



The Helping Hand

Come to the Arts-Crafts & Vendor Show:

October 17

LOCATION:
Batavia High School

In its 81st year as a club, the Batavia Mothers' Club Foundation (BMCF) had an incredibly successful year. Through the time and commitment of our members and the continued generosity of our sponsors, we were able to disburse more than \$50,000! This money was awarded to local organizations and schools in an effort to help improve the lives of children and families throughout the Fox Valley region in accordance with our mission.

Our two annual fundraisers, the Craft and Vendor Show held in October and The Fox Trot 5K/10K Run held in April were joined by a third fundraiser this year. We hosted a Bunco Charity Fundraiser Night in February and were so thankful for the wonderful turnout we received. It was so much fun for those who attended as well as for those who worked it, so it will be returning for its second year in February 2016.

In addition to those larger fundraisers, we were able to help in smaller ways as well.

Our members ran the annual Diaper Derby at the Windmill City Festival and lent a helping hand in the children's art tent at Art in Your Eye. Goody bags were assembled and given to Batavia Public Schools' novice teachers to help them begin the school year. Through our annual coat and clothing drive in the fall, we helped area residents in need stay warm this winter. We collected hams and side dishes for needy families at Thanksgiving and gave generously to some of Batavia's neediest children at Christmas time. Additional donations were collected throughout the year for organizations including CHIP IN, Mutual Ground, the ACCESS Toy Drive, and the Food Pantry just to name a few.

It has been an honor to be a part of this organization that continues to be an integral part of Batavia and to befriend these women who inspire me with their generosity, hard work, and positive outlook. I look forward to seeing what wonderful things this amazing group of women, with the support of our generous sponsors, can accomplish in the future.

Kendra Walker
Batavia Mothers' Club President 2014-2015

The members of BMCF 2014-2015



15th Annual Fox Trot

This year's 15th Annual Fox Trot was a success and turned out to be a gorgeous spring day! Close to 300 5K and 10K runners came out to race, and approximately 50 children participated in the Kids' Runs on Saturday, April 11th. The kids enjoyed the wonderful goody bags which were packed with a multitude of generous donations from local sponsors. Several local businesses also donated plenty of food and water for the runners. This race could never have happened without the fantastic support of our sponsors, BMCF volunteers, and the dedicated runners who consistently return, year after year, to our race which brings people from all over into downtown Batavia to enjoy the beautiful trail along the Fox River. We raised over \$5000 from this event to add to our total year disbursement of over \$50,000 to local charities, Batavia public schools, and other educational programs in our community. We extend a huge thank you to everyone who made this event such a success. We can't wait to see you all again next year!

Community Relations

Community Relations activities keep the ladies of Batavia Mothers' Club Foundation busy all summer long! Many of our members donated their time to assist with the Batavia Public Library's very popular Summer Reading Club which kicked off in June. Members assisted families with registration, enticing children to read during the summer months. In July, we participate in one of Batavia's favorite downtown events, the Windmill City Festival, hosting our annual Diaper Derby, a crawling race for babies ages 6 to 15 months. In August, we will volunteer in the Children's Craft Tent at Art in Your Eye, helping young artists create their masterpieces. We are looking forward to many more events in the coming year, including our annual Brownie Bake-Off contest and leading the annual Bat Fest Parade in October.



New Bunco Charity Event a Success!

The first BMCF Bunco Fundraiser was a huge success! Over 70 participants rolled the dice looking to win a variety of prizes including jewelry, wine, and gift certificates. They also enjoyed participating in a "heads or tails" fundraiser and a silent auction which included tickets to Blackhawks and Bulls games, golf outings, high-end Craftsman tool items, and spa/hotel stays. Participants also sampled fabulous food from Aliano's Ristorante in Batavia and delicious desserts provided by The Party Kitchen in Geneva. Approximately \$3000 was raised for BMCF to give back to the community.

Craft Show Planning is Underway!

30th Annual Craft & Vendor Show

October 17th • 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Batavia High School • 1204 Main St. Batavia, IL 60510

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The BMCF Annual Autumn Craft & Vendor Show spotlights a juried selection of arts and crafts designed and created by the artist and also an opportunity for commercial vendors to display their products. The show will also include the ever-popular bake sale, a charity raffle, and lunch services. Advertising is extensive throughout the Fox Valley: press releases, outdoor signage, posters, internet ads, schools backpack mail system, etc. This is a well attended event with a \$5 admission fee (\$1 off admission fee if bringing a new toy to donate to the ACCESS Toy Drive).

We are always seeking out raffle donations for our charity raffle, so if you are a business owner that would like to make a contribution, please contact us at bmccrafteraps@yahoo.com. In addition, sponsoring our event can help business owners gain publicity and contribute to the greater good of their community

In conjunction with its 30th Annual Autumn Arts and Craft Show, BMCF will be holding a 50/50 raffle. The drawing will be held on Saturday October 17th at the BMCF Craft Show. You do NOT need to be present to win. Only 200 tickets are being sold. Tickets are \$20 each. Every 10th ticket pulled wins a mystery prize. The last ticket drawn wins half the money raised in the 50/50 raffle. BMCF expects to sell out before the show, so don't delay if you are interested. Contact Batavia Mothers' Club Foundation via email at bmccrafteraps@yahoo.com – please put BMCF Raffle in the subject line.

Lastly, we are always seeking crafters and vendors for the juried show. For an application, visit our website at www.bataviamothersclub.org or send an email to bmccrafteraps@yahoo.com.

Thank You to Our Generous Sponsors

This past year of 2014-2015 was a fantastic year for BMCF, in large part, due to the overwhelming generosity of our corporate sponsors and donors. Thank you to the businesses that have been contributing to BMCF for many years. And, thank you to those new businesses and organizations that donated this year. Because of your generosity, we were able to host our annual fundraisers and raise money to improve the lives of children and families in our community. We are proud of our 2014-2015 sponsors: Apollo Development & Investment; Arco Murray National Construction; Wine Shop at Home, Margie Goliak; Matilda Jane Clothing; Aliano's Ristorante; Bob Jass Chevrolet; Chiro One; Sharratt Chiropractic; BP Fabric of America Fund; Wine Shop at Home, Jenny Mareska; Plymouth Tube Company; Kirk Dentistry; Tastefully Simple, Pam Kent; and Soma Intimates, Geneva. Thank you for your generosity and supporting BMCF's mission!



Philanthropic

Giving back to the community is at the heart of all we do at the Batavia Mothers' Club Foundation. At our monthly general meetings, members contribute needed items and money to our "Share and Care" program, which benefits a different local charity each month. Organizations helped this past year include the Batavia Food Pantry, Mutual Ground, ACCESS Toy Drive, Marklund, CHIP IN Batavia, Lazarus House, and Literacy Volunteers Fox Valley.

Thanks to exceptionally generous donations in 2014-2015, BMCF was privileged to disperse more than \$51,000 to local charities and schools this spring. In February, we began receiving applications for local organizations seeking help in furthering our shared mission of improving the lives of children and families. After considering all applications, we were pleased to disburse funds to more than 35 Fox Valley groups. Organization representatives were invited to receive their disbursements during an open house reception in late May. BMCF members and our philanthropic partners enjoyed the opportunity to connect face-to-face. The Philanthropic Committee is looking forward to working with the community in the months ahead as we continue our efforts to improve the lives of our neighbors in need.

Charitable Disbursements 2015:

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| Anderson Animal Shelter | 200 |
| Association for Individual Development | 1,000 |
| Batavia Apartments | 900 |
| CASA Kane County | 1,000 |
| CHIP IN Batavia | 3,000 |
| Family Counseling Services of Aurora | 1,000 |
| Fox Valley Academy of Music Performance | 500 |
| Fox Valley Volunteer Hospice | 1,500 |
| Humanitarian Service Project | 2,000 |
| Lazarus House | 1,000 |
| Lifespring Ministry/Wayside Cross | 1,500 |
| Literacy Volunteers of Fox Valley | 500 |
| Marklund | 1,000 |
| Mutual Ground | 1,200 |
| NAMI of Kane South, DeKalb, & Kendall | 500 |
| PADS/Hesed House | 1,000 |
| Royal Family Kids Camp | 3,000 |
| Suicide Prevention Services | 2,000 |
| TriCity Family Services | 1,000 |
| TriCity Health Partnership | 500 |
| Valley Sheltered Workshop | 3,000 |
| VNA Health Care | 1,000 |
| Water Street Studios/Batavia Artists Assoc. | 2,000 |
| BMCF Christmas Families | 4,000 |
| BMCF Novice Teacher Program | 500 |
| BPS 101 LRCs | 3,460 |
| JB Nelson Resource/Special Ed. | 879.95 |
| Hoover Wood First Grade | 530 |
| AGS/ECE | 959.79 |
| AGS | 1444.15 |
| HCS Second Grade | 800 |
| HCS Fourth Grade | 727.41 |
| HCS PTO | 3,000 |
| Montessori Academy | 1,054 |
| Batavia Nursery School | 1,000 |
| Batavia United Way/Kindergarten | 3,000 |



Catherine Johnson of Family Counseling Services poses with BMCF president, Kendra Walker, after receiving her grant.



Kathy Melone from the Fox Valley Volunteer Hospice poses with BMCF Philanthropic Chair Beth Feller after receiving her grant



Daniel Russo from Batavia Public School District 101 poses with BMCF Incoming President Christy Kulczycki after receiving his grant



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Upcoming Events:

September

2nd – General Meeting, 7 pm,
Batavia Public Library

Winter Coat and Clothes Drive

October

7th – General Meeting, 7 pm,
Batavia Public Library

17th – Autumn Arts and Craft
Show, 9 am-3pm, Batavia High
School

24th - Batfest Storytime and
Parade

Spring Fundraisers

February – Charity Bunco
April – Fox Trot 5K/10K Race

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