



# The Helping Hand

Come to the Arts-  
Crafts & Vendor  
Show:

October 15

LOCATION:

Batavia High  
School

In its 82<sup>nd</sup> year as a club, the Batavia Mothers' Club Foundation (BMCF) had another incredibly successful year. Through the time and commitment of our members and the continued generosity of our sponsors, we were able to disburse \$48,500! This money was awarded to local organizations and schools in an effort to help improve the lives of children, families, and the community throughout the Fox Valley region in accordance with our mission.

Our three annual fundraisers, the Craft and Vendor Show held in October, the Bunco Charity Fundraiser Night in January and the Fox Trot 5K/10K Run held in April were fun and successful events. Our members enjoy meeting all the crafters, vendors, shoppers, players, and runners that support us by participating in these events and we thank all of you for helping us fulfill our mission!

In addition to those larger fundraisers, we were able to help in smaller ways as well. Our members lent a helping hand signing up readers for the Batavia Public Library's summer reading program and ran the annual Diaper Derby at the Windmill City Festival. Gift certificates to the Chalkboard were 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 Mutual Ground, the Batavia Food Pantry, ACCESS Toy Drive, Lazarus House, TriCity Family Services, Fox Valley Hands of Hope, Literacy Volunteers of Fox Valley, and the Batavia Apartments just to name a few.

It has been my honor to be president 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 know that more wonderful things await this amazing group of women in the future. Thank you to all the members, to our generous sponsors, to the hard-working organizations that help those in need, and to all who help make Batavia the great town that it is!

Christy Kulczycki  
Batavia Mothers' Club President 2015-2016



## 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Fox Trot 5K/10K Race

The 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Fox Trot 5K/10K Race took place on Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Over 300 runners came out to race in the 5K, 10K, and kids' races. The H.C. Storm chorus started off the race with the singing of the national anthem, PraxisFit provided a runner warm-up, and Batavia Academy of Dance provided a performance while runners awaited results of the race. 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 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. 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. 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.



## Bunco Charity Event a Success!

The 2<sup>nd</sup> annual BMCF Bunco Fundraiser was a huge success! It took place on January 30, 2016, at the Batavia Moose Lodge. This sold out event featured a raffle, silent auction, heads or tails game, and door prizes, as well as appetizers, snacks, desserts, and a cash bar. Fun was had by all! More importantly, this event raised over \$3800 for our charities! Look for information this fall regarding our next Bunco charity event to be held in the winter of 2017 with an 80s theme!

## Craft Show Planning is Underway!

**31<sup>st</sup> Annual Craft & Vendor Show**  
**October 15<sup>th</sup> • 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM**

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

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 [craftshow@bataviamothersclub.org](mailto:craftshow@bataviamothersclub.org). In addition, sponsoring our event can help business owners gain publicity and contribute to the greater good of their community. In conjunction with its 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Autumn Craft & Vendor Show, BMCF will be holding a 50/50 raffle. The drawing will be held on Saturday October 15<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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 [craftshow@bataviamothersclub.org](mailto:craftshow@bataviamothersclub.org) – 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](http://www.bataviamothersclub.org) or send an email to [craftshow@bataviamothersclub.org](mailto:craftshow@bataviamothersclub.org).

## Thank You to Our Generous Sponsors

This past year 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 2015-2016 sponsors: Apollo Development & Investment; Arco Murray National Construction; PraxisFit; The Chiropractic People; Midwest ENT; Bucek Chiropractic; Kirk Family Dentistry; Hanson Chiropractic; Wine Shop at Home, Margie Goliak; Tanglewood Hills by Toll Brothers; Ciaccio Wealth Management, Ltd.; Ciaccio Accounting; West Willow Family Dental; Green T Services; and Martin & Kent Law Offices. 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 were Mutual Ground (Summer and October), Batavia Food Pantry (September and November), ACCESS Toy Drive (December) Lazarus House (January), TriCity Family Services (February), Fox Valley Hands of Hope (March), Literacy Volunteers of Fox Valley (April) and Batavia Apartments (May).

Thanks to exceptionally generous donations in 2015-2016, BMCF was privileged to disburse more than \$48,000 to local charities and schools this spring. In January, we began receiving applications from 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 36 Fox Valley groups. Organization representatives were invited to receive their disbursements during an open house reception on May 17, 2016. 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 2016:

Anderson Animal Shelter	\$1000
Association for Individual Development (AID)	\$1200
Batavia Nursery School	\$1,000
Batavia Public Library: Born to Read Program	\$1,050
Batavia United Way: Success by 6 Program	\$5,000
BPS 101 LRCs: Britannica School Online	\$3,560
CASA Kane County	\$1,000
Changing Children's Worlds Foundation	\$3450
CHIP IN Batavia	\$2,137
Elder-day Center	\$1,000
Family Counseling Services of Aurora	\$1,000
Fox Valley Academy of Music Performance	\$500
Fox Valley Hands of Hope	\$1,500
Grace McWayne School: Art	\$250
Grace McWayne School: 1st Grade	\$675
H.C. Storm: Bilingual Program	\$2,000
H.C. Storm: Bilingual Library	\$400
Hesed House/PADS	\$1,000
Hoover-Wood School: Standing Desks	\$1,000
Hoover-Wood School: Kindergarten Curriculum	\$752.35
Humanitarian Service Project	\$2,000
J.B. Nelson School: Running Club	\$100
Lazarus House	\$1,000
Lifespring Ministry/Wayside Cross	\$2,000
Literacy Volunteers of Fox Valley	\$500
Louise White School: Music Classroom	\$1025
Marklund	\$1,000
Montessori Academy: Bathroom Renovations	\$600
Montessori Academy: Classroom Weather Station	\$250
Mutual Ground	\$1,200
Royal Family Kids Camp	\$3,000
Sudden Infant Death Services of Illinois	\$600
Suicide Prevention Services	\$2,500
TriCity Family Services	\$1,000
TriCity Health Partnership	\$750
VNA Health Care	\$1,500
BMCF Christmas Families	\$4,500
BMCF Novice Teacher Program	\$400



Jody Cantey (Wayside Cross, far left) & Janita Schmitz (Family Counseling Services, 2<sup>nd</sup> from right) with current president Christy Kulczycki (2<sup>nd</sup> from left) and president-elect, Nicole Boland.



Representatives from local organizations receiving disbursements from the 2015-2016 BMCF membership



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### Upcoming Events:

#### September

7<sup>th</sup> – General Meeting, 7 pm,  
Batavia Public Library

Winter Coat and Clothes Drive

#### October

5<sup>th</sup> – General Meeting, 7 pm,  
Batavia Public Library

15<sup>th</sup> – Autumn Arts and Craft  
Show, 9 am-3pm, Batavia High  
School

#### Spring Fundraisers

Winter – Charity Bunco

April – Fox Trot 5K/10K Race

## 2016-2017 BMCF Board

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### Hostess

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### Membership

Jill Lowe

### Recreation

Naomi Krodell & Kat Maggio

### Bunco

Sarah Barrett, Heather Engelhart,  
& Julie Surina

### Craft Show

Maura Hirschauer & Gabby  
Loboda

### Fox Trot

Cheryl Hasenjaeger & Kristin  
Gehrels