



Ribbon Cutting Event January 28, 2010

The Boys & Girls Clubs of the Twin Cities is setting a course for its future through the Bridge to the Future Campaign. This \$15 million drive includes Deepening the Impact of programs, increasing the Endowment Fund, and providing Capital Improvements to clubhouses. This campaign will ensure the Clubs legacy of changing lives for years to come. The Club is building ***The Bridge to the Future.***

1. Reason for Renovations

- The Club has seen a boom in membership that has caused severe wear and tear to program areas, buildings, and facility grounds. The Club serves over 13,000 across the Twin Cities. Over 1,800 children attend the East Side Club annually.

2. Goal - Approximately \$6,000,000 will go toward renovating the three Clubhouses located in St. Paul.

- The goal of the capital improvements is two fold. First, due to the use of the clubhouses, the buildings, grounds, mechanicals, and equipment are in need of serious repair. All clubhouses will receive improvements. This includes new flooring, paint, décor and equipment.
- Second, some program areas do not provide enough room to facilitate programs, or in some cases the actual physical space does not exist. For example, the East Side, Mt. Airy and West Side Clubs located in St. Paul are not equipped with commercial kitchens and dining areas to facilitate the Kids Feeding Kids program and their Teen Centers need to be expanded to accommodate our large teen membership. The Bridge to the Future Campaign will provide the necessary funds to make these much needed Club site upgrades and improvements.

3. Benefits

- Many benefits for the East Side Club members and surrounding community.
- Establish a nutrition program for members. Adding a commercial kitchen to accommodate the Kids Feeding Kids program will allow for a hot nutritious meal to be served to children.
- The expanded Teen Center space will keep teenagers off the streets and engaged in positive activities.
- Club members will feel a sense of "Club Pride" knowing the Club has provided them with state-of-the-art program areas and a safe environment to learn and have fun.
- Club members will learn skills that will help them grow to be great community residents.
- Club members, parents, and neighborhood partners will see this as an investment in their children and their community.