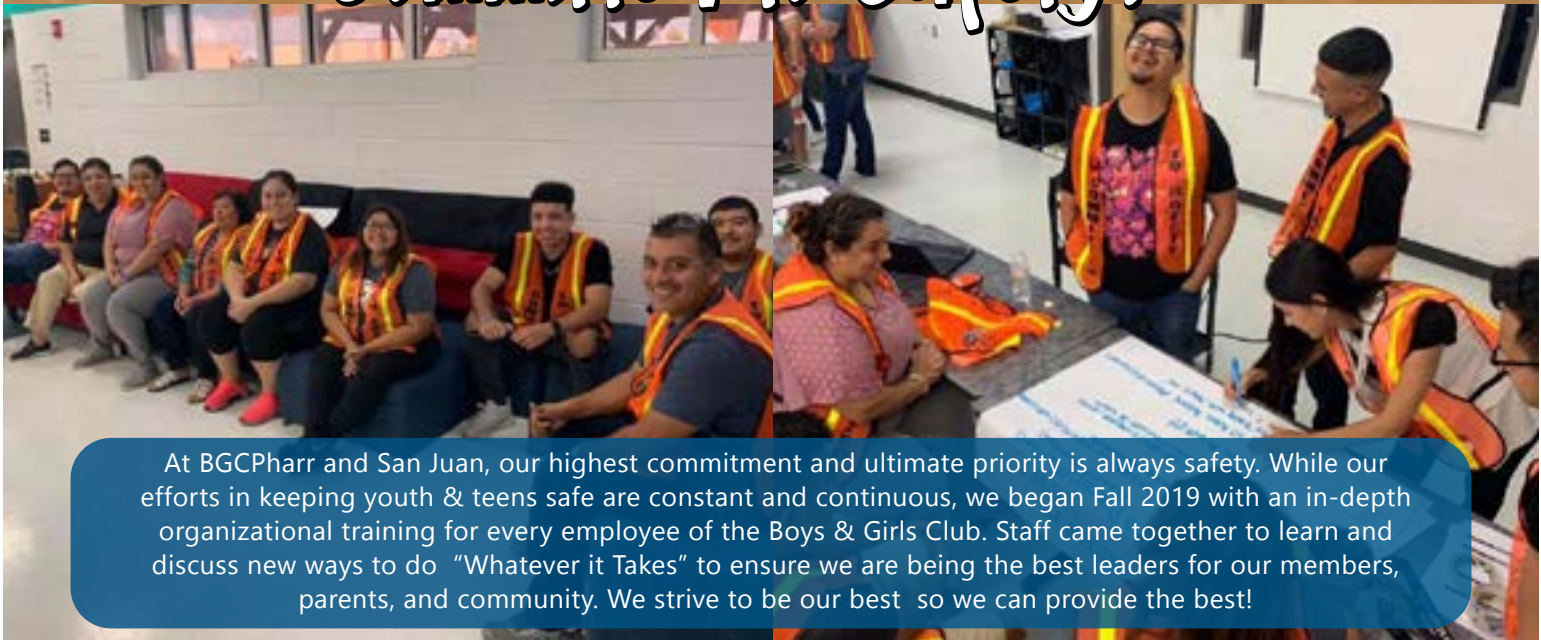
Keeping Our Afterschool Program Educational, Positive, and FUN!



This semester we continued our mission of providing the youth & teens of Pharr and surrounding communities with a positive and exciting place to go afterschool. Our programs allowed for youth & teens to stay successful in core areas that shape great futures. We implemented academics through homework assistance, learned healthy habits, socialized and built friendships, worked on physical fitness, improved our technology skills, and enjoyed balanced meals and snacks. We proudly saw so many youth & teens flourish the last few months in many areas and thank our team, as these successes are a reflection of their guidance!



Committed to Safety!



At BGCPharr and San Juan, our highest commitment and ultimate priority is always safety. While our efforts in keeping youth & teens safe are constant and continuous, we began Fall 2019 with an in-depth organizational training for every employee of the Boys & Girls Club. Staff came together to learn and discuss new ways to do "Whatever it Takes" to ensure we are being the best leaders for our members, parents, and community. We strive to be our best so we can provide the best!

Thank you.



The Boys and Girls Club of Pharr would like to thank parents, members, volunteers, and supporters for joining us on this Fall 2019. It is our privilege and honor to provide the youth of Pharr and surrounding communities with a safe, positive and uplifting environment. Thank you to our BGCP team for continuously doing "WHATEVER IT TAKES" to build GREAT FUTURES. We are looking forward to a strong and exciting 2020! To support our organization, tour our facilities, or enroll your children for our programs, contact us at 956.781.KIDS.



Connect with us on Social Media!
@BGCPpharr



Mission:

To provide a safe and nurturing environment to enable all children to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible individuals.