



Boys & Girls Club of Greater Lowell - November 2024



“Jimmy Y* is missing” began the message from Youth Development Director Shirley Pimentel to all staff. “Mom has reported him missing with LPD, if anyone has information, please share.”

Soon after that message, staff member Frank was at a local convenience store, and saw Jimmy there. Frank chatted with Jimmy, enabling Shirley to follow up with Jimmy’s mom. Frank’s thoughtful attentiveness enabled Jimmy’s mom to find him and get him home safely.

Around the same time, Shirley noted how another staff member, Rena, had found time in her busy day to help some Club families experiencing hygiene insecurity; connecting them with the items they needed—plus new sneakers, coats, and supermarket gift cards. But that wasn’t all Rena took care of that day. She also picked up 100 vouchers for United Way Thanksgiving food bags for Club families, helped a young member who needed a change of clothes after an accident, and represented the Club at a local mental health fair.

Every day, Rena, Frank and their colleagues manage to put in more than just a day’s work by taking a whole-child approach to youth development. The Club hires staff for their expertise in a particular program area or service—and yet their work at the Club extends far beyond their specific skill set.

On any given day, a staff member teaches lessons in their program area, supports drop off and pick up, provides one-on-one mentoring, connects with members over dinner, and provides tools and encouragement for members to work towards their dreams.



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*not his real name

Thanksgiving Desserts Needed!

We need individual desserts for our annual Thanksgiving celebration for members (no nuts/peanuts). If you'd like to donate a homemade or store-brought dessert, please do so by November 26. [Email Sally for more information.](#)



BGCGL Swag Store is Now Open

Ready to rep your Club Love? The swag store is now open - all pieces are made to order and a portion of proceeds support programming. [Order your hoodie, hat, bag, and a lot more today!](#)

Tickets On Sale Today! Boys & Girls Club of Greater Lowell's 27th Annual Holiday Auction

When: December 5th, 2024

Where: Lowell Memorial Auditorium

For more information or to purchase tickets/sponsorships visit our [Holiday Auction website here](#). [Raffle tickets are now on sale](#). 1 lucky winner will choose from 3 fabulous trips!



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