



The Helping Hand

**Come to the
Autumn Crafts &
Vendor Show**

**October 21st
9am—3pm**

**Batavia High
School**

The Batavia Mothers' Club Foundation, in its 83rd year as a club serving the community, was fortunate to have a rewarding year. Through the countless time, dedication and commitment of our members and the continued generosity of our sponsors, we were able to disburse \$23,500! In accordance with our mission, 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.

Our three fundraisers, the Craft and Vendor Show held in October, the Bunco Charity Fundraiser Night in February and the Fox Trot 5K/10K Run held in April were fun, entertaining and successful events. Our members always enjoy the opportunity to engage with all the crafters, vendors, shoppers, players and runners that support us by participating in these events and we truly thank all of you for helping us fulfill our mission. As they say, it takes a village and we sure have a great one in our corner.

In addition to our large fundraisers, we were able to assist in alternative 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 for needy families at Thanksgiving and gave generously to some of Batavia's neediest children during the Christmas holiday. Furthermore, donations were collected throughout the year for organizations including Mutual Ground, the Batavia Food Pantry, ACCESS Toy Drive, Lazarus House, TriCity Family Services, Literacy Volunteers of Fox Valley and CHIP IN just to name a few.

It has been a great honor to be president of this organization that continues to be an integral part of Batavia. It has been a pleasure to work alongside these women who are a true inspiration on every level: philanthropy, friendship and general outlook on life. I have no doubt the future holds magnificent things for this incredible group of admirable women. A HUGE thank you to all our kindhearted members, our charitable sponsors, the hardworking organizations that help those in need and to all who help make Batavia the great town that it is!

Nicole Boland
Batavia Mothers' Club President 2016/2017

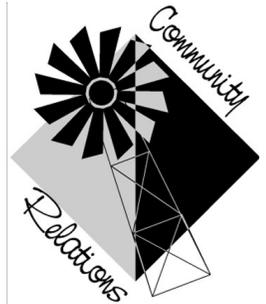


17th Annual Fox Trot 5K/10K Race

The 17th Annual Fox Trot 5K/10K Race took place on Saturday, April 29th. Over 350 runners came out to race in the 5K, 10K, and kids' races. We had many young members of the community help get us started! The J.B. Nelson Jaguar running club led a group stretch, the H.C. Storm chorus sang the national anthem, and the Batavia Academy of Dance performed for the kids as they waited for their races to start. 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 participated 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 Was a Radical Event!

The 3rd annual BMCF Bunco Fundraiser was a great success! It took place on February 25, 2017, at the Batavia Moose Lodge. This sold out event featured a raffle, silent auction, heads or tails game, and card draw down. The Club also had delicious appetizers, provided by Enticing Cuisine, snacks, desserts, and a cash bar. The 80s theme created an entertaining and nostalgic atmosphere! More importantly, this event raised over \$3500 for our charities! Look for information this fall regarding our next Bunco charity event to be held in the winter of 2018. You won't want to miss it!

Craft Show Planning is Underway!

32nd Annual Craft & Vendor Show

October 21st • 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 systems, 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) and kids 12 and under are free. 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. In addition, sponsoring our event can help business owners gain publicity and contribute to the greater good of their community. In conjunction with its 32nd Annual Autumn Craft & Vendor Show, BMCF will be holding a 50/50 raffle. The drawing will be held on Saturday October 21st 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 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 or send an email to 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 2016-2017 sponsors: The Chiropractic People; Apollo Development & Investment; WOW 1 Day Painting; Kirk Family Dentistry; Wine Shop at Home, Margie Goliak; Bucek Chiropractic; Ciaccio Wealth Management, Ltd.; Errand Up; Martin & Kent Law Offices; and Mendel Plumbing. Thank you for your generosity and supporting BMCF's mission!



Members from local organizations receiving disbursements with the 2015-2016 BMCF President & President Elect.

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: Living Well Cancer Center (September), CHIP IN Batavia (Halloween costumes – October), Batavia Interfaith Food Pantry (Thanksgiving side dishes – November), ACCESS Toy Drive (December), Lazarus House (January), CHIP IN (Valentine cards – February), Mutual Ground (gift cards – March), Literacy Volunteers of Fox Valley (office supplies – April), and Lifespring Ministry (personal care items – May).

Thanks to generous donations in 2016-2017, BMCF was privileged to disburse \$23,500 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 16, 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 2017:

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| Alice Gustafson School: Story Champs curriculum----- | \$300 |
| Anderson Animal Shelter: children's programing----- | \$500 |
| Association for Individual Development (AID): therapy supplies----- | \$500 |
| Batavia Nursery School: scholarships----- | \$500 |
| Batavia United Way: Success by 6 Program----- | \$2800 |
| Batavia Public Schools: Britannica Online subscription----- | \$2500 |
| CASA Kane County: staff advocate supervisor----- | \$1000 |
| Changing Children's Worlds Foundation: family development programs----- | \$500 |
| CHIP IN Batavia: student assistance and programing----- | \$1000 |
| Elderday Center: care-giver support & education----- | \$500 |
| Fox Valley Academy of Music Performance: music-education assistance----- | \$155 |
| Fox Valley Christian Church: Healing Hunger program----- | \$500 |
| Grace McWayne School: adaptive musical instruments----- | \$250 |
| Hesed House: rent, utility, transportation and childcare assistance----- | \$500 |
| Humanitarian Service Project: children's summer nutrition program----- | \$500 |
| Hoover-Wood School: Co Laboratory STEM project----- | \$150 |
| Hoover-Wood School: social play items----- | \$350 |
| JB Nelson School: books for English-language learners----- | \$400 |
| Lazarus House: enriching activities for children & families----- | \$750 |
| Lifespring Ministry: shelter carpet replacement----- | \$500 |
| Literacy Volunteers Fox Valley: tutor training materials----- | \$500 |
| Living Well Cancer Resource Center: programs for children & youth----- | \$750 |
| Louise White School: nurse's ice maker----- | \$90 |
| Louise White School: audiobook technology for English-language learners----- | \$400 |
| Louise White School: primary guided reading level books----- | \$500 |
| Make-A-Wish of Illinois: World Wish Day supplies----- | \$355 |
| Marklund: staffing----- | \$1000 |
| Matthew Nena Memorial Foundation: scholarships for BHS students----- | \$500 |
| National Alliance on Mental Illness/NAMI KDK: programing----- | \$550 |
| ReHome Center: furniture purchase & storage----- | \$500 |
| Royal Family Kids Camps – Kane County: camp operations & camper support----- | \$1000 |
| Sudden Infant Death Service, Inc.: portable cribs----- | \$250 |
| Suicide Prevention Services of America: counseling & crisis intervention----- | \$1200 |
| TriCity Family Services: counseling assistance----- | \$500 |
| TriCity Health Partnership: medical & dental care----- | \$750 |
| Valley Sheltered Workshop: chair replacement----- | \$500 |





BATAVIA MOTHERS' CLUB FOUNDATION
 P.O. Box 91
 Batavia, IL 60510

Upcoming Events:

September

6th – General Meeting, 7pm
 Batavia Public Library

October

4th – General Meeting, 7pm
 Batavia Public Library

16th-27th – Winter Coat &
 Clothes Drive

21st – Autumn Crafts &
 Vendor Show, 9am-3pm
 Batavia High School

November

1st – General Meeting, 7pm
 Batavia Public Library

Upcoming Fundraisers

Winter – Charity Bunco
 April – Fox Trot 5K/10K

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