



# President's Report

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BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS  
OF BELLEVUE



## WheelLab

A Club sanctioned program, WheelLab is run by employee Lance Latimer with a goal to enhance our existing afterschool and summer programs. WheelLab offers a new kind of opportunity for youth to develop their mechanical and social skills through bike builds, camaraderie, and leadership skill development. With a majority of the school day focused on subjects like math and literacy, there is little time left for hands on experiences with prototyping, engineering and activities that build fine motor skills combined with a transportation "ownership/pride" and outdoor bliss. WheelLab fills that void.

The invites are out, so please forward to your guests! There are two electronic versions; (We only distributed about 40 printed versions last year, but if you want them, we can make it work). One electronic version is for tables that are being hosted and one lists the guest/table costs if you prefer to charge your guests. (Invite two)

Sponsor letters have also been sent out. We normally have over 40 corporate sponsors and we hope to top that number this year!

We hope that every Board member will bring at least one table and contribute at least one LIVE auction item. If you would rather donate cash, we do purchase a few LIVE items, well under value. Please contact Melissa at [mbrzusek@bgcbelleveue.org](mailto:mbrzusek@bgcbelleveue.org) for any other information we can provide!



## DENTAL DAY

The Club and local dentist Dr. Judson Werner just celebrated their 14th annual "Give Kids A Smile Day" on February 2nd. His out-of-pocket expenses were over \$6,000 in dental work! Without our partnership with Dr. Werner, annual dentist visits would not be possible for some of our kids. Because of our long-time partnership, Dr. Werner now has the same experience as many long time staff; getting the opportunity to see kids grow each year, and watch them become adults and head out into the world! Kids who attended Dental Day in 2004 are now in college or in the military! We are so lucky to have this amazing partnership that helps so many of our kids and their families.



Our glorious new sport court at the teen center. New kids are showing up every day to play on this brand new addition!

## DID YOU KNOW?

- For the past 15 years, our organization offers all programs at no cost to any foster kids and their siblings. We work with Treehouse and Olive Crest to contact foster families and connect them.
- We are a partner with the Bellevue School District, Kids Quest and the YMCA in a "Best Start for Kids" grant that will subsidize our summer and afterschool programs for homeless youth who attend Bellevue Schools.
- We offer all programs at no cost to kids with parents in the military.
- We have contracted with a psychologist to offer free services to Club staff.



*Sana, Age 8 - Acrylic - "Poppies"*



*Madilyn, Age 9 - Mixed Media - "The Eyes Have It".*

