

The Helping Hand

BATAVIA MOTHERS' CLUB FOUNDATION

WINTER 2018

Message from our President

HOLLY MILLER

The Batavia Mothers' Club Foundation continues to be a pillar of support in our community. We kicked off our year with our annual Winter Coat Drive, collected hams and Thanksgiving side items for the Batavia Interfaith Food Pantry, provided Christmas gifts for 30 families through the Batavia United Way adopt a family program, and supported the Access Toy Drive with volunteers and toy donations.

October was a busy month for us as we held our 32nd Annual Craft and Vendor Show at Batavia High School. This year's show raised over \$16,000, and was made possible by the support of our incredibly generous sponsors and donors, talented participants, and dedicated members.

After celebrating the holidays with our families, it was back to work to prepare for our 4th Annual Bunco Charity Fundraiser. Totally Rad 80s Bunco took place on Saturday February 3rd at the Batavia Moose Lodge and was a huge success! Great fun was had by all, and we raised more than \$4500 for our wonderful community!

Our final fundraiser for the year will take place in April. Runners will once again take to the beautiful Fox River Trail in the 18th Annual Fox Trot 5K and 10K. Put on your running

shoes and join us at the Batavia Riverwalk Saturday, April 28th. All money raised from these events goes directly to our community through our spring disbursements. Disbursements are granted to Batavia schools and local programs or organizations that help improve the lives of children and families in the Fox Valley.

It is an honor and privilege to be a member of this amazing organization. We have a diverse membership of nearly 50 active and auxiliary members who work hard to make our community a better place. Lifelong friendships are formed within the service of this group. Our success would be greatly limited without the generosity of local businesses and individuals who support us both through sponsorship and by attending our fundraisers. We very much appreciate your partnership and we graciously thank you for choosing to support our efforts.

We will continue working toward our mission of improving the lives of children, families, and the entire community of Batavia and its surrounding areas. We celebrate a fantastic 2017 and look forward to an even better 2018!

Holly Miller
BMCF President 2017-2018



FOX TROT 5K/10K

April 28, 2018
8AM Batavia Riverwalk
5K, 5K Stroller, 10K
1/4mi Junior Jog
1mi Youth Run

2017's event raised over
\$6600



CRAFT & VENDOR SHOW

October 20, 2018
9AM - 3PM
Batavia High School

2017's event Raised over
\$16,000



BUNCO

A fun evening event held
each Winter in January or
February.

2018's event raised over
\$4000



DISBURSEMENTS

All funds raised from
throughout the year are
distributed each May to local
area charities and Batavia
schools through grants.
Disbursement Applications
are due March 15 each year.

Ready, Set, Go!

THE FRIENDLIEST RACE ON THE FOX!



BMCF's 18th Annual Fox Trot 5K/10K Run is on Saturday, April 28, 2018, at 8 a.m. (Kids' Run start time is approximately 8:45 a.m.) in downtown Batavia. Both the 5K & 10K races feature courses along the Fox River. The kids get to join in on the

fun, too! This race features a non-competitive Kids' Fun Run. There are two races designed especially for children: the Junior Jog (1/4 mile for preschoolers through second graders) and the Youth Mile (second graders through fifth graders). Preregistration is encouraged for all events. Registration can be accessed online or via a mail-in registration for. Both are available at our website at <http://www.bataviamothersclub.org/events/fox-trot-5k-and-10k/>, or through the event Facebook page.



Rolling for Charity

TOTALLY RAD BUNCO TAKES US BACK TO THE 80'S



The 4th annual Bunco was filled to capacity on Saturday, February 3, 2018, at the Batavia Moose Lodge. The 80's themed event, I love the 80s - Totally Rad Bunco, had many attendees and volunteers

choosing to dress the part in pastels, neons, florals, or velvet with big shoulder pads, big bows, or glitzy, shiny features. Theme music and refreshments enhanced the 80's feel. The evening's mini games, raffles, and auction added to the fun and the bottom line, with final totals coming in over \$4000 raised for our community. This year's event sold out in about 2 weeks, so be sure to watch for it next year and register early!



Craft & Vendor Show 2017

COMMUNITY PUMPKIN PATCH PUBLICIZES SEVERAL DISBURSEMENT RECIPIENTS



Our 32nd annual Craft and Vendor Show was held October 21, 2017 and raised over \$16,000 which BMCF will be able to give right back to the community. Taking crafter, vendor, and

patron recommendations into account, along with new ideas from the chairs, the event was better than ever! Over 700 shoppers enjoyed events such as our annual 50/50 raffle and basket raffles that included prizes from area businesses as well crafter-donated items. Our bake sale proved popular once again with sweets created by club members. One of the favorite items at bake sale each year is the BMCF Brownie Bake-Off award-winning brownies. Amanda Horne was the proud baker and creator of this year's award-winning recipe!

BMCF would like to thank all of the participants in this year's new event, Community Pumpkin Patch. Charities from across the Fox Valley who have been recipients of BMCF grants carved and/or decorated pumpkins to display and share their mission. Attendees of the show used their spare change to vote for their favorite pumpkin. All of the money raised through voting went directly to the group that designed the pumpkin. We proudly announce that Lazarus House won the friendly contest, followed by CHIP IN Batavia and Valley Sheltered Workshop.

BMCF greatly appreciates everyone who was involved in making the Craft and Vendor Show a success. Thank you also to Batavia High School and the amazing people in the Batavia Schools Buildings and Grounds department who helped everything run incredibly smoothly at Batavia High School where the Craft & Vendor Show was held. BMCF would also like to extend our appreciation to our sponsors. Their generous support was instrumental in the success of Craft Show.

Philanthropy

FULFILLING OUR MISSION

Batavia Mothers' Club members have put countless hours giving back to our community through philanthropic efforts this fall and winter. In September, we provided gifts to each of the novice teachers who were beginning their first year in the Batavia school system. Twenty novice teachers received a \$20 gift certificate to Target and a "welcome to Batavia" letter. Welcoming new teachers and supporting a local business was a great start to the year!

October also brought our annual Coat and Clothing Drive. Bins were placed at all of the Batavia Public Schools, the Batavia Public Library, the Batavia Park District Civic Center, Immanuel Lutheran School, Meadow View Veterinary Clinic, and Batavia Nursery School. BMCF was able to collect and sort more than 400 coats and winter accessories. Everything collected was donated in late October to the Batavia Interfaith Clothes Closet. Batavia's amazing generosity has helped keep many kids warm this winter. Thank you to everyone who donated winter gear!

In November, we collected hams for the Interfaith Food Pantry. This yearly collection allows families to have a traditional Thanksgiving Dinner. This year we collected more than 12 hams. The Food Pantry was very grateful for this donation.

December was one of our busier months. Our Christmas Families program was able to provide gifts and clothing for 30 children and parents who otherwise may have gone without presents. We were privileged to partner with Batavia United Way for this program. BMCF members outdid themselves with their generosity this year!



In addition to supporting these programs, our members have also made personal contributions to local organizations such as Batavia ACCESS Toy Drive, Chip In, Lazarus House, Batavia Interfaith Food Pantry, and Mutual Ground.

As winter closes we spend our efforts on applications for financial disbursements, first distributing to then collecting completed applications from area schools and community organizations. In May we will have the honor of disbursing the funds raised this year to groups that share our mission of improving our community. A disbursement reception will be held to allow members from our organization to meet representatives from the educational and nonprofit organizations whose projects we are helping to fund and to learn more about those projects.

Membership

DO YOU KNOW A MOM WHO MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN BMCF?

In order to become members, women need to attend two of our monthly meetings OR one meeting and one open house. At that point they are eligible to join. For more information on membership or the club, please visit www.bataviamothersclub.org. For information on membership, email membership@bataviamothersclub.org.

Benefits of Membership:

- Be part of a terrific organization that works to provide support to our community and our children
- Enjoy recreational events planned for members and their children
- Socialize with a great group of women that share your enthusiasm for our community

Membership Requirements:

- Pay dues of \$30 once per year
- Serve on one of our standing committees
- Participate in philanthropic and community relations activities
- Volunteer your time and effort for each of our fundraisers





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