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**Youth of the Year,  
Curtis Ivy, Jr.**



2000: *Joined B & G Club at 8 years old*  
 2009: *Ranked 9<sup>th</sup> in Indiana—400m*  
 2010: *Youth of the Year—B & G Club*  
*Top 5 finalist for Youth of the Year—*  
*B & G Clubs of Indiana*  
*Ranked 6<sup>th</sup> in Indiana—400m*  
 2010-11: *Attend IU and run track*

**What the Club means to me...**

“The Club has been like a family to me. Billie is like a mom; she keeps me organized in all parts of my life—advising me about school, homework, work, college and even girls. She keeps it clear and simple. Bill is like a dad giving sound advice and always encouraging me to do great things.”

**Saying Goodbye to the Club...**

“When I walk out of the doors for the last time as a Club kid, I will not say goodbye. You see you do not say goodbye to family; you say I love you, and I will see you soon.”

Executive Director, Billie Treber: “Curtis has been a joy to spend time with since the day he joined the Club. His humor, smile, and kindness are his most endearing qualities, not to mention, his athletic prowess. We wish him well at IU and will miss him.”

**Miss Blueberry 2010**

Araceli Lorraine Ortiz, former club member and staff at the Boys and Girls Club of Marshall County, will be reigning over this year’s Marshall County Blueberry Festival after being named the 2010 Miss Blueberry.

Araceli, a club member for five years and junior staff for three, wowed the judges



with her voice in the talent portion of the competition and with her responses for the Q & A section. When asked what has been her proudest moment, she talked in length about being named the 2009 Boys and Girls Club of Marshall County “Youth of the Year.”

Araceli also impressed the judges with her commitment to the community. In fact, the day of the pageant, she stopped by the Relay for Life to sing the National Anthem before traveling to Argos for the pageant. For her win, Ortiz received a crown, sash, flowers, crystal bowl, blueberry necklace, and a \$1,250 educational scholarship.

In the fall, Araceli will be attending Indiana University of South Bend to pursue a degree in music performance. However, before leaving, she has committed herself to the Club for a day of Queenly duties signing pictures and bringing smiles to all of her Club kids.

**PRESIDENT'S  
PERSPECTIVE—  
MARY**



**BETH**

**LISTENBERGER**

Ah.....those sweet childhood memories of Summer Camp! Long hot days, warm summer nights, great new friendships, friendly competitions, exciting experiences, daily adventures, amazing discoveries, and even a crush on your favorite camp counselor!  
All this and more.....

Much like summer camp, our summer session at the Boys & Girls Club themed “Making New Friends in 2010” is in full swing, and our Club kids are having a blast! As a child, I remember my father sending kids off to camp, not realizing at the time what lasting memories and childhood fun was being created by his generosity.

Today, because of your ongoing, loyal support of our Club, our camp counselors, aka the Staff, are helping to create life changing experiences for our kids on a daily basis!

Perhaps it’s a craft project, a splash in the pool, a game of chess, a walk over to the community garden, or just hanging out with a new best buddy, these events that may seem small can create lasting impressions on our youth.

*Golf Outing 2010*

“The best year ever!” “It was a perfect day!”

“First Class Event!”

These are just a few comments that were made about the 10th annual Boys and Girls Club Golf Outing. The outing was held on June 17th at the Plymouth Country Club, and through the diligent efforts of the committee, we raised roughly \$25,000 after expenses. As an added bonus this year, the Club joined forces with Angelina’s Cigars to provide a more enjoyable event for all who participated.

The Boys and Girls Club of Marshall County would like to thank the following individuals or businesses for supporting our 2010 Golf Outing:

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## Art & Crafts Director

### Sue Holland

*Please tell us about your involvement in the Club and maybe include one or two special moments or highlights you've had here*



It's always a special moment when former members return to see us and share what's going on in their lives. In my mind they are 9 years old running around the Club or drawing in the art room, but before me stand adults who have graduated from college or have returned home from the Armed Services or are married and raising a family.

At the moment, I'm incredibly excited that two of our members, Leneil Himes and Curtis Ivy, will continue their education at I.U. this fall. In addition, Leneil will be playing football, while Curtis runs track. The reason it really hits home is because I've had the pleasure of watching these two special fellows grow up at the Club. Both spent a lot of time at the Club when they were little, and sometimes they didn't want to leave, especially when they were 8 and 9 years old and were supposed to leave at 6. I'm sure that they both will be able to live their dreams!

*How about the many different kinds of arts and crafts programs you have done with these young people over the years?*

Wow, there are so many great things going on at the Club every day, but the one that I most love is called Bonnets for Babies, a knitting program we have done for 3 summers. Every summer the members knit bonnets, and they really enjoy bringing them to the new moms at the hospital. This summer we hope to exceed our goal of 60 bonnets!

My Mom taught me to knit when I was 8 years old; I caught on fast and loved it (thanks, Mom!). When you knit something for someone, it's like passing along a little of yourself, a little love. I suppose because I cherish my childhood memories of knitting with my mom, I want to share what I have learned with the kids and maybe help them create their own memories and perhaps even begin their own traditions down the road.

I began working at the Club 15 years ago, and that was a decision that I have never regretted, because all of it really has been a wonderful experience for me.

## "Artist in Residence"

### Erik Aguilar

For some, even drawing stick figures can be a challenge, but not for Erik Aguilar,



age 15. He has moved on to much more in-depth styles of art including abstract, pop art, and realism. Erik's passion for art came as a child, when he would watch his older brother Alejandro draw. Alejandro encouraged Erik to pursue his love of drawing, and soon he was picking up pencils, pens, crayons, or whatever he could find to draw what he was thinking or what he saw.

Sue Holland, Arts and Crafts Director at the Boys and Girls Club, noticed his talent and began suggesting that he submit his work for competitions. It wasn't too long before others began to recognize Erik's talent. In 2009, Erik's drawing of people working together to repair a rundown home was selected for the Rebuilding Together program. So far in 2010, Erik's artwork has also been selected as the logo for the first Family Health Carnival and an anti-tobacco message by the Indiana Tobacco Prevention and Cessation program.

Even though Erik will only be a sophomore at Plymouth High School, he already has his sights set on college, hoping to attend the Art Institute of Chicago, where he will further hone his abilities and prepare for a life in art.



Artwork by Erik, age 15, Boys & Girls Club of Marshall County

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**Coming Events**

Aug. 9-17 Club Closed  
Aug. 18 Club Re-opens  
Operating Hours 3-8  
Sept. 3 Club Open 8-5  
Sept. 6 Club Closed Labor Day  
Sept 10 Permission Slips for  
Soccer & Volleyball  
Oct. 21-22 Fall Break  
Club Open 8-5  
Oct. 21 Halloween Party with  
Plymouth Parks Dept.  
Nov. 5 Overnighter @ Club

**Why We Need You!**

43%:	Club members from low income families
\$293,000:	Budget for 2010
\$22,169:	Membership dues
<b>\$270,831</b>	<b>Shortfall</b>
\$544.00	Club cost/year/1 child after dues paid

Our work is critical, and our need is great.

Would you please consider helping support  
The Boys & Girls Club of Marshall County?