



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
OF BLOOMINGTON**

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BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF BLOOMINGTON SET TO HOST BOYS TO MEN

Bloomington, Ind. – Boys & Girls Clubs of Bloomington will host “BOYS to MEN,” a fundraiser to provide crucial funding to support male-focused programming at the Club. The annual event will be held on Thursday, September 12th, 6:00-8:30 PM, and will emanate from the historic Lincoln Street Club.

“This is one of our marquee events each year and promises to leave guests with a true sense of inspiration,” commented Boys & Girls Clubs of Bloomington Executive Director, Jeff Baldwin. “The importance of this event cannot be underscored enough. BOYS to MEN allows the Club to provide remarkable and necessary education and mentoring to young males. Additionally, this event gives the Club a public platform to educate the community further on the work our staff performs on a daily basis mentoring kids, especially those who need us most.”

Formerly known as “Man up To Make A Difference,” the event features a catered dinner from Wagon Wheel along with a dessert compliments of Sugar Daddy’s. Additionally, Cardinal Spirits will be on-hand to offer a variety of beverages.

Guests of the event will be treated to a unique panel discussion, which will include five male community leaders. Bill C. Brown Associates Agent Josh Jones will make his debut as the event’s Emcee, and Merrill Lynch Wealth Management local affiliate Smith & Suhr Group Senior Vice President Errek Suhr will guide the discussion as Moderator. The distinguished panel will include Angel Escobedo, Kenn Nunn and Ron Remak.

Escobedo is the current Head Wrestling Coach at Indiana University. Escobedo’s unique story of survival and persistence is truly remarkable. It was a personal journey that led Escobedo, an Indiana University graduate, to the NCAA Wrestling Championship in 2008. Guests will learn how Escobedo’s grandfather stepped up to the plate to take him off the streets and guided him to amateur wrestling - a journey that ultimately saved his life.

Nunn is the founder of the Ken Nunn Law Office. A graduate of Indiana University, Nunn’s personal journey is nothing short of inspiring. Very few know Nunn’s real path as a troubled child to a famed and respected attorney - guests will be treated to Nunn’s unbelievable story of how he turned his life around...from a high school drop-out to one of the most notable lawyers in the country.

One of the most recognizable individuals in the community, Ron Remak is the President of Bill C. Brown Associates. The son of immigrant parents, Remak's personal account of his unique childhood upbringing is remarkable. Who knew that a chance conversation with his girlfriend's father who set Remak up for a life that even he could not have predicted.

"These five men have a centralized passion to mentor young people in the community because they themselves encountered positive mentorship as young men. We are so honored to have them for this event," said Baldwin. "Guests will be treated to stories of perseverance, professional failures, personal successes and everything in between."

The event will conclude with an auction of various experiences and prizes, along with a Fund-A-Need.

The proceeds of BOYS to MEN go directly to funding the programmatic needs of the Boys to Men mentoring program, which will kick-off later this year at the Club.

Limited tickets are still available and can be purchased online at www.bgcblloomington/2019boystomen or by calling the Club at (812) 332-5311, ext. 216.

About the Boys & Girls Clubs of Bloomington

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Bloomington is an organization dedicated to empowering all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as caring, productive, and responsible citizens. The club operates three units serving youth in Monroe County: Lincoln Street, Ferguson Crestmont, and Ellettsville. Offering low annual rates, the club is a place where all local youth can safely learn, grow, and become the adults of tomorrow. Focusing on Academic Success, Healthy Lifestyles, and Good Character & Active Citizenship, programming at the Club is enriching and varied, led by professional staff and volunteers. To learn more about programs and events at the Boys & Girls Clubs of Bloomington or to make a donation, visit www.bgcblloomington.org, call [812-332-5311](tel:812-332-5311), or follow us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram!

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