

# November 2019

## Giving Thanks and Giving Back



### Scholarship Fund to Honor Fallen Officers

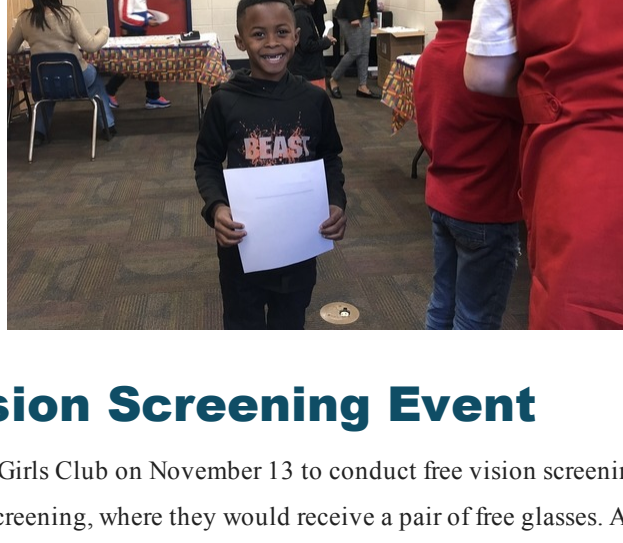
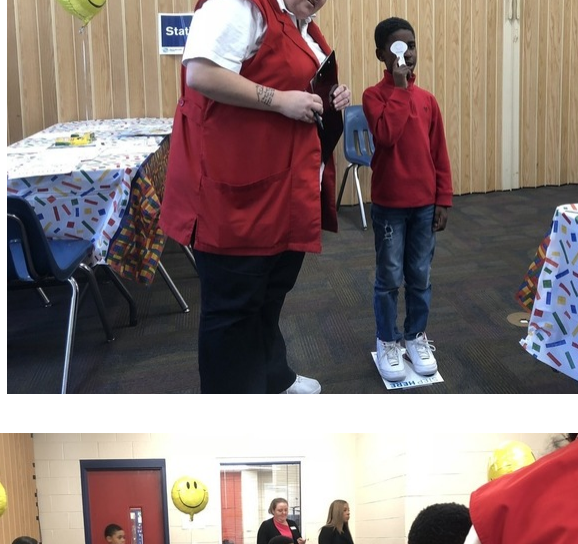
The Boys & Girls Club is excited to announce the creation of a scholarship fund in partnership with the Eastern Carolina Community Foundation and Health Facilities Federal Credit Union. The fund will honor fallen officers Sgt. Terrence Carraway and Investigator Farrah Turner, who lost their lives in the tragic events of October 3, 2018. Health Facilities Federal Credit Union (HFFCU) presented the Boys & Girls Club with \$25,000 for the project at the November Board Meeting on Tuesday, November 19, 2019. Several representatives from the Carraway and Turner families, including Allison Carraway, Sgt. Carraway's wife, and Katie Godwin, Investigator Turner's mother, were in attendance for the check presentation.

The scholarships will be given to members competing in the organization-wide Pee Dee Youth of the Year competition, which will be held at the revived Steak and Burger Event in the spring of 2020. One member for each of the six Clubs will compete to represent Boys & Girls Clubs of the Pee Dee Area in the state-wide competition. These scholarships are important for many members, who would struggle, as many do, to pay for school otherwise. Boys & Girls Clubs is thankful for HFFCU's generous gift and is excited to be able to honor Sgt. Carraway and Investigator Turner by providing members with educational opportunities!!



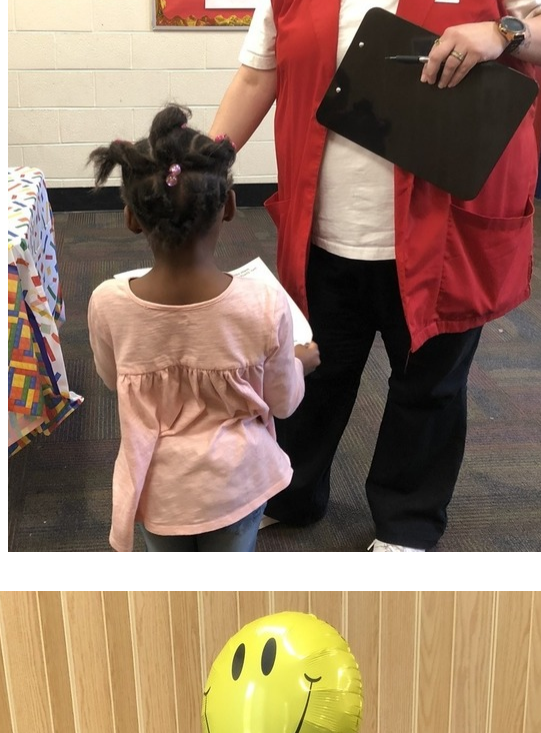
### 5th Annual Writers in the Round

Lake City held its 5th Annual Writers in the Round on Thursday, October 24 at The Bean Market. This celebration of country music featuring renowned song writers Frank Rogers, Justin Adams, Derek George, and Monte Criswell benefitted the Lake City Boys & Girls Club. The Nashville based musicians traveled to Lake City, SC to perform songs they wrote for major country artists. The Boys & Girls Club feels lucky to be the beneficiary of such an incredible and unique event. Funds raised at the event go towards administering necessary programs for members at the Lake City Boys & Girls Club.



### America's Best Vision Screening Event

America's Best came to the Florence Boys & Girls Club on November 13 to conduct free vision screenings for close to 100 members. If needed, the members were then referred to a second free screening, where they would receive a pair of free glasses. America's Best even decided to do free vision screenings for the rest of our six Clubs! Over 30 members at our Florence Club were referred for additional screenings. Thanks so much to America's Best for keeping our kids happy and healthy!



### Thanksgiving Activities

Hartsville Boys & Girls Club members got into the Thanksgiving spirit by making turkeys using clothespins and felt cut-outs. Members at the Hartsville Club routinely make unique seasonal crafts to take home or be donated to the local senior center. Club members frequently visit seniors at the senior center and bring them care packages around the holidays. This is one of the many ways Club staff encourage members to give back to their community. The members love taking trips to the senior center to play bingo!



### 34th Annual Pepsi Carolina Classic

The Pepsi Carolina Classic is back for the 34th year! Now presented by SC Federal Credit Union, this three-day high school basketball tournament will be held at the Florence Center from December 26-28. Teams from Darlington, Hartsville, Lee Central, Marion, North Augusta, South Florence, West Florence and Wilson high schools will be playing to see who will claim the title of Champion! This long-standing tradition has brought competitive basketball to the Pee Dee region for decades. The Boys & Girls Club is excited to continue organizing the tournament so Pee Dee basketball fans can see some great ball!

Visit our website for more details:

<https://www.bgcpcda.org/news-events/community-calendar.html/event/2019/12/28/2019-pepsi-carolina-classic/245179>

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**Have you donated to Boys & Girls Clubs this year?**






If not, it's not too late! Donations provide vital programs to our members focused around Good Character, Academic Success and Healthy Lifestyles. Over 4,000 youth are impacted a year by BGCPDA. We are proud to provide our members with the tools they need to become productive and caring citizens.

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