Boys & Girls Club of Norman Receives Donation from Gateway Mortgage Group
Gateway Mortgage Group recently donated $5,000 to Center for Children and Families to expand BGCN’s educational programs. “We are thrilled about Gateway’s donation that will strengthen our summer learning opportunities,” said Vernon Hooks, BGCN unit director. “We depend on community support from companies like Gateway to help us provide Norman’s children with the programs they need to succeed.”

Gateway’s donation will support the Club’s innovative and creative programming by enabling the purchase of additional materials for academic enrichment programs, STEM activities and educational games. Chris Doke, branch manager at Gateway’s Norman location, said the company focuses on giving to organizations where it can have the greatest impact. “Boys & Girls Club of Norman develops children’s social skills and provides tools for academic success,” Doke said. “Gateway is committed to supporting organizations which enrich our communities and nurture tomorrow’s leaders.”

CCFI Welcomes Three New Employees
Over the last few months, our agency has gained three talented staff members who each bring a wealth of knowledge to CCFI. Please help us welcome Ashley Kephart, Chelsea Hinkle and Amy Treadwell to the CCFI family!

Ashley recently graduated from The University of Oklahoma with her Master’s Degree in Human Relations, with a focus on leadership and domestic violence. As the newly hired Front Desk Supervisor, Ashley will realize her passion for nonprofit work by assisting clients and managing the front desk staff.

Chelsea joined our agency as the new Business Manager and is eager to help fulfill our mission! She comes to CCFI with an extensive background in office management, banking and technology and is ready to make a positive impact in our community.

Amy is a Nationally Certified Counselor who specializes in EMDR, TBRI, play therapy, art therapy and mindfulness. In 2016, Amy worked as a school-based therapist with Mid-Del Youth and Family, and in 2017, she joined a grant-funded team (Project SOAR) at NorthCare providing school-based psychoeducation groups for children in 28 schools in south Oklahoma City who experienced trauma due to the devastating May 20th tornado.
BGCN Wraps Up Summer Program

Boys & Girls Club of Norman staff, along with countless volunteers, led a 4-week summer program, during the month of June, packed with art projects, science lessons, field trips and FUN! Throughout the course of the program, members were able to learn and explore through a variety of different activities and outings. Just a few of the highlights include: creating [and eating!] pizzas at Papa John’s, skating at Star Skate, exploring the Orr Family Farm, doing community service, meeting local law enforcement officials and releasing some energy at Jump!Zone. Each week was also capped off with a trip to the newly renovated Westwood Family Aquatic Center.

We would like to give a special thank you to Tinker Federal Credit Union, who kindly sponsored our summer t-shirts and end-of-summer celebration. We would also like to thank the many other community partners who offered our group discounts, free pizzas and other special accommodations. Our summer could not have been made possible without you!

Service Spotlight: Baby Pantry

A lack of an adequate supply of diapers is a serious problem for parents with limited resources, affecting roughly 1 in 3 American families. Unfortunately, government assistance programs, such as WIC and SNAP (i.e. food stamps), do not cover diaper purchases. To help fill this gap, the CCFI Baby Pantry offers families emergency baby supplies, such as diapers and baby wipes, completely free of charge.

CCFI’s Baby Pantry is stocked by in-kind donations from supporters like YOU! To view our full list of donation requests, please click HERE.

All donations are tax-deductible and are accepted Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Volunteers Needed
Volunteers are critical to the success of our agency. In 2017 alone, nearly 600 individuals donated their time and energy to mentor Boys & Girls Club members, pack diapers in the Baby Pantry, help clean and maintain our facility, and assist with the Holiday Wishes gifting program, among countless other tasks. This year-round dedication is instrumental in our ability to provide exceptional services to the children and families we serve, and we are grateful for our community’s support.

Our current volunteer opportunities include:
- Front Office / Baby Pantry

We are also accepting applications for the upcoming academic school year for Boys & Girls Club of Norman, including:
- Kids Cafe
- K - 5th Grade Power Hour
- 6th Grade and up Power Hour
- K - 1st Grade Program
- General Program
- Teen Program

If you are interested in learning more or applying, please visit our website [HERE](https://www.ccfi.org).

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Thank You to Our Recent In-Kind Donors
Aaron Jaqua, Baked Bear (Norman), Caleb’s Cause Foundation, Emily Sullivan, First Baptist Church, Heather Bost, James Condley, June McLaughlin, Kaleo Foundation, Kasee Valerius, Linda Miller, McFarlin Methodist Church, Nick Hays, Norman Area Quilters’ Guild (NAQG), Regina Pompeo, Sharon Grissom, Sharon Moss, Stacy Arnold, Travis Gatewood and the West Wind Unitarian Universalist Congregation.

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