

The Helping Hand

BATAVIA MOTHERS' CLUB FOUNDATION

SUMMER 2020

Message from our President

MAURA HIRSCHAUER, PRESIDENT 2019-2020

The Batavia Mothers' Club Foundation has completed it's 86th year as a philanthropic organization at the heart of the community. We began the year celebrating with the community at outdoor events like the always adorable Diaper Derby at 2019 Windmill Fest, and the delicious Pie Bake Off at Batavia's Labor Day Weekend Block Party. We closed our year quietly, separate in our homes in the midst of a global pandemic. As I reflect on the ups and downs of our foundation's 86th year, one word comes to mind above all others; harmony. The COVID-19 pandemic is disruptive and discordant, but our club members and community partners have truly come together in these difficult times, in harmony, working towards the goal of helping families in the Fox Valley. Despite the challenge of cancelled fundraisers BMCF successfully dispersed \$21,852 to schools, local charities, and other community organizations. Here is a peek of our harmonious year in review.

As always, our year began with our largest fundraiser, the 34th annual Craft and Vendor Show held at Batavia High School in October. Each year our show gets better and more innovative, due in no small part to the creativity and energy of our Craft Show Chairs and committee members. Over 800 visitors came to shop from 100 plus artisans and vendors. It was a bustling success!

Unbeknownst to everyone, our second fundraiser of the year held in February, the ever-popular 80's themed "Totally Rad" Bunco held at the Batavia Moose Lodge, was our last in-person event of the year. Participants and members decked out in their 80's finest played through three rounds of the fast paced dice game. This was BMCF's 6th year hosting Bunco and it continues to be a successful and fun night for all.

In mid March life came to a standstill. We were yanked from our familiar routines and plunked down in the midst of a global pandemic. In those early moments club members came together virtually though we were apart. Through emails, zoom meetings, and phone calls we charted a new course for BMCF, a way through the chaos around us. Our final fundraiser of the year, the Fox Trot 5K/10K Race was cancelled. We explored digital fundraising options and ran a Go Fund Me event that helped to recoup some of our losses from the cancelled Fox Trot.

It has been an honor and a privilege to work alongside the smart, creative, hardworking members of BMCF. We are mothers, leaders, educators, entrepreneurs, sisters, managers, daughters, partners, wives, scientists, artists, caretakers, and friends. Together we are harmonious and powerful. The varied and beautiful talents of our members - from sewing masks for our community, to digital promotion, to programming websites, to planning elaborate fundraisers - came together in perfect harmony to help us take on unimagined challenges. A global pandemic may have forced us to rethink our fundraising efforts, but it will not stop us from realizing our mission to improve lives for families and children in our community.

As we come to the end of a rollercoaster year I would like to thank our dedicated members, loyal sponsors, our understanding families, and our strong community. It took all of us working in harmony to meet the demands of an ever changing crisis. I look forward to a new year of continued harmony as we work to improve the lives of families in our community.



CRAFT & VENDOR
SHOW



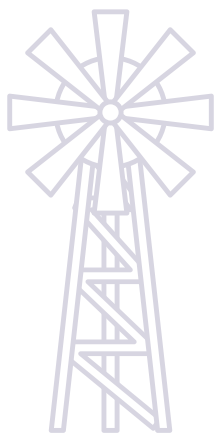
BUNCO



FOX TROT
5K/10K



DISBURSEMENTS



Community Relations

CONNECTING WITH THE BATAVIA COMMUNITY

Participating in local events is a fun way to connect our membership to the wider Batavia community. Sadly we were not able to host our annual Diaper Derby event this summer at the Windmill City Festival due to it being canceled because of COVID. While things may look a little different this year, we hope to continue our tradition of hosting our annual events coming up this fall, including our Pie Bake-Off at the downtown Batavia Block Party In September and leading the parade at Batfest in October. Keep on the look out for new ways to engage with BMCF this year!



Autumn Craft & Vendor Show 2020



The Batavia Mothers' Club Foundation has been closely following the ever-changing status of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Due to the recommendations from the CDC, Governor Pritzker, and the IDPH, we are cancelling the 2020 Craft Show that was to be held on Saturday, October 17th. The health and well being of our community is important to BMCF. Though we are disappointed to cancel the always popular and fun Craft Show, we hope that in doing so we are doing our part to curb the spread of COVID-19.

If you have currently submitted an application to this year's event, please look for communication from BMCF via email with additional information in regards to your application fee.

We appreciate your continued support of the Batavia Mothers' Club Foundation and our mission to improve the quality of life for children and families in the Fox Valley. As our community navigates these uncertain and stressful times it is a gift to be able to lean on our friends and neighbors. Thank you for being a part of the BMCF community. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to email craftshow@bataviamothersclub.org.

CHECK OUR SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS FOR POSSIBLE VIRTUAL EVENTS THAT ARE IN THE WORKS.

Rolling for Charity

TOTALLY RAD BUNCO TAKES US BACK TO THE 80'S



On Saturday, February 29, 2020, the Batavia Mothers' Club Foundation (BMCF) rolled back in time for their 80's themed bunco event, I love the 80s - Totally Rad Bunco, Leap Year edition.

Attendees and volunteers dressed their best in neon colors, big hair, pumps, and shoulder pads, listened to tunes from the decade as well as nibbled on catered refreshments from new Batavia restaurants or flashback snacks like candy necklaces and runts. Raffles and mini games accompanied the main event, Bunco. Most importantly, this event raised over \$3500 for our charities! The 80s theme created an entertaining and nostalgic atmosphere and has proven to be so fun year after year. While the event for next year has yet to be determined, please keep us in mind when filling out your social calendar come Winter 2021. You won't want to miss it and we wouldn't want to miss seeing you! Thank you for your continued support for our events.

Fox Trot 5K/10K

THE FRIENDLIEST RACE ON THE FOX!



The 20th Annual Fox Trot 5K/10K Race was supposed to take place on Saturday, April 25th. It was unfortunately cancelled this year. However so many runners have already decided to come out next year.

Thank you so much to the fantastic support of our sponsors, volunteers, and the dedicated runners who return, year after year, to our race. We extend our thanks to all the wonderful people who helped to make up for lost earnings by donating to the club after the race had to be cancelled. We are looking forward to seeing you 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: Batavia Apartments General Store
Oct: Costumes for Mutual Ground
Nov: Interfaith Pantry
Dec: Access Toy Drive
Jan: Hesed House
Feb: CHIP-In
Mar: Go With the Flow Parties
Apr: No meeting-members made individual donations
May: Batavia Apartments General Store

Even with FoxTrot being cancelled, and thanks to generous donations, BMCF was privileged to disburse \$21,852.65 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 45 Fox Valley groups. Checks were mailed out in early May to the recipients. 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 2019-20 sponsors: Alap Patel; Apollo Development & Investment; A.R. Bohr Roofing LLC; Orangetheory Fitness Geneva; Kirk Family Dentistry; Paramount Fence, Inc; Sullivan Taylor, Gumina & Palmer, P.C.; Meadow View Veterinary Clinic; Mendel Plumbing Heating; Mosquito Joe of Tri-Cities IL; Bulldog Plumbing; Martin & Kent Law Offices; Dayana Polhill Broker Associate; Jeffery & Betsey Koch and Montessori Academy of Batavia. Thank you for supporting BMCF's mission!

ORGANIZATIONS & AMOUNT DISBURSED



Batavia High School: LRC Director \$100
Batavia Nursery School \$200
Grace McWayne Elem: Individual Learning Program-Art \$152.65
Louise White Elem: English/ESL \$100
Alice Gustafson Elem: 1st Grade \$100
Rotolo Middle School: LRC Director \$200
Alice Gustafson Elem: Social Work & Speech \$200
Louise White Elem: Good Day Louise \$100
Batavia High School: Sarah McEwen \$100
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Grace McWayne Elem: 1st Grade \$100
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Humanitarian Service Project \$500
Joshua Tree \$250
Valley Sheltered Workshop \$300
Chip IN \$1600
Royal Family Kids Camp \$250
Go With The Flow Parties \$250
Batavia Clothes Closet & Food Pantry \$3000
TriCity Health Partnership \$1000
Pink Heels Tri-Cities IL Chapter \$250
Fox Valley Food for Health \$500
Association for Individual Development, Aurora \$250
Sudden Infant Death Services, Inc., Lisle \$250
Hesed House (PADS)- Aurora \$1000
Batavia United Way \$1500
Fox Valley Hands of Hope \$250
Fox Valley Christian Church \$500
Literacy Volunteers Fox Valley \$250
NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) Aurora \$500
Hoofbeats & Heartbeats \$100
Matthew Nena Foundation \$500
Mutual Ground \$1000
VNA Healthcare \$1000
Lazarus House \$1000
Easter Seals of the Fox Valley \$500
Tricities Family Services \$1000
Marklund \$1000
Batavia Activity and Athletic Association \$100 CASA
Kane County \$750
Friends for Therapeutic Equine Activities \$100
Suicide Prevention Services of America \$500
Fox Valley Special Recreation Foundation \$100

Total 2019 Disbursements \$21852.65



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Please continue to check our website for upcoming fundraising events!

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