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Steak n’ Burger has a long and storied past. One that simply started as a way to bring the youth the (formerly known as) Boys Club served and those that gave their time, effort, and financial resources together for a shared meal.

In 1972 J.W. “Bill” Brakebill did exactly that and decided that for one night the Club kids would feast on steak while the adults ate hamburgers. The goal was to bring together different cultures, ages, religions, ideals, and ethnicities to get each group to understand and appreciate what the other brought to the table. Thus, Steak n’ Burger was formed from the ideas of a few founding Boys & Girls Clubs staff members.

These visionaries knew that if they could get the supporters to pay for a seat at the table they would recognize the immediacy and social responsibility with which they needed to raise funds to keep the doors open to the club helping these kids in their community. That is exactly what they did in 1972 and continue to do to this day.

With growing recognition and increased funding from supporters, the annual Steak N’ Burger event became so successful that the idea spread across the nation to Clubs from Florida to California, and from Michigan to Texas. Today, it is one of the most recognizable Boys & Girls Clubs events.

Our legacy is so much more than an event, a speaker, an evening, a dinner. It’s the spark in the mind of a child to be greater than they could have imagined. These kids not only get to see a professional speaker, but they will also see our BGCM Youth of the Year speak, bringing into perspective that what they once imagined 5 minutes ago with you, forms into action and possibility with the BGCM Youth of the Year speech. What once was thought impossible, in one night can turn a young mind to attainable.

The Annual Steak n’ Burger was so successful that it began to attract notoriety from other clubs across the nation. The idea caught on quickly and many Clubs today have adopted the fundraiser.

Generous supporters like you recognize that the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Memphis (BGCM) is a tangible investment by purchasing burgers...tens of thousands of them. For more than four decades, this event has raised over $6 million, helping to support thousands of youth annually in Memphis.

Tonight, we come together as a community to celebrate diversity and the limitless potential of Memphis’ youth.

Great Futures Start Here.
In 1958 a group of young men met in the home of John (Buddy) Thomason determined to find a way to mentor boys in their community. Their commitment to their mission led to the founding of The Phoenix Club, an organization of young up-and-coming leaders in the community brought together for the purpose of raising funds to support a club for young boys.

The group chose to invest in a nationally recognized organization, the Boys Club of America (BGCA). They secured the needed funds, selected the old Memphis Mounted Police Station on Barksdale as the site and hired Jim Carlile as the first Executive Director. In 1962 the Barksdale Boys Club opened its doors to 120 young Memphians and the rest as they say, is history.

In the face of great need many new branches of the Boys Club sprang up in the community, first the Goodwill Boys Club in 1967, followed by The Dixie Homes Club in 1969. The Boys Club continued to grow, adding Camp Phoenix in 1972, the Vollandtine Club in 1973 and replacing the Barksdale Branch with the Ira Samelson Jr. Branch in 1979. Though the Vollandtine Club is now known as the John Dustin Buckman Branch, both of these Clubs are open today and serve hundreds of kids every week. In 1990 the Southside Boys Club became the fifth branch of the Memphis Boys Club, which now serves hundreds of kids across the city.

1996 was a year of change for the Boys Club. Jim Carlile, stepped down as the President and CEO after more than 30 years of leadership. The end of one era marked the beginning of another as the Board appointed Brad Baumgardner the second President and CEO of the organization. In a fundamental shift, the Boys Club transitioned to the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Memphis, opening our doors to all the kids of Memphis to become a safe and positive place for all.

In 2000, the organization embarked on an aggressive Capital/Endowment Campaign to renovate, construct and establish new Clubs and the state-of-the-art Technical Training Center (TTC). The TTC opened in 2006 and remains the only facility of its kind in the country. The staff has trained and placed hundreds of kids in local jobs and higher education, once again marking the foresight of our local leadership.

In September of 2006, the Hickory Hill Boys & Girls Club opened and quickly grew to 500 members strong. Now boasting six local Clubs, one Technical Training Center and a resident summer camp, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Memphis served more than 3,000 kids but the need was still great. Brad Baumgardner stepped down and Vinny Borello became the new President and CEO in 2009. In his first year, BGCM established the Sycamore View Branch as the first “partner site.”

In January of 2011, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Memphis lost Bernal E. Smith Sr., a cornerstone of the organization. Smith was recognized for his years of selfless service by being inducted into the Boys & Girls Clubs Tennessee Alliance Hall of Fame. 2012 marked the Boys & Girls Clubs 50th Anniversary and we celebrated by opening the Oakhaven Branch and serving more than 3,000 members in our six branches.

Now under the leadership of CEO Keith Blanchard, our organization is forming new strategic partnerships to help our members reach their full potential. More than 1,000 kids every day have a better chance at Academic Success, Healthy Lifestyles and Good Character and Citizenship because of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Memphis.
1955 In September of 1955, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Memphis is unofficially proposed at a meeting of nine young men at the home of John “Buddy” Thomason.

1958 The Phoenix Club is formed.

1962 The first Boys Club of Memphis is opened in April at 189 South Barksdale under the leadership of Jim Carlile.

1972 J. W. “Bill” Brakebill proposes the first Steak n’ Burger Dinner, a concept that spreads to Boys and Girls Clubs across the country.

1972 Camp Phoenix opens for the first summer of serving kids.


1978-1979 The Ira Samelson, Jr. Branch opens in an abandoned YMCA building at 894 Isabelle.

1979 The Barksdale Club becomes the Central BGCM Office.

1984 Vollintine Club is renamed after John Dustin Buckman.

1985 Four kids attend the RAGBRAI, bike trip across Iowa.

1991 The Boys Club of Memphis opens its fifth site, Southside Branch.

1992 Jim Carlile retires after leading the organization for 30 years. Jim McCalla and Bernal Smith Sr. serve as interim directors. Brad Baumgardner is named the second President/CEO of the Boys Club of Memphis.

1993 The Boys Club of Memphis follows Boys & Girls Club of America’s lead and becomes the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Memphis (BGCM).

2000 Boys & Girls Club of Memphis embarks on an aggressive campaign to renovate, construct and establish new clubs and build a state-of-the-art technical training center. With overwhelming support from the community, the campaign is a huge success.

2006 The Hickory Hill Branch opens within a year, membership grows to more than 500 youth.

2006 The Technical Training Center opens offering classes in culinary arts, logistics and distribution programs for youth ages 16 to 21. This facility elevates BGCM by making it the only Club in the country that offers such a high caliber of services.

2009 Vinny Borello is hired as the third President and CEO in the history of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Memphis. The Sycamore View Branch is established as the first partner site shared with the Sycamore View Church of Christ.

2011 The Sycamore View Branch is established as the first partner site shared with the Sycamore View Church of Christ.

2011 Bernal Smith passed away and was named to the Boys & Girls Clubs Tennessee Alliance Hall of Fame.

2012 Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Memphis turns 50.

2012 Oakhaven Branch opens.
2014  Keith Blanchard is hired as the CEO of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Memphis.
2016  First Club site inside Shelby County School opened
2020  50th Anniversary of Camp Phoenix
2021  50th Anniversary Steak n’ Burger Dinner
2022  Awarded 3-year, $9 Million dollar contract with the City of Memphis & Shelby County Schools to open 10 new Club sites
Dear BGCM Friends,

On behalf of the staff, volunteers, and kids at the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Memphis, I would like to welcome you to our Annual Steak n’ Burger dinner! This unique event has been bringing our Club members and supporters, like you, together to share a meal for over five decades. Take time tonight to listen to our Club kids’ stories, ask about their lives, and their schools, what brings them joy, and favorite things about their Clubs. Each youth here tonight encapsulates and exemplifies why we work every day to provide programs formulated to support, inspire, and create a pathway to a great future.

Every day, more than 1,000 kids between the ages of 6-18 count on our Clubs to provide an after-school meal, a consistent and caring mentor, computers and help with their homework, intramural sports, art and music classes, and a safe and positive environment to achieve their full potential. In addition, our Juice Plus+ Technical Training Center provides our young adults, ages 16-22, with career exploration, intern opportunities, job exposure, technical skills, certifications, and training they need to access the jobs and career pathways of the future.

Together, we are giving Memphis youth the opportunity to dream, believe, and achieve a career path they are passionate about with the tools to succeed. In the midst of a pandemic and unheralded learning losses greater than any time in history, our Club kids are already beating the odds. 100% of our seniors graduate with a plan for their future, more than half are headed to vocational schools, two-year and four-year colleges, and some to the armed forces, with 71% of our teens expecting to graduate from college, 73% of our kids getting A’s and B’s, and 94% successfully transitioning from grade to grade.

Again, thank you for joining us tonight. We hope you have an inspirational evening getting to know our kids, as they will definitely enjoy getting to know you!

Keith Blanchard
President & CEO
The PGA TOUR & FedEx St. Jude Championship is proud to honor the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Memphis for your work in our Memphis Community, enabling young people to reach their full potential!

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In Honor of the Man Who Started It All, Steak n’ Burger Founder,

J. W. “BILL” BRAKEBILL
Dear BGCM Friends,

We are excited to have you attend this year’s version of the Steak & Burger event! We appreciate your support. BGCM provides a safe place, caring adult mentors, fun, friendship and high-impact youth development programs on a daily basis during critical non-school hours. We know clubs make a difference based on the strong positive outcomes youth experience:

- 100 percent of seniors graduate, and 100 percent of graduates go to college, get a job, or join the military.
- 81 percent of BGCM members show an increase in homework completion.
- 57 percent of alumni said the club saved their life.
- The percentage of Club girls who express an interest in a STEM career (47 percent) is more than three times greater than that of their same-aged female peers nationally (15 percent).

During the pandemic, the BGCM provided meals and computer access when to students in need. The BGCM relies on individual donations and corporate partnerships for support to provide the resources necessary to continue its mission. We are excited about our recently announced partnership with the City of Memphis and Shelby County Schools to expand our programming to the schools. We are grateful for the support you give to support our kids. Thanks again for being here and supporting the work of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Memphis.

Michael Keeney, 2022 Central Board Chair

To my Steak N’ Burger Friends,

Welcome to the 51st Annual Steak N’ Burger Dinner. On behalf of the staff, board, volunteers, and the kids of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Memphis, we thank you. Your financial support allowed the doors of our Clubs to stay open through the pandemic and offered a place for kids to learn in a safe environment with access to the Internet and meals. The Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Memphis changes the lives of students and in turn changes our community: 100 percent of seniors graduate and go to college, get a job, or join the military. 57 percent of alumni said the club saved their life.

2022 has already been a monumental year for Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Memphis with the opening of ten new clubs in local high schools, doubling the number of students served. We are excited to welcome the new staff and students to our family.

I know that you and I will enjoy hearing from our barrier-breaking speaker, Melissa Harville-Lebron and our Youth of the Year, Kirsten. Most importantly, I hope you enjoy getting to know some of our phenomenal Club kids this evening; those members sitting at your table are excelling in school, leading healthy lifestyles, and experiencing Memphis through Club field trips and outings. They are the future of our city. Thank you for joining us tonight and supporting the work we do.

Caroline Doherty, 2022 Steak n’ Burger Chair
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Kirsten Tilford is a 17-year old senior at White Station High School. She is a member of Ira Samelson Jr. Boys & Girls Club. She is dedicated to maintaining good grades and being successful both in and outside of school. She has accumulated a 3.8 GPA and a 26 on the ACT. She spends her time outside of school doing a multitude of extracurricular activities. She’s a member of the keystone club, her school’s drama club, a member of Youth in Government, as well as the track and field district team manager. Kristen has been accepted into several Universities including Florida A&M, and Hampton university. Recently, she has obtained a full-ride scholarship to Tennessee State University (T.S.U.). She plans to study Criminal Justice and minor in Communications to one day become a Strategic Intelligence Analyst for the Federal Bureau of Investigations (F.B.I.).

**Personal Growth Essay Excerpt:** Has there ever been a time in your life that you were so frightened that you couldn’t think straight? So terrified at the sight in front of you, that the simple thought of even spelling out a name was equivalent to rocket science? A time in your life where you couldn’t move any muscles but could only stand and watch in fear? May 13, 2016, was that time for me, the scariest day of my life. I was only 9 years old at the time, but let me assure you my age doesn’t take away from the horror of the morning that was to come. The night before my mom had said she was starting to feel violently ill. She suffers from type one diabetes and kidney failure and at the time her diabetes was going untreated. That next morning I woke up to her lying unconscious on the bathroom floor. I kept screaming for her to wake up, shaking her and hoping she’d just say she was sleeping. However, she just stayed life-less on the floor. We contacted my aunt from the scene and I overheard the paramedics tell my aunt that by the time we would make it to the hospital, my mom would probably be long gone. A constant ringing in my ear is all I heard as the ambulance finally pull off. The fear in my heart is something that I will never forget. Thankfully my mom wasn’t long gone. This experience let me know that one day my mom may not be there. It’s always just been me and my mom, and the thought of her not being there was terrifying. I had grown so accustomed to being dependent on her, and now the tables were going to turn. Dealing with lifelong illnesses like diabetes, and kidney failure take strenuous steps every day. As a member of Boys & Girls Club, I have learned so many useful dietary and cooking skills through the Healthy Habits and Chef Club programs. I am sure the club staff do not know it but because of them, I am able to prepare healthy and delicious meals for my mom and I. Healthy habit has taught me the importance of identifying different foods within the food groups and how I can substitute greasy or starchy foods for healthier options. In addition, Chef Club has taught me how to prepare those meals and show my mom the alternative methods to cook some of her favorite foods. Through this life altering situation I’ve learned that I always want be a person that others can depend on when I commit to something. I learned that it’s important to follow your dreams daily because tomorrow is not promised to anyone.

**My Club Experience Essay Excerpt:** My experiences at the Ira Samelson Jr. Boys & Girls Club have been amazing to say the least. When I first started attending, I was a little apprehensive about fitting in and making friends. However, I quickly learned that the staff was concerned about making me feel comfortable and relaxed in my new environment. I came in with my guard up thinking that I would be unable to connect with anyone there but even the other kids made me feel right at home as soon as I entered the gym doors. The atmosphere was always so exciting and everyone around me seemed delighted to be there. I felt like I had been attending the club all my life. I will forever be grateful for the relationships I have made.

“Life stops moving for no one, so never forget to enjoy your present while working on your future and remembering your past”

The Ira Samelson Boys & Girls Club has become apart of my family. I consider the club a place where I’m safe, meet new friends, learn, and have fun. I don’t have to wonder if the staff cares about my well being because I see it each day. When I walk in the club the first question is “how was school?” I know its a simple question but it means a lot to me and I’m sure to other children as well. That’s why I consider Ira Samelson Club family, my family is my world.
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Melissa Harville-Lebron is the first African American woman, to solely own a Camping World Truck Series and a developmental racing team in NASCAR’s Whelen All-American Series, Division I. The multicultural racing team is the first ever to consist of two brothers from two different ethnicities and minority classes, hailing from the North East and under the age of 25. The team consist of 6 drivers of various professional licensed levels. On February 16, 2018, E2NE partnered with Copp Motorsports for “The Next Era Energy 250” at Daytona. Scott Stenzel finished an impressive 15th. Recently recognized as an “Ebony Power 100 Honoree of 2018” & a Black Enterprise “Top Story of 2018”. 2019 Legacy Award from Cafe Mocha. 2021 Forbes 50 Over 50, Nomination.

Known as “Captain Lebron” for the last 5 years of her career in the Mental Observation Unit in New York City’s Department of Corrections Rikers Island - Anna M. Kross Center, Melissa was forced to retire after 19 years of service due to a work related injury. A chronic asthma sufferer, it was after another severe attack that she had an epiphany, never be able to say “I wish I had” be able to say “I’m glad I did.” The pursuit of her passion was born.

Ms. Harville-Lebron is the Founder and CEO of W.M. Stone Enterprises, Inc., the home to Coutrá Music Group a boutique music label. CMG’s eclectic roster, at one time, included a female racecar driver with a phenomenal voice. This would be Melissa’s initial exposure to NASCAR and also what would capture her attention and direct her awareness to the lack of diversity in the motorsport. At that moment the conscious decision was made to pursue and fill that multicultural gap. E2 Northeast Motorsports was developed to be the 1st. multicultural team in NASCAR.

Melissa has always felt that the many obstacles in life were preparation for greatness in the future. Focused on creating her own destiny, she incorporated opportunity and imagination. Accepting social accountability for the impressions we portray to our youth throughout platforms that we have access to, E’merge’s goal is to encourage the youth to, “Unlock their dreams and pursue the unimaginable”. The obstacles of adversity do not define your future.
Mearl Purvis grew up on the traditions that have molded her into an award winning journalist and a community engaged person. Fairness, family, gratitude and compassion.

Her stories often examine the lives of the unsung heroes and heroines making a difference in their communities. Ask her what her favorite past time activities are and with enthusiasm she will say reading to school children, enjoying art and music and interior design.

Mearl has won eight Regional Emmy Awards, the prestigious Edward R. Murrow Award, the equally prestigious George Foster Peabody Award and the J.C. Penny Missouri Award. The graduate of Jackson State University in Jackson, MS Mearl was trained to be a well-rounded journalist and learned how to write, edit, produce as well as anchor.

Her career assignments have been vast and impressive. A documentary on the life of Emperor Napoleon Bonaparte took her to Paris, France and the French countryside. A personal trip to Phnom Penh, Cambodia ended with a special report after Mearl toured Tuol Sleng, the Genocide Museum, where Pol Pot’s murderous regime killed more than 12,000 people. From the horrors of what hatred can destroy to the power of what love can create, she calls her private moments with the Dali Lama – a ‘soul makeover’. Mearl has shared a stage with four world leaders including Desmond Tutu, Mikhail Gorbachev, U. S. presidents Jimmy Carter and Bill Clinton.
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1972  WINFIELD DUNN
Winfield Dunn is a graduate from the University of Mississippi, The University of Tennessee College of Dentistry, and holds an honorary doctorate of jurisprudence from Southwestern University of Memphis. He is a former governor of Tennessee. Dunn became the first Republican governor elected in Tennessee in 50 years and is known for his statewide kindergarten program and the Department of Economic and Community Development. Winfield is chairman of “Character Counts,” which is a non-profit that advocates character development for adults and children.

1973  BILL BATTLE
Mr. Battle founded CLC in 1983. Based in Atlanta, the company is a comprehensive trademark licensing agency specializing in the protection and marketing of collegiate trademarks and brands with an emphasis on maximizing the revenue potential of licensing for its institutions. Mr. Battle came to the business of collegiate licensing after 17 years in college football, first as a player and later as a coach. He played for the University of Alabama under head coach Paul “Bear” Bryant, worked as an assistant coach and was head football coach at the University of Tennessee from 1970 until 1976.

1974  HANK AARON
Hank Aaron is known for being one of the most consistent offensive players in baseball history. He played for Milwaukee Braves, Atlanta Braves and the Milwaukee Brewers. In addition to holding the home run record of 755-hr he also holds the major league record for total bases, extra-base hits, and RBI. Aaron was named Most Valuable Player by the National League in 1957. He won three Gold Gloves for his play in the right field and he was named to a record 24 all-star squads.

1975  LARRY CSONKA
Larry Csonka was the All-American fullback at Syracuse University. He was named the Most Valuable Player several times throughout his career in the NFL. Csonka played with the Miami Dolphins’ and led them to three Super Bowl's while earning All-Pro and Pro Bowl honors. Csonka is one of the top 20 leading runners in NFL history. He was elected in the Professional Football Hall of Fame in 1987.

1976  BUD WILKINSON
Bud Wilkinson graduated from the University of Minnesota. He started his career as an assistant football coach at the University of Oklahoma and then became the head coach and athletic director. Wilkinson led Oklahoma to the Big Six championship. His team never lost more than one game in during his 10 years of coaching.

1977  JESSE OWENS
Jesse Owens attended Ohio State University where he began participating in track and field. In the Big Ten, he set three world records and tied a fourth in track and field. He also set a world record in the 220-yard dash. During the Olympics in 1936, Owens became the first American in the history of Olympic Track and Field to win four gold medals in a single Olympic Game.

1978  AL MCGUIRE
Al McGuire graduated from St. John’s University in 1951 and played four years of professional basketball with the New York Knicks and the Baltimore Bullets. After several assistant coaching positions, he became the head coach for the Marquette University in 1964. He led his team to win both the NIT (1970) and 1977 NCAA championships. In 1971, McGuire was named Coach of the Year by Associated Press.

1979  GOVERNOR LAMAR ALEXANDER
Governor Lamar Alexander became the 45th governor of Tennessee in 1978. He walked 1,000 miles across Tennessee in his now famous red and black plaid shirt during his campaign. He helped Tennessee become the 3rd largest auto producer and the 1st state to pay teachers more for teaching well. Governor Alexander graduated from Vanderbilt University and New York University Law School.

1980  LOU HOLTZ
Lou Holtz started his coaching career in 1960 at the University of Iowa as an assistant. He was an assistant coach at William & Mary, University of Connecticut, University of South Carolina, and Ohio State during the 1960’s. He became a head coach in 1969 at William & Mary taking them to their only bowl game. Coach Holtz left W&M to coach at NC State before leaving the college ranks for the NFL. In 1977, Coach Holtz became the head coach at the University of Arkansas.

1981  JERRY CLOWER
Jerry Clower graduated from Mississippi State University with a degree in Agriculture. He worked for a number of different chemical plants before he became Director of Field Services. His humorous stories improved his sales and he eventually made a comedy album. Clower made appearances at the Grand Ole Opry and traveled widely to tell his tales. He has also published four best-selling books.
1982 JAMES A. LOVELL
James Lovell graduated from the United States Naval Academy with a Bachelors Degree in Science in 1952. Lovell continued his education at Ivy League schools. He was selected as an Astronaut by NASA in 1962. He completed his fourth mission as Spacecraft Commander of the Apollo 13 flight and became the first man to journey twice to the moon. He holds the record time in space.

1983 BROOKS ROBINSON
Brooks Robinson gave a new meaning to Baltimore Orioles baseball. He holds the major league records for most hits, most games, most seasons, most chances, most putouts, most assists, and most double plays for third baseman. Robinson was named the Most Valuable Player several times in Major League Baseball.

1984 LOU BROCK
Larcenous Lou Brock helped Southern Louisiana’s baseball team win the NAIA world series championship, which led him to an offer by the Chicago Cubs in 1962. Brock began playing for St. Louis Cardinals in 1964 where broke the National League’s stolen base record. He was the oldest player to steal over 100 bases.

1985 TERRY BRADSHAW
Terry Bradshaw graduated from Louisiana Tech. One of the most dominant quarterback of NFL for the Pittsburgh Steelers, he led them to 8 AFC Central Championships and 4 Super Bowl titles. He was known for calling his own plays. Bradshaw was named the NFL’s “Most Valuable Player,” by the Associated Press and named All-Pro and All-AFC in 1978.

1986 DANNY WHITE
Danny White is known for setting 8 Dallas Cowboys’ records for completions and touchdown passes. He broke the touchdown passing record in his first year. White took the Cowboys to the playoffs 5 times and won 3 NFC East Titles. He is ranked 4th best in Arena Football history and was inducted into the Arena Football Hall of Fame in 2002.

1987 FRANK BROYLES
Frank Broyles graduated from Georgia Tech with a degree in Industrial Management in 1947. While at Georgia Tech, he was a star quarterback and lettered in baseball and basketball. In 1958, he became the University of Arkansas’ head football coach where he began the process of rebuilding the football team. In 1964, his team won all 11 games and was voted “National Champion” by the Football Writers Association of America. He also won the American Football Coaches Association “Coach of the Year Award” in 1964.

1988 GOVERNOR LAMAR ALEXANDER
In 1987, after serving two terms as Governor, Lamar Alexander became the president of the University of Tennessee. During his time as Governor, he helped Tennessee become the 3rd largest auto producing state. Tennessee was also the first state to pay teachers a premium for teaching well. Governor Alexander is a classical and country pianist.

1989 PAUL TUDOR JONES
Paul Tudor Jones is the president and founder of Tudor Investment Corp., one of the best known and most successful macro hedge funds. Jones got his start in the trading business on the floor of the former New York Cotton Exchange and has favored the futures markets for his trading strategies. Jones was a director on the FIA board for many years, and has contributed time and energy to charity, most notably through his financial and personal support for the Robin Hood Foundation, an organization dedicated to fighting poverty in New York City.

1990 ROOSEVELT “ROSEY” GRIER
Roosevelt Grier attended Penn State University. He started his professional career in football with the New York Giants. Grier then went to play for the Los Angeles Rams, where he became one of the best defensive lineman in football history. He earned Pro Bowl Honors three times. He is now an inspirational speaker, and co-founder of American Neighborhood Enterprises, an organization works to help disadvantaged city dwellers buy homes and receive vocational training.

1991 REGGIE WHITE
Reggie White is known for being one of the best athletes to play defensive end in the National Football League’s history. He was a two-time NFL Defensive Player of the Year and set a Super Bowl record with three sacks. White has worked diligently in the off-season with inner-city youth and was the associate minister of Inner City Church in Knoxville.

1992 WILLIE DAVIS
Willie Davis graduated from Grambling University and went to the University of Chicago for his master’s degree in business. He played for the Green Bay Packers’ where he made all pro five times, played in six NFL title games, and the first two Super Bowls. He entered the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 1981 for never missing a game over the course of 12 years.
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1993  DON HUTSON
Don Hutson graduated from the University of Memphis with a degree in sales. He became #1 salesperson in a national training organization. Hutson has been President of National Speakers Association (NSA) and received the “Cavett Award”. In 1991 he was awarded the International Speakers Hall of Fame Award.

1994  DREW BROWN
Drew Brown graduated from Southern University with a bachelor's in business administration. He joined the U.S. Navy in 1981 and during his storied career he earned the “Wings of Gold.” His other awards include The Meritorious Service Medal, The Freedom Foundation Medal, and The Congressional Black Caucus Male Achievement Award. Brown is well known for his leadership capabilities and his book, “You Gotta Believe.”

1995  ARCHIE MANNING
Archie Manning attended the University of Mississippi where he was named the “All-American Quarterback,” and is the only Ole Miss Player to have his number retired. Manning was inducted into the National Football Foundation College Hall of Fame. He won the Byron “Whizzer” White Humanitarian Award and the Bart Starr Humanitarian Award. Manning operates the Manning Passing Academy, which is a Summer camp for high school quarterbacks and receivers.

1996  HENRY FRANKLIN WINKLER
Henry Winkler received a Bachelor’s Degree in 1967 from Emerson College, Master of Fine Arts in 1970 from Yale University, and Ph.D. in Hebrew Literature in 1978 from Emerson College. Winkler is a familiar face from the popular 1970’s and 1980’s show “Happy Days” where he played the role of Arthur “Fonzie” Fonzarelli. Currently he is producing and directing television shows and movies.

1997  DAVE WINFIELD
Dave Winfield was drafted by four different professional teams for three different professional sports out of the University of Minnesota - the San Diego Padres - MLB, the Atlanta Hawks- NBA, the Utah Stars - NBA, and Minnesota Vikings - NFL. He was known for his cannon arm and played for the six different MLB teams during his career which spanned from 1973-1995. He won the Roberto Clemente Award in 1994 for his humanitarian activities.

1998  JACKIE JOYNER-KERSEE
Jackie Joyner-Kersee came from an impoverished East St. Louis neighborhood and rose to stardom as an incredible athlete. She excelled in track and field as well as basketball. Joyner-Kersee or “Super Woman” held the American record for the long jump. She competed in four different Olympic Games ’84, ’88, ’92, & ’96). At the Olympics Games, she won a total of three gold, one silver and one bronze medal. She was the first woman to hold the heptathlon world record and it still has not been broken

1999  KYLE ROTE, JR.
Kyle Rote, Jr. started playing soccer at 16 years old. At age 21 he became the number one pick of NASL by the Dallas Tornados. Three times he won ABC’s “Super Stars” competition. He was later named as “Greatest Athlete of the Millennium” by ESPN. Kyle Rote, Jr. is known for being the only American born player to ever win professional soccer league championship for the NASL.

2000  TEE MARTIN
Tee Martin is a graduate of the University of Tennessee, where he earned a Bachelor's Degree in Child and Family Studies. As starting quarterback, Martin led the University of Tennessee to the national Football Championship in 1999. He was an active member of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Mobile as he was growing up and credits his Club experience for much of his leadership skills in making life-long decisions.

2001  JOHN CALIPARI
John Calipari is a graduate from Clarion State in 1982. He was the Head Basketball Coach for the Memphis Tigers and is among the few who have won 300 or more games in their first 13 years. Calipari has always stressed the importance of education and subsequently the overall graduation rate of his players have improved.

2002  ROBIN ROBERTS
Robin Roberts graduated from Southeastern Louisiana University with a Bachelor's Degree in 1983 in Communications. She was the 3rd all-time leading basketball scorer and rebounder. She began her career as a sports director in Atlanta and Nashville radio. In 1990, she joined ESPN as a sport caster and in 1995, she joined ABC News’ “Good Morning America.” She is very well-known for her versatile coverage on prime-time television.

2003  LEE CORSO
Lee Corso, one of college football’s most opinionated and entertaining analysts, is a member of ESPN’s college football team. Corso, in his 17th year with ESPN, serves as game analyst for the ESPN College Football Thursday Night telecasts and as a studio analyst for Game Day. He joined the network after 28 years as a coach at the college and professional levels, including 17 seasons as a head coach. A graduate of Florida State University, Corso earned a Bachelor’s Degree in Physical Education and a Master’s Degree in Administration and Supervision.
2004  TOMMY WEST
Tommy West, former Clemson head football coach who came to Memphis in 2000 as defensive coordinator. He became the Tigers’ 21st head coach on November 30, 2000. The hiring proved to be very beneficial for the University of Memphis football program as the popular coach has led the Tigers to two consecutive bowl appearances. He earned a Bachelor’s Degree at the University of Tennessee while playing tight end.

2005  A.C. WHARTON
Mayor A.C. Wharton has been a public servant for more than two decades, starting in 1980 when he was appointed Shelby County Public Defender. Wharton graduated from Tennessee State University and University of Mississippi Law School. He was the first ever African-American professor of law at the University of Mississippi from 1974 until 1999 while in private practice. He was elected Mayor of Shelby County in 2002.

2006  PEYTON MANNING
Peyton Manning finished his college career at the University of Tennessee as the most winning quarterback in SEC history. He accumulated 42 NCAA, SEC, and Tennessee records. Peyton was selected by the Indianapolis Colts as the first pick in the 1998 NFL Draft. A six-time Pro Bowl selection and two-time MVP, he has produced totals during his career that rank among the best in NFL history. Peyton established The PeyBack Foundation in 1999 to promote the future success of disadvantaged youth by assisting established programs that provide leadership and growth opportunities for children at risk.

2007  HERMAN BOONE
Herman Boone is a former football coach at T. C. Williams High School in Alexandria, Virginia. His first year as the Head Coach at T.C. Williams High School was subject to controversy due to the court-ordered integration. The integration of the football team was the subject of the film Remember the Titans. Boone was portrayed in the movie by Denzel Washington.

2008  DOMINIQUE DAWES
Dominique Dawes started in gymnastics at the age of six and by the mere age of 10 she was competing. She was placed in the international spotlight in the 1992 Olympics in Barcelona, Spain and was the first African-American to ever qualify for the Olympic Games. Dawes is a 3-time Olympian and Olympic Gold Medalist. She was inducted into Gymnastics Hall of Fame in 2005 and currently she serves as the President of the Women’s Sports Foundation.

2009  MICHAEL OHER
Michael Jerome Oher is an American football offensive tackle for the Baltimore Ravens of the National Football League. He was drafted by the Ravens in the first round of the 2009 NFL Draft. He played college football at the University of Mississippi for the Ole Miss Rebels. His life prior to college is one of the subjects of Michael Lewis’s 2006 book, The Blind Side: Evolution of a Game and the subject of the 2009 film The Blind Side.

2010  OJ MAYO
Ovinton J’Anthony “OJ” Mayo, is an American basketball player that has been playing with the Memphis Grizzlies since July 8, 2008. He played college basketball for the University of Southern California. As an athlete at Huntington High School and North College Hill High School, he was considered by several media outlets to be the best high school basketball player in the United States. He chose to enter the 2008 NBA Draft and was taken third overall by the Minnesota Timberwolves on June 26, 2008. Mayo was a part of the 2008 U.S. Select Team to help get the Olympic team ready for the 2008 Summer Olympics in Beijing.

2011  NICK SABAN
A man of vision who has a proven record of success, University of Alabama Head Coach Nick Saban is committed to building a total football program and players of strong moral character. His uncompromising dedication to excellence in every phase of the program has resulted national championship titles for his program and repeat National Coach of the Year titles for himself. His commitment to building the total football program, placing education first, instilling discipline and responsibility on and off the field transformed the Tigers into a force on the national stage.

2012  RUDY GAY
Born August 17, 1986 in Baltimore, Maryland, Rudy Gay attended Archbishop Spalding High School. He then attended The University of Connecticut, playing two years under UConn Huskies Head Coach Jim Calhoun before entering the 2006 NBA Draft. Rudy was drafted in the first round, 8th overall by the Houston Rockets, then traded to the Memphis Grizzlies for Shane Battier. Rudy Gay is considered to be one of the NBAs best two-way forwards, as well as an elite clutch shooter. He is a Gold Medalist, having played for Team USA in 2010 in the FIBA World Championship.

2013  BOBBY BOWDEN
Bobby Bowden is known as much for his affable charm as he is for his championship teams. The legendary college football coach guided Florida State University to more than three hundred victories, two national championships, and twelve Atlantic Coast Conference titles, finishing in the top five in the country in 14 straight seasons, and led the Seminoles to Bowl Games in 28 consecutive seasons during his 34 year tenure. The patriarch of college football’s most famous coaching family, Bowden was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame in 2006.
2014  JAY MARTIN
Jay serves as President and CEO of Juice Plus+, the Company he founded in 1970, continuing to be motivated by the words that inspired him 50 years ago to found this great Company. Words that today are cast in bronze at the entrance of Juice Plus+ World Headquarters in Collierville, Tennessee, words that have become the Company’s Mission Statement: “TO BUILD A STABLE AND LASTING COMPANY THAT WILL HELP AS MANY PEOPLE AS POSSIBLE REALIZE THEIR DREAMS.”

2015  RICHARD MONTANEZ
Richard Montañez begin as a janitor at the Frito-Lay Rancho Cucamonga plant in California in 1976, until he invented the Flamin’ Hot Cheeto. From this inspiration, the Flamin’ Hot line of products was born. Flamin’ Hot Cheetos influenced future ethnic products and the first Frito-Lay Hispanic marketing team. Montañez is the company’s top Latino executive and leads Multicultural Sales & Community Promotions across PepsiCo’s North America Divisions.

2016  ANFERNEE PENNY HARDAWAY
Growing up in the Binghampton neighborhood of Memphis, Tennessee, Penny was raised by his grandmother while his mother was away at work. His grandmother would call him “Pretty,” but with a deep southern accent, it sounded like “Penny,” which resulted in the nickname. Penny attended the Ira Samelson, Jr. Boys & Girls Club, where to this day, past Board Members are able to recall seeing sixth grade Penny dunk a basketball on a ten-foot goal. After graduating from Treadwell High School, Penny went to The University of Memphis where he played until 1993 when he was drafted by the Golden State Warriors as the 3rd overall pick in the NBA draft. Penny has often times been compared to Magic Johnson due to his size and quickness. As an alumni of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Memphis, we are beyond thrilled to welcome Penny back home to inspire many, especially our kids.

2017  BUTCH JONES
The University of Tennessee announced on Dec. 7, 2012 the hiring of Butch Jones as the 24th head football coach of the Vols. Jones owns a 71-44 record (.617) in nine seasons as a head coach prior to the 2016 season, and his teams have earned bowl appearances in seven of his first nine seasons as a head coach. Jones joined UT from the University of Cincinnati, where he finished with a 23-14 record (.657) in three seasons with the Bearcats. A staple of Jones’ programs has been success in the classroom, and the Vols have made great strides academically during his tenure. Tennessee has posted the highest team GPAs in program history under Jones, including a record 2.85 in Spring 2015 and a 2.80 cumulative GPA average in Spring 2016.

2018  MIKE NORVELL
Mike Norvell stepped off the plane in the Bluff City December 4, 2015, as he became the 24th head coach for the University of Memphis football program. The youngest FBS head coach in the nation at the time of his hiring (aged 34). In his first season he had the most wins by a first year head coach in program history and was the first to lead the tigers to bowl eligibility his rookie season. Norvell played wide receiver at Central Arkansas from 2001 to 2005 and is the school’s all-time receptions leader.

2019  BARRETT JONES
Barrett Jones was born a nd raised in Memphis, where he graduated from Evangelical Christian School. Jones was considered a four-star recruit by Rivals.com, and was listed as the No. 1 center in the nation in 2008. He received an athletic scholarship to attend the University of Alabama, where he played for coach Nick Saban’s Alabama Crimson Tide football team from 2008 to 2012. Barrett ended his Alabama career winning 3 BCS National Championships - each championship at a different position - as an All-American guard, an All-American right tackle, and an All-American center. He currently lives in Memphis with his wife Katie and is an ESPN College Football Analyst.

2020  RYAN SILVERFIELD
Ryan Silverfield was named the head coach of the Memphis football program on Dec. 13, 2019 and coached the Tigers in their first-ever appearance in the Goodyear Cotton Bowl Classic against Penn State on Dec. 28, 2019. In 4 seasons with the Memphis Tigers, Silverfield has coached 5 offensive linemen to all-conference honors. Collectively, Silverfield’s 2018 unit was one of 10 semifinalists for the Joe Moore Award, given to the best offensive line in college football. He remains the only coach to have worked with an NCAA single-season rushing leader and an NFL single-season rushing leader.

2021  Mayor Jim Strickland
Jim Strickland was sworn in as mayor of Memphis for a second term on January 1, 2020. The mayor said his administration will focus on “building up, not building out,” and through the implementation of the city’s first long-range plan in nearly 40 years—Memphis 3.0— and the recently announced $200 million Accelerate Memphis: Invest in Neighborhoods project, we’re doing just that. Mayor Strickland is a 1982 graduate of CBHS, a 1986 graduate of the University of Memphis and a 1989 graduate of the School of Law at the U of M. Community service has long been a part of Mayor Strickland’s life. He has served with various organizations, such as the St. Vincent de Paul Soup Kitchen, where he continues to volunteer.
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Club Director - Schanaque Watson
Program Director - Jamillah Hill
The following is a list of the 11 Clubs that comprise the 9 traditional Clubs, 1 Technical Training Center, and Summer Camp before opening 10 new Club sites within city schools in partnership with the City of Memphis and Shelby County Schools.

**BERNAL E. SMITH CLUB**
PROGRAM DIRECTOR, SHELBY HENSON - Shelby Henson is a native Memphian. A graduate of The Lane College, where she received her BS in Education. Henson taught in the classroom from 2013 until granted the opportunity to become the Program Director of the Bernal E. Smith Boy’s and Girl’s Club. Shelby has been a part of Boy’s and Girl’s Club since 2014 and plans to provide many more years of service. She loves Boy’s and Girl’s Club and everything it represents. She loves to sing, Dance, draw, paint, write poetry and build positive relations with parents and campers.

**CRAIGMONT CLUB**
CLUB DIRECTOR, CHRIS GARNER - Growing up in the inner city of Memphis, Chris had to work hard and prove himself at all times. He grew up in the Ira Samelson Boys & Girls Club with friends such as Penny Hardaway and Elliot Perry. Each of them went on to play in the NBA, and Chris is now ready to use his experiences playing basketball to teach and show the kids of Memphis that “DREAMS DO COME TRUE”
PROGRAM DIRECTOR, DONTE’ PRYOR - Donte Pryor is a dedicated and hardworking individual who loves working with youths of all ages. He is a former math teacher that also mentored & tutored the youth at his church over the past five years. He recently decided to leave the classroom back in September of 2017 to join the staff at the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Memphis to service the youth of the city in a different capacity.

**IRA SAMELSON JR CLUB**
CLUB DIRECTOR, CARISSA SMITH - Carissa Smith is a native Memphian. She was raised in South Memphis and graduated from Fairley High School. Carissa grew up in an environment where faith and the love for others were fundamental strengths that shaped her morals and beliefs about the world around her. As a teen, she volunteered with her mother who taught her the value of giving back and responding to the needs of others. These lessons helped her become a peer counselor for at risk girls in the community. After receiving her first stipend, she realized that she could be rewarded for something she was passionate about. As a result, she began a career path with agencies where she could mentor youth and brighten their futures. Her faith has led her to the Memphis Boys & Girls Club where she plans to positively and creatively impact the lives of the children she serves.

**JOHN DUSTIN BUCKMAN CLUB**
CLUB DIRECTOR, RON NELSON - Growing up, Ron was a member of the Dixie Boys Club for 11 years under the direction of Bernal Smith. In 2005, he became the Program Director at the John Dustin Buckman Branch. While serving in this capacity, he has instilled positive character and leadership skills and quality programming for over 500 youth.
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**OAKHAVEN CLUB**
CLUB DIRECTOR, LAWRENCE KRIS YOUNG - Lawrence originally came to the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Memphis as a club member at the Goodwill unit. He later served as Program Director at the Bernal E. Smith Club and now serves as the Club Director at the Oakhaven Club. Lawrence continues to set a great example for the members of what you can achieve when you set your mind to it.

**PORTER GOODWILL CLUB**
CLUB DIRECTOR, AKUMDI OKWUNBUA “IFE”- Ifeakumdin’chi (My Wealth Is In The Lord) was raised in Memphis, TN. Ife is a creative and an outgoing individual who loves to engage in fashion design, sports, and fine arts. He has mentored and worked with inner city youth since his early teenage years and has been a staff member of Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Memphis since 2006.
PROMISE ACADEMY, SPRING HILL
CLUB DIRECTOR, ERIC DUPRE - Eric Dupree was born and raised in Memphis. He attended Cordova High School and Remington College where he graduated Salutatorian with a degree in Applied Science Criminal Justice. Eric has volunteered as an Auxiliary Juvenile Probation Officer for the City of Memphis. He has a strong passion to encourage, enlighten and empower the youth of today through his life experiences. He believes in the motto, “You have to be the change that you want to see.” He is excited to be a part of the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Memphis and ready to leave his mark in this endeavor.

PROMISE ACADEMY, HOLLYWOOD
CLUB DIRECTOR, CHANTELLE BONDS - Chantelle Bonds was born in Chicago, IL. And raised in Memphis, tn. Chantelle has a passion for children and for the community. Growing up in the inner City of Memphis, she attended the Porter Boys & Girls club and graduated from Booker T Washington High School. Chantelle received her B.S. in Human Science/Human Development and Family Studies from the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff and her Masters in Business Administration from Independence University.

PROGRAM DIRECTOR, DRUSHEENA KYLES - Drusheena Kyles is a native Memphian and a graduate of The George Washington University. She spent many years living in Los Angeles, CA with her son, Ramsey. During that time her attention was focused on discovering the components of a healthy lifestyle, especially for children and teens. Recently she returned home, to share with the youth of Memphis her findings regarding the honoring and care of one’s health through nutrition, yoga, and meditation. Before joining Boys and Girls Club of Greater Memphis, she worked at the Memphis Office of Youth Services.

SYCAMORE VIEW CLUB
CLUB DIRECTOR, PAULA GUYTON - Paula Guyton is a native of Memphis, TN. Paula is an outgoing, dedicated, hardworking young lady who loves working with youth of all ages. She has been a staff member of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Memphis since 2001. Paula has worked at four units, all in which she has been promoted. Paula believes in “Inspiring Youth to BE GREAT!”

PROGRAM DIRECTOR, TEVARIS DOUGLAS - Tevaris Douglas is originally from Bolivar, TN. He has worked with the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Memphis since 2009. Douglas has been honored as Staff of the Year by two (2) BGCM Clubs. Tevaris loves spending time with his kids and also loves to coach and play basketball. Tevaris believes in Inspiring Youth to “LEAD BY EXAMPLE”.

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DEVELOPMENT, CRYSTAL CAULFIELD - In the fall of 2011, Crystal took on the role of Career Prep Director where she serves as the Technical Training Center in organizing their curriculum as well as scheduling guest speakers, implementing new programs such as UPS Road Code, and making sure that the club members receive the skills necessary to enter the work force. In the spring of 2019, she was promoted to Assistant Director of Career Development where she helps with the coordination and implementation of the grants that support the Technical Training Center in meeting their mission.

CULINARY ARTS DIRECTOR, ERICA STEELE- Erica Steele, has extensive experience both in culinary arts and youth development. During her time in the Marine Corps, she found her passion for cooking and used her GI bill to pursue a BA in Culinary Management at the Art Institutes of Virginia Beach. Following the completion of this program, she worked at Busch Garden Williamsburg, conducting cooking demonstrations for their food and wine festival. She also served as an instructor at Sur La Table, a children’s culinary summer camp, teaching youth the essentials of food prep, creating a menu, and plating. She will focus on building knowledge around the nutritional value of ingredients as she takes a group of TTC participants ages 16-22 through a rigorous curriculum yearly.

CAMP PHOENIX
CAMP PHOENIX DIRECTOR, DAVE KEIGAN - Growing up, Dave spent summers in Maine on Sebago Lake where he learned to swim, fish, canoe and explore the woods. After college, he moved to Southern California where he started working for the Boys & Girls Clubs as Shop Director and worked his way up to Program Director. He became Camp Director of Pathfinder Ranch for the Boys & Girls Clubs of Palm Springs in 1983. Dave joined the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Memphis in February 2009 to Direct Camp Phoenix.
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