

The Helping Hand

BATAVIA MOTHERS' CLUB FOUNDATION

SUMMER 2019

Message from our President

EUNICE TURNBAUGH, PRESIDENT 2018-2019

The Batavia Mothers' Club Foundation has completed its 85th year as a philanthropic organization at the heart of the community. Through the generous donations from our sponsors and the dedication and hard work from our members, we successfully distributed \$37,800 to schools, local charities and organizations that will improve the life of children and families in the Fox Valley area.

Our fundraising year began with our 33rd annual craft show, our largest fundraiser held at the Batavia High School in October. Over 800 visitors came to shop from over 100 artisans and vendors as well stopped by the BMCF bake sale and raffle. We kicked off 2019 with our "Totally Rad" Eighties themed bunco event held at the Moose Lodge in January. Participants and members decked out in eighties fashion and played through 3 rounds. This was our fifth year hosting this event and has continued to be a success. Our last fundraiser of the year was the Fox Trot 5K/10K run. Runners from across the Fox Valley and neighboring areas came out to support the BMCF and compete along the scenic Fox River Trail in April.

In addition to coordinating our three major fundraisers, we also participated in local community events that further helped to promote our mission. In the fall, we became members of the Batavia Chamber of Commerce. This has helped boost our presence in the community and provided us with new opportunities to get our message out and raise funds.

Some of the various projects and events for the year include: coordinating the Diaper Derby at the Windmill Festival, managing the pie bake off at the Batavia block party, and organizing craft tables for children at the Bat Fest and Egg Hop. We also welcomed novice teachers in BPS 101 with Target gift cards and collected winter coats for the Clothes Closet through our annual coat drive. We collected hams for families in need at Thanksgiving and provided Christmas gifts for nearly 50 children through the United Way Adopt a Family program. Our members volunteered their time to help with the ACCESS toy drive and Library summer reading kickoff. We continue to donate goods monthly to our Share and Care program that supports local charities.

It has been an honor and a privilege to have served alongside this amazing group of hardworking and dedicated women. Our mission as an organization is to improve the lives of children and families of the Fox Valley area. It is this belief that by improving the lives of others we in turn improve our community that has fostered long lasting friendships and bonds within our group. With the most heartfelt gratitude I thank our dedicated members, our loyal sponsors, our understanding families and our strong community. Without your support we could not have accomplished what we did. I look forward to a new year of continued partnership and commitment to our community.



CRAFT & VENDOR SHOW

October 19, 2019
9AM - 3PM
Batavia High School

2018's event Raised over
\$16,000



BUNCO

February 29, 2020
Batavia Moose Lodge
A fun evening event

2019's event raised over
\$4000



FOX TROT 5K/10K

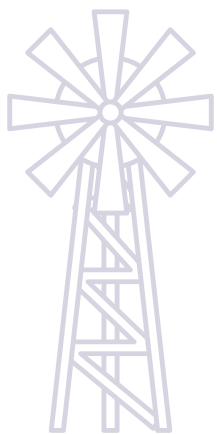
Held each spring.
Tentatively scheduled for
April 25, 2020.

2019's event raised
approximately \$3000



DISBURSEMENTS

All funds raised are
distributed each May to local
area charities and Batavia
schools through grants.
See page 3 for details on
2019's total disbursements of
almost \$38,000



Community Relations

CONNECTING WITH THE BATAVIA COMMUNITY

Participating in local events is a fun way to connect our membership to the wider Batavia community. On July 13th, BMCF reprised our role 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. On Saturday August 24th from 8am-12pm, members hosted a craft at the Farmers' Market Kiwanis Kids' Tent, followed in September by hosting Downtown Batavia Block Party's Pie Bake-Off. 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.



Autumn Craft & Vendor Show 2019

COMMUNITY PUMPKIN PATCH PUBLICIZES SEVERAL DISBURSEMENT RECIPIENTS



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 includes the popular bake sale, charity raffle, lunch services, and the 50/50 Drawdown Raffle. In this raffle, every 10th ticket drawn receives a mystery prize and the last ticket drawn is the grand prize winner. You do NOT need to be present to win and only 200 tickets are being sold at \$20 each. BMCF may sell out before the show, so don't delay in contacting a BMCF Member or the club via email at craftshow@bataviamothersclub.org - please put BMCF Raffle in the subject line.

This well- attended event has a \$5 admission fee (\$1 off admission fee if bringing a new toy to donate to the ACCESS Toy Drive), and is only \$3 after 1pm, (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.

Our booths filled quickly this year due to the popularity of this friendly show. Vendor booths are full but there are a few crafter booths still available. For an application, visit our website at www.bataviamothersclub.org or send an email to craftshow@bataviamothersclub.org.

Rolling for Charity

TOTALLY RAD BUNCO TAKES US BACK TO THE 80'S



On Saturday, January 12, 2019, the Batavia Mothers' Club Foundation (BMCF) hosted their 80's themed bunco event, I Love the 80s - Totally Rad Bunco. Attendees and volunteers dressed their parts in neon colors, big hair, pumps, and shoulder pads, listened to tunes from the decade as well as nibbled on catered refreshments or flashback snacks like candy necklaces. Raffles and mini games accompanied the main event, Bunco. Most importantly, this event raised over \$4000 for our charities! The 80s theme created an entertaining and nostalgic atmosphere and has proven to be so fun we will be maintaining this theme for next year's event which will be held on February 29, 2020. Mark your calendar now: you won't want to miss it!

Fox Trot 5K/10K

THE FRIENDLIEST RACE ON THE FOX!



The 19th Annual Fox Trot 5K/10K Race took place on Saturday, April 27th. Over 200 runners came into downtown Batavia to race in the 5K, 10K, and kids' races along the beautiful Fox River.

These races could never have happened without the fantastic support of our sponsors, volunteers, and the dedicated runners who return, year after year, to our race. We extend our thanks to everyone who made this event such a success. We can't wait to see you all again next year!

Philanthropy

FULFILLING OUR MISSION

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:

Sept: Go With the Flow Parties
Oct: Costumes for the Interfaith Clothes Closet/Batavia Apartments
Nov: Hesed House
Dec: Access Toy Drive
Jan: Mutual Ground
Feb: Batavia Apartments
Mar: Lazarus House
Apr: Batavia Interfaith Clothes Closet
May: Chip In Batavia

Thanks to generous donations in 2018-2019, BMCF was privileged to disburse \$37,907.31 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 50 Fox Valley groups. Organization representatives were invited to receive their disbursements during an open house reception on May 23, 2019. 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.

Sponsorship

PLANNING EVENTS IS ONLY PART OF THE STORY

Batavia Mothers' Club successes are, in large part, made possible thanks to the generosity of our business sponsors and donors. Thank you to the businesses that have been contributing to BMCF for many years and to those businesses and organizations that are new to BMCF sponsorship. Because of their support we were able to host highly successful fundraisers this year and raise money to improve the lives of children and families in our community.

We are proud to partner with our 2018-2019 sponsors: Apollo Development & Investment; A.R. Bohr Roofing LLC; Orangetheory Fitness Geneva; Kirk Family Dentistry; Sullivan Taylor, Gumina & Palmer, P.C.; Meadow View Veterinary Clinic; Mosquito Joe of Tri-Cities IL; Bulldog Plumbing; Martin & Kent Law Offices; and Montessori Academy of Batavia. Thank you for supporting BMCF's mission!

SCHOOL/ORGANIZATION AMOUNT DISBURSED

Alice Gustafson School: Early Childhood - \$391.28
Alice Gustafson School: Speech and Language - \$406.56
Anderson Animal Shelter - \$800
Association for Individual Development (AID), Aurora - \$500
Batavia High School: Environmental Science - \$703.22
Batavia High School: Learning Resource Center - \$312.25
Batavia Interfaith Clothes Closet - \$3,000
Batavia Nursery School - \$1,000
Batavia Public Library-Born to Read - \$1,050
Batavia United Way - \$2,500
CASA Kane County - \$1,000
CHIP IN Batavia - \$2,000
Fox Valley Christian Church, Batavia - \$500
Fox Valley Hands of Hope - \$1,500
Grace McWayne School: Art - \$345
H.C. Storm School: 2nd grade - \$300
H.C. Storm School: 4th/5th grade - \$500
Hessed House (PADS) - Aurora - \$1000
Hoover Wood School: School Psychologist - \$500
Humanitarian Service Project, Carol Stream - \$2,000
J.B. Nelson School: Learning Resource Center - \$1,650
Lazarus House - \$2,000
Lifespring Ministry of Wayside Cross, Aurora - \$1,000
Literacy Volunteers Fox Valley - \$700
Louise White School: ESL - \$475
Marklund - \$1,000
Matthew Nena Foundation - \$500
Mutual Ground - \$2,000
NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness), Aurora - \$500
Pink Heels Tri-Cities IL Chapter - \$600
Royal Family Kids Camp - \$2,500
Sudden Infant Death Services, Inc., Lisle - \$674
Suicide Prevention Services of America - \$2,500
TriCity Family Services, Geneva - \$750
TriCity Health Partnership - \$750





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Come to the Craft & Vendor Show, Oct 19, 9am-3pm at Batavia High School

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