



# The Spring Scoop: Club News from Durham & Orange Counties

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## Friends of BGCDOC,

As the school year wraps up, the energy at Boys & Girls Clubs of Durham and Orange Counties is ramping up. We are officially gearing up for another unforgettable summer camp season! Hot off the heels of our successful Great Futures Breakfast, which raised vital funds to support our summer programming, we are excited to welcome youth from across our communities for a summer full of learning, adventure, and fun.

This issue is packed with great stories from the spring, highlighting some wonderful partners. We hope you enjoy reading about all the impact that your partnership and support makes possible.

School's (almost) out for summer!

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## "What the Club Means to Me" Aiden Higgins, 8th Grade

The Club has made me a more mature, more thankful, and kinder person. The most important thing about the Club is we don't pick on people. I learned you never know what other people might have or not have in life. There is no bullying. We are the type of Club where kids respect each other and respect the staff. We treat others nicely.



### “Sit-In and Stand Up”: A&T Alumni Empower Club Youth

On February 25th, Alumni from North Carolina A&T State University visited the Durham Club and brought copies of Sit-In: How Four Friends Stood Up by Sitting Down, a children's book by Andrea Davis Pinkney. The Club kids were able to learn about the story of the "Greensboro Four" and have an awesome reading experience with the alumni. Thank you, Durham Alumni Aggies!



### Healthy Smiles Ahead: UNC Dentistry Helps Club Kids

On April 25th, the Chapel Hill Club proudly completed their "Cavity Free Zone" program! Led by students from the UNC School of Dentistry, this initiative taught Club members the importance of cavity prevention, healthy oral hygiene habits, and overall dental care. Every Club kid passed the program with flying colors – and brighter smiles to prove it!



### All-Star Afternoons with Duke Athletes

On April 16th and 17th, Duke Athletics joined us at the Durham Club for their annual Week of Service! Both afternoons were packed with activities like homework help, coloring, gym time, and more. One of the highlights? Our Club kids had a blast going head-to-head on the court with the collegiate athletes! We're already looking forward to welcoming them back next school year.



### Breakfast with a Purpose: Great Summers Start Here

On May 1st, we hosted our 2025 Great Futures Breakfast! The room was filled with corporate sponsors, Club ambassadors, community partners, and friends, all coming together in support of our mission. Thanks to their incredible generosity, we raised over \$127,000 for our 2025 Summer Camps. We're gearing up for an amazing summer, and it's all because of YOU, our community!

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