

# CLUB HUB Newsletter



Boys & Girls Club  
of Kamloops

SUMMER EDITION

JUNE TO SEPTEMBER 2017

## KIDS HELPING KIDS - OWEN'S INITIATIVE

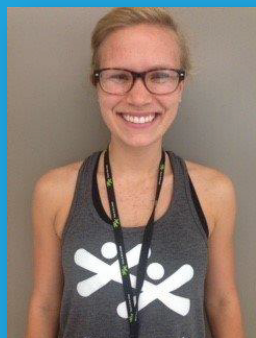
Owen is a 12-year-old member of the Boys and Girls Club who has a huge heart and believes in supporting his Club and community. Since June 2017, Owen has been actively fundraising to bring a Canadian Ninja Warrior Playground to Kamloops. He took the initiative to start selling popcorn to reach his goal of \$50,000, as he believes the playground "would get kids to try something new and new things can benefit happiness."

Owen has currently raised \$300 selling popcorn and has received generous community support from Cascades Casino, Atmosphere Kamloops, and NRI Distribution. He's got a ways to go but he's excited to see his vision through. You can read Owen's full story and support him at [www.bgckamloops.com](http://www.bgckamloops.com)

**Way to go, Owen!**



## FEATURE STAFF: MANDY FOORD



Mandy has worked with the Boys and Girls Club of Kamloops for over two years. She started with us as a summer student and since then has worked in our Power Start and after school programs, has helped out with Friday Family Nights and childcare shifts, has supported our Youth programs, co-led our new GirlSpace program, and opened up our RLC Barnhartvale Club location. Anything we need, Mandy fearlessly jumps in and excels. Her bright and sunny disposition always brightens our day!

Mandy has also been working hard to complete her Bachelor of Social Work degree. She will be leaving our Club in November to follow her career goals and get married. We wish her the absolute best and know she will succeed at anything she puts her mind too. Mandy is a great role model and has built many strong relationships with our Club kids and staff. We'll miss you, Mandy!

## WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING

### Donor Appreciation Night

Thank you for all you do!



### Safeway Icecream Event

Money raised to feed youth and pay-it-forward to Ask Wellness!



### Summer Fun!

It may have been smokey but the kids had a blast



### Annual General Meeting

We recognized our long-term staff and congratulated two scholarship winners



& so much more!



# FEATURE PROGRAM: Developing World Connections - Guatemala

The Youth Leadership Council of the Boys and Girls Club of Kamloops (BGCK) and the Youth Advisors of A Way Home had the opportunity to experience another incredible opportunity this year - but this time, internationally. BGCK teamed up with Developing World Connections (DWC) to send six local youth on a volunteer trip to Guatemala for two weeks this August. Many of the youth had never been on a plane or outside of Canada. They experienced a new culture, installed eco-stoves in the homes of local families, and helped local children with their English at an education centre. Numerous hours of planning, preparation, fundraising, and hard work went into this adventure of a lifetime. The youth came back with fresh perspectives and a new outlook on the world. We admire the courage it took to go out of their comfort zone and commend them for getting involved and giving back on a global level.

A big thank you to Developing World Connections, Stollery Charitable Foundation, Swiss Chalet, Kamloops Art Party, and the community of Kamloops for supporting our local youth! Your generosity and encouragement are appreciated.



## IMPORTANT DATES & EVENTS

**November 13th**

Club Closed - Stat Holiday

**November 21st**

Power Start Corporate Breakfast  
Fundraiser

**December 4th**

Pro-D Day - Club Closed

**December 23rd to January 7th**

Club Closed for Holidays  
LCK Daycare opens Jan 2nd to 5th

**WISHING YOU A HAPPY  
HOLIDAY AND WONDERFUL  
NEW YEAR!**

## A BIG THANK YOU!

A big thank you to our community for continually supporting the Club and thinking of new ways to help us expand our programs and services to serve more people. We're able to make a positive impact because of you. Thank you for all you do!

### DONORS

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