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OF HAWAII

*Celebrating 31 Years*

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## YOUTH OF THE YEAR

Poised, confident, and impeccably dressed, the seven Youth of the Year Finalists took the stage in front of over 400 honored guests at the 2008 Youth of the Year Luncheon held on April 24th at the Hawaii Prince Hotel. One by one, the Finalists introduced themselves and explained what the Boys & Girls Club of Hawaii means to them:

*- BGCH means a lot to me because it has helped me change my attitude towards people and to become a good leader.*

*- We live in an environment where many things are limited. But that does not change what my clubhouse can do. BGCH helped me overcome obstacles in my life.*

Selected by their Clubhouses for their leadership, resilience and service to others, the Youth of the Year Finalists competed for the title of Youth of the Year at the clubhouse and state levels. To prepare for the competition, the Finalists attended seven weeks of training, mentoring and personal development at the Youth of the Year Academy. Spearheaded by the Alliance – a BGCH board comprised of young professionals – this year’s Academy kicked off with an overnight retreat at Winners’ Camp and included public speaking workshops with Toast Masters, a health and fitness seminar by Gold’s Gym, and a Macy’s dress for success clinic. Macy’s stylists even helped the Finalists select professional and age-appropriate outfits, which they wore at the Luncheon (and that BGCH purchased as gifts for each candidate!)

The Youth of the Year Luncheon was a culmination of the Youth of the Year program and a celebration of the

Finalists and their clubhouses. At the Luncheon, we were welcomed by our BGCH Board President Robin Yoshimura and honored by an address by Mayor Mufi Hannemann. A powerful video, courtesy of Hawaii Pacific Entertainment, highlighted the personal struggles and triumphs of our seven Finalists and poignantly illustrated how the Boys & Girls Club provides its members with a positive place, a safe haven, and a second family.

**In a surprise announcement, Michael W. Perry presented a check for \$2,000 on behalf of the Takitani Foundation to start the Mamoru & Aiko Takitani Scholarship Fund.** David Nakada, BGCH Executive Director, then announced that an anonymous donor pledged to match that amount on top of the donor’s commitment to sponsor the Spalding Candidate’s savings bond.



After the Finalists were awarded their prizes, Robin Yoshimura again took the stage and announced a flood of additional pledges. He also shared a suggestion by Aunty Edith Leong, a long-time BGCH supporter, to use those funds to start an endowment on behalf of Executive Director David Nakada in recognition and appreciation of his 30+ years of services to the Boys & Girls



Club of Hawaii. Thus, in a spontaneous and heartfelt moment, the David Nakada Endowment was established.

In the end, the Youth of the Year Luncheon is all about the kids, and its true stars were the Youth of the Year Finalists. Raymond Berdon, a Finalist from the Waianae Clubhouse, delivered a moving account of how the Club helped him through his parent’s divorce. Benjie Baclig, the 2008 Speech of the Year winner, spoke with poise and self-awareness beyond his years about how Aunty Bernie from the Waimea Clubhouse helped him break free from the chain of anger in his family.

Finally, Jazzlyn Pasion-Saflor – our 2008 Boys & Girls Club of Hawaii Youth of the Year winner– gave a passionate and moving speech about the meaning of “BGCH”. “To me, BGCH means ‘Become Greater Citizens in Hawaii’ because the Club encouraged me to follow my dreams and goals so that I can change my life for the better.” Jazzlyn’s words capture the spirit of the Youth of the Year Program -- to encourage our youth to follow their dreams. And the newly created scholarship fund and David Nakada Endowment will provide opportunities and resources to make their dreams reality.

On behalf of the Alliance and the Youth of the Year program, mahalo for your support and we’ll see you again next year!! ✕



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**7<sup>th</sup> Annual ODKF OSFD 2008 a big success!**

There's nothing like a day of fun in the sun – and Outrigger Duke Kahanamoku Foundation (ODKF) proved it to be true with their grant to BGCH for another year of Ocean Sports and Fitness. ODKF's grant enabled 185 youth between the ages of 10 and 14 to participate free of charge in a day of clinics held at Kailua Beach Park on April 19, 2008. Through the ODKF grant, members also received a lycra (rashguard), transportation, refreshments, and lunch from Duke's Restaurant Waikiki. For many of the youth participants, this was their first time attending an ODKF Ocean Sports & Fitness event.



*LT to RT Jim Fulton, David Nakada, Naomi Brown, Patrick Dougan, Tobias Grwbur, Kaeo Madeiros and Stephen Tsukayama.*

Throughout the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual ODKF Ocean Sports & Fitness Day, nearly a hundred dedicated volunteers, including members and friends from Outrigger Canoe Club, Aloha Surf Lifesaving, Hawaiian Island Creations and University of Hawaii Wahine Volleyball Team and Coach Dave Shoji were on hand hosting a series of different clinics, each providing a smaller group of children with individual instruction in canoe paddling and ocean safety, surfing and body boarding at Kalama Beach, and beach volleyball.

This event was an excellent opportunity to teach youth the importance of water safety and physical fitness while they learned new skills, all in a fun and casual environment. According to one young participant the experience was "the BEST field trip EVER!"

The event culminated with youth and volunteers joining together for lunch and beverages provided by Duke's Restaurant Waikiki and Jamba Juice, respectively. These treats were crowd pleasers – an ideal end to a great day.

A big Mahalo Nui Loa to ODKF, Wink Arnott, Walter Guild, Kenny Rust, and Stephen Tsukayama for putting together a great event. ✕

**Charles C. Spalding Clubhouse gets some TLC from Sunrise Rotary Club**



*Honolulu Sunrise Rotary Painting Crew*

The Honolulu Sunrise Rotary Painting Crew, all decked out in uniform, arrived with enthusiasm and coffee on Saturday April 26th, to transform the Boys & Girls Club's Charles C. Spalding Clubhouse (located in McCully) into a colorful masterpiece from one end of the hall to the other and continued into the games room. "The Boys & Girls Club painting project was a true labor of love for the Rotary Club of Honolulu Sunrise. The Boys & Girls Club is such a great organization, our members were glad to help. It is very fulfilling to know that in some small way we made our community a better place" said Honolulu Sunrise Rotary Club member Joey Char. ♡

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## Boost Mobile donates \$10,000

Free stuff is always great – these days, free gas is even better! On March 11, 2008 ‘dawn patrol’ took on new meaning as Pro Surfers and Boost Mobile Team Riders Sunny Garcia and Makua Rothman helped raise funds for Boys & Girls Club of Hawaii by pumping more than 4,000 gallons of free gas. The event marked the launch of the new Boost Mobile Hawaii Service. As a 4’-6’ surf crashed the breaks of North Shore some thirty miles away in downtown Honolulu, Garcia, Rothman, BGCH staff and others witnessed the lineup of vehicles grow for the free gas giveaway. Motorists began lining up as early as 5am.

“It’s a great cause because we’re asking for donations for the Boys & Girls Club...you can’t find a better reason than that...” said Garcia, to the Honolulu Advertiser.

On Saturday April 5, 2008 a crowd converged on Aloha Stadium to enjoy sights not often seen in Hawaii. In celebration of the Hawaii launch of Unlimited by Boost Mobile, Boost ambassadors, Freestyle Motocross and team riders, UFC Light Heavyweight Champions.

“It was an awesome experience for the kids,” said Lala Fernandez, BGCH Nanakuli Clubhouse Program Director. “They (the youth) enjoyed themselves and everything (they received and saw). They were really excited to meet the Team Riders, Quinton “Rampage” Jackson, and AO (Aaron Owens). Solomon Castillo, Club Kid, was overjoyed when he sunk the put for additional monies for the Club.” Boost Mobile’s donation for both events totaled \$10,000.



Many thanks to Danielle Alvarez, Sunny Garcia, and Boost ambassadors for inspiring the youth of Boys & Girls Club of Hawaii. ♪

## Spotlight: Macy’s Thanks for Sharing Program provides generous donation

Through the generosity of Macy’s West customers and employees, its popular Thanks for Sharing gift rewards program continues to support BGCH programs and services. Words couldn’t describe how we felt when the check revealed a total contribution of \$102,250! The amount is an increase of over 35% from the previous donation. Mahalo to Macy’s West employees, staff, and customers for their generosity. ♪

*Macy’s Deena Nichols, Senior VP and Director of Macy’s Hawaii stores, poses with David Nakada, BGCH Executive Director, at the recent Thanks for Sharing Check Presentation event at the Charles C. Spalding Clubhouse.*



## BGCH unveils new website



The online community is abuzz with interactive, social media – and it’s about time that BGCH get into the act. Through a partnership with OhanaNet, BGCH developed a brand new website at [www.bgch.com](http://www.bgch.com), giving folks the opportunity to learn not only about how we serve kids and our community every day – but see it happen! We’re proud to announce that we’ve uploaded our first YouTube video, highlighting the Youth of the Year finalists, as well as Academy and Luncheon. Mahalo to Hawaii Pacific Entertainment for terrific work on the video.

Check out the site frequently to read up on the latest blog postings, too! ♪

## Clubhouse Update

- Thanks to the COMBINED OFF-ROAD RIDERS OF KAUAI (C.O.R.K.) for donating a portion of the Poker Run proceeds to the **Kapa'a Clubhouse**. The non-competitive day of riding for all classes and abilities (A, B, C, and Easy C levels, motorcycles, ATV's, and mountain bicycle riders) brought more community awareness to Clubhouse needs and programs.
- Kauai Island Utility Coop, University of Hawaii, and Chaminade University Supports Youth supports **Lihue** and **Kapa'a** members through a series of workshops, Ho'omohala Alaka'i, (Shaping Tomorrow's Leaders) which include university tours, leadership workshops and college planning sessions. Nalani Bernabe enjoys the program's activities because "we learn to be more mature and meet new people." Isabelle Freudig added, "I'm thinking of attending college in New York, but I would like to see what college is like in Hawaii too."
- **Waimea Clubhouse** is doing a summer camp at Salt Pond Beach Park on July 11, 12 and 13, 2008. Parents will be joining in as volunteers and assisting staff. There will be a End of Summer Waterslide Potluck Party at Waimea Clubhouse on July 25, 2008 from 12:00 noon until 5:00 pm.
- **Nanakuli Clubhouse** family and friends had a great time at the annual Ohana Night on May 19th. Over 100 people attended!
- Our **Waianae Clubhouse** C-Base graduating class has much to celebrate. Besides completing their high school accreditation, their poems and stories will be published in the first annual – One Voice Publication, LLC publisher Jim W Hunter.
- It's hard to help kids without supporting their parents and families. Women in Need volunteers come once a week to **Kauhale Nani** to run workshops designed to empower women and their families. It's been so popular that we've had to start a waiting list for this family strengthening program.
- The Graffiti Wall Art project kicks off in May at the **Windward Clubhouse**. Kids will have the opportunity to express themselves by designing different portions of the walls based on monthly themes.
- 22 teens rehearse twice a week at **Hale Pono Ewa Beach Clubhouse** and learn the latest Hip Hop moves with Hale Pono alumni instructor, Donovan Almarza. America's Best Dance Crew, watch out!
- **Aliamanu** kids did exactly what we hoped they would do at the annual GET OUT AND GET FIT event. They...HAD FUN! Congrats on winning 2nd place in the Dodge Ball Tournament.
- Rotary Club volunteers put their skills and volunteer time in full force as they painted the hallway and games room at the Charles C. Spalding Clubhouse. 🙌

## BGCH is going places!

Oh, the places that we can go! Checkers Auto Parts presented a new 12-passenger GMC van to BGCH at a special unveiling on April 30, 2008. The new van will help us out with our transportation needs. The donation is part of a national transportation initiative by CSK Auto, Inc. with the Boys & Girls Clubs of America. "We are very excited that the Boys & Girls Club of Hawaii was one of 10 Clubs throughout the nation selected to receive a new van this

year," said Rocky Hardcastle, Hawaii Regional Manager, Checkers Auto Parts. "We fully support the great work and important mission the Boys & Girls Club of Hawaii fulfills in our community." Many of our activities take place outside of the immediate community. Having a van to safely and economically transport our members will enable us to continue to expand our programs. 🙌



*Chevas Pachco, Dakota McArthur, Kendelle Blaisdell, Michelle Back, John Fujioka, Regional Director, Boys & Girls Club of Hawaii, Rocky Hardcastle, Hawaii Regional Manager, Checkers Auto Parts and former Boys & Girls Club of Nevada member.*

## Golfers persevere in the storm at the 4th Annual BGCH Charles C. Spalding Golf Tournament presented by CCIM Institute Chapter

CCIM (Certified Commercial Investment Member) Institute Hawaii Chapter presented the 4th Annual Boys & Girls Club of Hawaii Charles C. Spalding Clubhouse Charity Golf Tournament at the Pearl Country Club on Friday, April 25, 2008. Weather wasn't in our favor – what was supposed to be a hot and foggy day

became a torrential downpour for at least the first six holes of play. Diehard golfers went out on the green, while recreational players opted to enjoy some R&R at the clubhouse – but the event was still a success. Mahalo to co-sponsor CCIM, Platinum Sponsor Griffing Swan & Lai Insurance Brokers, Inc. and Gold Sponsor

Pacific Architects and numerous event sponsors and volunteers that contributed to the success of this event by raising money for youth programs.

Please save the date, April 24, 2009 at the Pearl Country Club for the 5th Annual Golf Tournament. Hope to see you there! 🙌

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