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Boys & Girls Club of Greater Green Bay Celebrates Black History Month with local leaders & families

Boys & Girls Club of Greater Green Bay celebrates Black History Month family night with Multicultural Room ribbon cutting ceremony and reveal of U.S. Cellular's art contest winners



GREEN BAY, Wis. (February 28, 2020) – Last night, Mayor Eric Genrich and other local leaders spoke at The Boys & Girls Club of Greater Green Bay to celebrate Black History Month with the Club's annual family night, a ribbon cutting ceremony of the Club's brand-new Multicultural Room and announcement of the U.S. Cellular art contest winners. Throughout the evening, families and friends of Club members gathered for a dinner and multiple activities that recognize the central role of African Americans in the United States.

The ribbon cutting ceremony for the Multicultural Room is an intentional effort to embrace and celebrate diversity and inclusion in the community, as well as unveil the programs that will be designed for identity development, fostering personal growth, additional educational space and understanding of world cultures.

Christina Thor, Communications & Development Director for the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Green Bay, is excited to celebrate Black History Month with the community and believes that it's important to offer a space for local youth to talk openly about things that impact them and the world.

"I am really excited to celebrate Black History Month with the community and local leaders, and also opening it up with the unveiling of our brand-new Multicultural Room," says Thor. "It's extremely important to offer a space for local youth from all backgrounds, where they can openly talk to each other and to our staff and mentors about questions and concerns about themselves and the world."

The Boys & Girls Club of Greater Green Bay has two Clubhouse locations, both of which have newly renovated Multicultural Rooms. The West-side Clubhouse is located at 311 S. Oneida Street. and the East-side Clubhouse is located at 1451 University Avenue. Currently, both multicultural programs at both locations explore different cultures and self-identity through reading multi-ethnic books, arts & crafts, and interactive activities.

Other local leaders who attended the ribbon cutting ceremony include, Magic Vang, Multicultural Outreach Specialist for the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Green Bay; Eric Vanden Heuvel, Interim Executive Director of the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Green Bay; Mayor Eric Genrich, City of Green Bay; Mai Jo Lee, Director of Multi-Ethnic Affairs from the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay; and Luis Franco, Bilingual Family Engagement Coordinator from Green Bay area public schools; the Green Bay Police Department; Maiyoua Thao, alderperson for City of Appleton; and Troy Streckenbach, Brown County Executive.

The evening's events wrapped up with the announcement of the U.S. Cellular Black History Month art contest winners, who are all Boys & Girls Club members. The first place winner is Antonio A., who received \$250; Raeanna J., who received \$150; and Keiara W., who received \$100.

Media note: Photo attached, caption: *Local leaders gathered to celebrate Black History Month at the Boys & Girls Club with a ribbon cutting ceremony for the Club's brand-new multicultural room and U.S. Cellular announcement of the art drawing contest winners on Thursday, February 27. Pictured left to right: Green Bay Area Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors, Christina Thor, Maiyoua Thao, Magic Vang, Mayor Genrich, Eric Vanden Heuvel, Diana Cruz-Santiago, Luis Franco, and Troy Streckenbach.*

About Boys & Girls Club of Greater Green Bay

The Boys & Girls Club of Greater Green Bay, 1451 University Avenue, believes every child deserves to be in an environment that brings out the very best in them. For more than 50 years, the Club has provided youth aged 7-18 with a safe place to learn and grow during out-of-school hours, while also opening the door to positive relationships with caring adult professionals and life-changing opportunities through educational programs. The Club has five locations throughout greater Green Bay where memberships are available for only \$10 per year. For more information, please visit www.bgcgb.org. You can also find us on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#)!