

THE CLUB CONNECTION

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF BANGOR



Adrienne, Lauren, Isabelle & Brendan



Brendan, Brayden & Brydon trying to find the eyeballs!

HALLOWEEN AT THE CLUB

We love Halloween time at the Club! We held our annual Halloween party on October 30th for our members to enjoy. There were lots of fun activities such as; Donut races, Halloween bingo, make your own trick or treat bags, find-the-eyeballs game, and a pumpkin ring toss. Members and staff dressed up as scary ninjas, pirates, superheroes and more!

Later on, members and their families were invited to attend the *trunk or treat* and *haunted house* at Bangor Housing. Community members, volunteers, staff, and community partners worked together to put on this amazing event.

We saw some really creative trunks like Jurassic Park, sharks, graveyards, skeletons, witches and more. Thank you to everyone who came out and decorated their cars!

The haunted house was spooOooOoOoky with special appearances by Pennywise, creepy zombies, and mentally deranged doctors!

TRICK OR TREATING AT NASON PARK

What a TREAT it was to visit our friends at Nason Park for trick or treating. Nason Park is a Bangor Housing property for the elderly and disabled.

Club members got to go "trick or treating" at the residents' doors, and everyone enjoyed a Halloween party in the community room with snacks afterwards.



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TEEN HALLOWEEN PARTY



Patience



Griffin

"Our Teen Center Halloween party was a blast! We transformed our clubhouse into a spooky and cool scene where we enjoyed all kinds of treats and eats while playing cornhole, pin the nose on the witch, making crafts and singing karaoke. Later we played "eyeball" dig and bobbing for apples. It was messy, but so fun! We ended the night with voting for "best costume" and giving away prizes for all the games we played. It was a great way to get our Halloween spirit started! We hope you all have an amazing Halloween this year!"

-Hannah Joy
Teen Center Director

COLE LAND TRANSPORTATION MUSEUM



Our younger club members visited the Cole Land Transportation Museum for a special field trip where they were challenged to search the museum and its artifacts on a scavenger hunt. Members enjoyed learning about the museums history and getting to "test out" the different modes of transportation.

"Our purpose at the Cole Land Transportation Museum is to collect, preserve, and display (before they disappear forever) a cross section of Maine's land transportation equipment from which this and future generations will gain knowledge of the past. We also wish to remember, record and display U.S. military memorabilia to forever remind this and future generations of the high price our comrades have paid to protect our freedom. In doing so, we hope to inspire and challenge the young people of today to continue on in the footsteps of pioneers who have built our state and country." -www.colemuseum.org

The museum is open seasonally, **May 1st to November 11th 9 AM to 5 PM, 7 days a week**
Children 18 years and under are always FREE!



FAMILIES FORWARD FEATURE:



Families Forward is a two generation program at BangorHousing, designed to help put families on the path to a better future. Families Forward participants work one on one with a coach who will help support them as they work towards their goals, and connect them with services and partners who can help them achieve these goals. Each participant is expected to meet with their Families Forward Coach at least once a month so that they can help identify needs, set goals, and track the families progress.

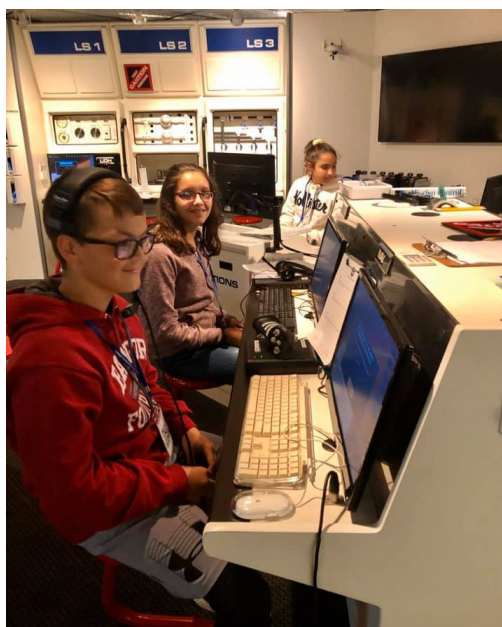
"Families Forward is a program designed to help put families on the path to a better future. We do this by Providing parents with pathways to higher paying jobs; the tools to better support their children socially, emotionally, and academically; and the opportunities to participate in community activities and services that support healthy child development, positive parent-child interaction, and increased social networks."

-Liz Marsh (Director of Resident Services at BangorHousing).

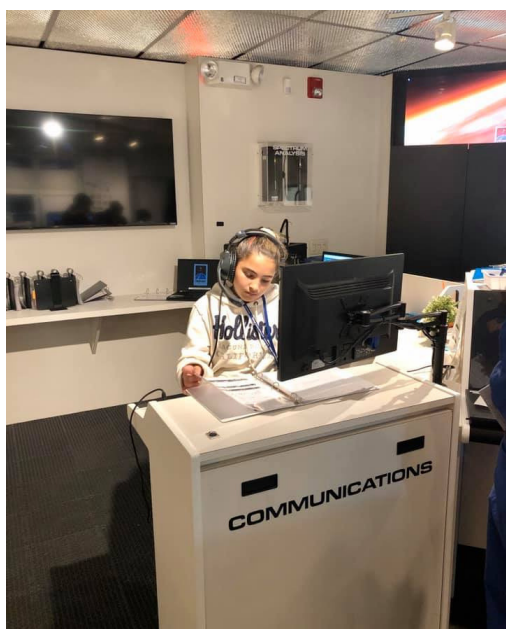
To learn more about this wonderful program, call BangorHousing at 942-6365 and ask to speak to someone on the Families Forward Team!

CHALLENGER LEARNING CENTER

We had a very special experience at the Challenger Learning Center this month. Our teens had the opportunity to try out the new *Mars Mission*, which hadn't been done before! While it had it's challenges and glitches, like any mission being done for the first time, we are so proud of how our teens persisted through each challenge and worked together as a team to accomplish their mission. We now understand why astronauts spend years practicing their missions before setting off on their adventures in space! Thank you Challenger Learning Center for giving us this experience!



Eli, Amira & Madison M.



Madison M.



Madison D.

MEMBER OF THE MONTH

D'AMANTE

What do you like to do for fun?

"I like to play board games with my family, watch t.v, and go to the trampoline park."

If you could be any animal, what would you be and why?

"I would be a shark so I could live and breathe underwater, like a superpower. They also look cool."

What is your favorite subject in school?

"I like gym because we do a lot of fun activities and it's a break from math."

What is your favorite thing about the Boys & Girls Club?

"I like that we are able to do fun things and we can do our homework here. I really like coloring pages and going to the park."



DONOR SPOTLIGHT OCTOBER 2019:

We would like to recognize the following community members, organizations, and businesses for the contributions they made. **THANK YOU!**

HANNAFORD: FUNDS TOWARDS THE FOOD PANTRY

DEB RISINGER: BOOKS, PUZZLES, GAMES

ROGERS FARM (KATE GARLAND): FRESH POTATOES

WARREN CARUSO & FAMILY: CLOTHES, DVD'S, SNACKS, AND MORE!

We would also like to recognize the following individuals who donated towards our first annual Halloween Costume Drive. Thank you for providing costumes to youth in our community!

SHEILA WENTWORTH
CHRISTAL CURTIS
HANNAH JOY NICHOLS
KIM WILLEY
RUTH WALSH
MEGAN HELMS
HEATHER HIGGINS

KATHY GILLESPIE
ANGEL VENTUCCI
MELISSA RHODES



SAVE THE DATE:

VETERAN'S DAY Monday, November 11th: **CLUB CLOSED**
THANKSGIVING BREAK November 25th-November 29th: **CLUB CLOSED**
OPEN GYM Every Sunday 11-12:30 in the gym
FOOD PANTRY OPEN FRIDAYS 4:30-5:30pm

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