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GREAT FUTURES Gala

Realizing the Infinite Possibilities of our Youth

Honoring the Taylor Family and M&T Bank/Wilmington Trust

Special Recognition of Outgoing CEO, Wendy McGuire

Friday, June 7th, 2024 | 6pm

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We congratulate the Taylor Family as the 2024 honoree!

We praise their commitment and passion to help others and to instill the gift of giving not only monetarily, but of time and effort!

The Taylor "Family" are indeed a special family full of spirit, love, and dedication to support worthy causes like the Boys & Girls Club of Paterson and Passaic.

We are proud of our close friendship, over the many years, with the Taylor Family!

Our best wishes,

David and Carol Sidman

Welcome

GREAT FUTURES *Gala*

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6:00 PM	Cocktails and Silent Auction
7:30 PM	Dinner and Awards Ceremony
9:15 PM	Silent Auction Closes
9:30 PM	Dessert and Dancing

Dancing continues until the end of the evening.

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Meet Our Honorees

LAURIE AND HOWARD TAYLOR AND FAMILY

The Taylor Family's commitment to community service spans three generations and is connected to their local roots. Dr. Howard Taylor, a Passaic native, and Laurie, originally from Paterson, have instilled a deep sense of philanthropy in their children and grandchildren. Howard's tenure as a BGCPP board member and Laurie's vital support have greatly advanced our mission and grown our network of volunteers and benefactors.

Through their efforts, and those of their three daughters, three sons-in-law and seven grandchildren, the Taylors have made a collective impact. For example, Jamie Chudnoff, Howard and Laurie's daughter, is a longtime volunteer while third-generation teens Jackson and Harly have supported Club Kids through volunteerism and meaningful Mitzvah projects.

The Taylors have also shared their love of sports with Club Kids. Howard's service on our Fall Golf Classic Committee and the family's collaborations with the Victor Cruz Foundation and the New York Giants are part of their efforts to use sports as a tool for youth development and community engagement. The Taylor Family exemplify compassion, generosity, and unity and they continue to leave an indelible mark on Paterson and Passaic.

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Meet Our Honorees

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Since their founding in 1856, M&T Bank's enduring purpose has been to make a difference in people's lives. The Boys & Girls Club of Paterson and Passaic is proud to honor M&T Bank for their 15-year commitment to our Club and meaningful impact realized through volunteer engagement and more than $100,000 invested in our mission.

Debbie Brim, dedicated member of the BGCPP Board of Directors since 2010 and President from 2020 to 2022, embodies this commitment through her continual advocacy for the Club and youth it serves. As president, her strategic vision, guidance and support were instrumental in navigating the challenges of the pandemic, helping to ensure that the Club continued to serve its mission.

Throughout the pandemic, M&T Bank stood shoulder to shoulder with the Club, and their partnership enabled BGCPP to adapt operations swiftly, ensuring that vital services continued to reach Paterson and Passaic youth, families and the entire community. M&T Bank continues to be a valued friend and partner in realizing the infinite possibilities of Club youth.



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Special Recognition

WENDY MCGUIRE

Wendy McGuire has served at BGCPP since 2014, first as Chief Development Officer, then as Deputy Executive Director and, since November 2018, as Chief Executive Officer. During that time, the Club has doubled in revenue and increased the number of youth served to 1,700 daily, ensuring the highest level of service to Paterson and Passaic. Under Wendy's leadership, the Club's Strategic Plan is focused on Deepening Impact, Diversifying Funding and Investing in People through an Equity Based Lens.

As a community leader, Wendy has served as the Executive Secretary of the Boys & Girls Club of New Jersey's Area Council, is a founding member of the Social Justice League of Passaic County and a current member of Boys & Girls Clubs of America's President's Advisory Council. Wendy led the BGCPP's Campaign for Kids, a capital campaign that raised $4 million to completely renovate both clubhouses, and consistently grew fundraising efforts both in community partnerships and individual donors.

Wendy is a proud graduate of Boston University, with a BA in Business Administration, and of Bergen LEADS, Class of 2010. She and her husband, Leo, have five children, three grandchildren and live in northern NJ, which serves as the starting point for an annual motorcycle ride to some of the nation's most inspiring places.

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Master of Ceremonies

DARLA MILES
WABC-TV NEW YORK



Darla Miles joined the Eyewitness News Team as a general assignment reporter in 2009, covering the attempted terror bombing in Times Square and the Dominique Strauss-Kahn arrest. She has also interviewed Senator John McCain, Jesse Jackson and Oprah Winfrey.

Before coming to WABC-TV, Darla was a reporter/anchor for WFAA-TV in Dallas, where she was nominated for a Lone Star Emmy Award. Previously, she was a reporter for WTVD-TV in Raleigh, where her work on the Duke University lacrosse rape investigation was featured as an ABC World News exclusive on Good Morning America.

Darla began her career at WCLK Radio in Atlanta, which led to a position at ONDA Madrid Radio in Madrid, Spain. She later worked at CNN Radio Notícias and CNN en Español and was a weekend anchor for CNN Headline News.

The Ft. Worth, Texas native earned a BA in English with a minor in Spanish from Spelman College. She also studied abroad at the Instituto Internacional in Madrid, Spain.

A member of the National Association of Black Journalists and Investigative Reporters and Editors, Darla dedicates much of her free time to mentoring young African-American girls. She also enjoys traveling, entertaining and spending time with her family, godchildren, and close friends.

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The **Boys & Girls Club Dancers** for tonight's powerful performance! **Elana Banks** and **Zonaly Sandoval** for investing their time and creativity into making our members' performance a triumph.

All of the **Club Kids, Staff,** and **Volunteers** highlighted in tonight's videos and in attendance tonight. Your success is our purpose then, now, and always.

Hertz Passaic Clifton for generously donating a cargo van rental in support of tonight's event. Thank you for your steadfast support of our Club Kids!

Our **Gala Committee** for volunteering your time, resources, and skills to this event. You are our partners and the reasons behind this evening's success.

Most importantly, our honorees, **Laurie and Howard Taylor and Family** and **M&T Bank**, as well as departing CEO **Wendy McGuire** for being remarkable advocates and supporters of thousands of children on their paths to Great Futures. Your impact on their lives in incalculable. We hope you enjoy this evening held deservedly in your honor.

GREAT FUTURES GALA

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This evening would not have been possible without your tireless efforts and dedication to the Boys & Girls Club of Paterson and Passaic.

Thank you!

Dear Friends and Supporters,

Welcome to the Great Futures Gala, where we gather to celebrate the infinite possibilities of our youth and the dedication of those who champion their Great Futures.

This year, we proudly recognize two extraordinary honorees whose commitment to our Club and its children embody the essence of our mission: Howard Taylor, MD and Family and M&T Bank. Their commitment to providing opportunity and empowering youth to reach their full potential is an inspiration to us all, and we are grateful for the incredible impact they have made in the lives of thousands of young people.

As we celebrate our honorees' remarkable dedication and impact, we also take a moment to bid farewell to CEO Wendy McGuire. During her five years of exemplary service, her strategic and visionary leadership was steadfast through the uncertainties of the pandemic, guided us toward financial and operational stability and growth, and has shaped the course of our Club's future - and the Great Futures of thousands of Club Kids. While we will miss Wendy's presence, we are forever grateful for the legacy she has left behind, and the impact she has had, on the youth of Paterson and Passaic and the entire community.

Let us not forget the reason we are here – to ensure that every child has the chance to thrive, achieve their full potential and build a boundless future filled with promise and opportunity. Through our collective efforts, we are transforming lives and shaping a brighter tomorrow for generations to come.

Thank you for your support and belief in the infinite possibilities of our youth. Together, we are shaping a future for the children of Paterson and Passaic that is filled with promise, possibilities, and hope.

Sincerely,

Richard Mainardi, Jr.

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Thank you to our board for leading the way with wisdom and dedication to our children and families!



Dear Friends,



Welcome to the **Great Futures Gala!** Tonight, we gather to celebrate the many achievements of our Club Kids throughout the year and to honor some very special people who make it possible for Great Futures to happen every day at the Boys & Girls Club of Paterson and Passaic.

In 2017, **Howard and Laurie Taylor** became integral members of our Club family, demonstrating an unwavering dedication to shaping brighter futures for our Club Kids from the outset. Their commitment ran so deep that they extended the invitation to their own children and grandchildren to join our cause, effectively nurturing the next generation of Club Supporters.

M&T Bank represents the best in a Corporate Partner. They are focused on "improving the quality of life for the bank's customers, employees, and neighbors" and, since 2015, they have been living that mission at the Boys & Girls Club. Debbie Brim leads these efforts as the Chairperson of our Board of Directors but you will find M&T Helping Hands at almost every volunteer opportunity.

Tonight's gala theme, "Realizing the Infinite Possibilities of our Youth," resonates deeply with me. It's a reflection of the incredible magic that happens when we all come together, united in our mission to support Club Kids in dreaming big and achieving their goals. Howard, Laurie, and Debbie are shining examples of this magic, embodying the dedication and compassion that define our community.

Every day in our programs, I witness powerful moments that remind me of the collective effort it takes to bring about change and opportunity. Our Club is a safe haven for countless children, where diversity is celebrated, equity is prioritized, and community perspectives shape everything we do.

Meeting our Club Kids fills me with a sense of vibrancy and passion that's palpable. And hearing from Club parents, I feel the profound impact our organization has on their children and families. Experiences like these remind me of why our mission is so important – it's about hope, dreams, and inspiration.

I'm grateful for the enduring support that allows us to lift up Our Kids, Our Club, and Our Mission. Tonight, as we come together to celebrate, let's continue building Great Futures side by side.

Sincerely,

Wendy McGuire
Chief Executive Officer

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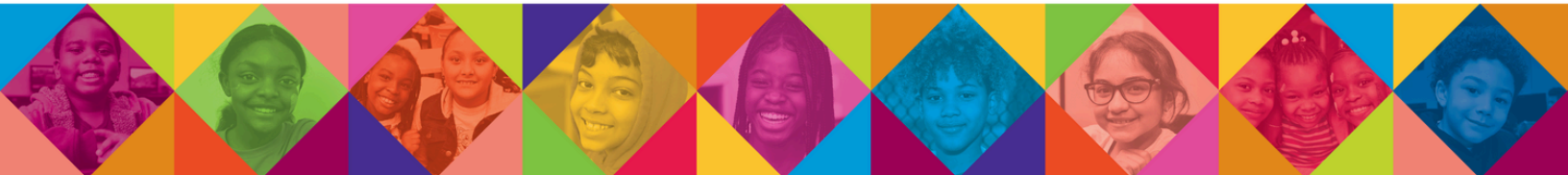
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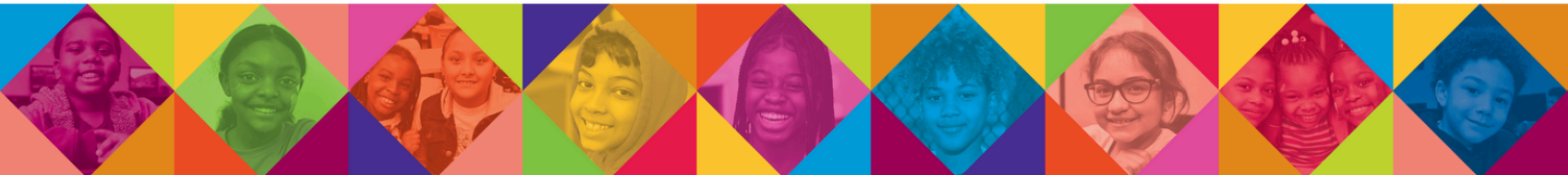
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Congratulations and thank you to the Boys & Girls Club of Paterson and Passaic for the nurturing and support provided to the children of Paterson and Passaic.

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Laurie and Howard Taylor and Family

Congratulations to our co-honoree, The Taylor Family, and Wendy McGuire, on her retirement from your friends at M&T.

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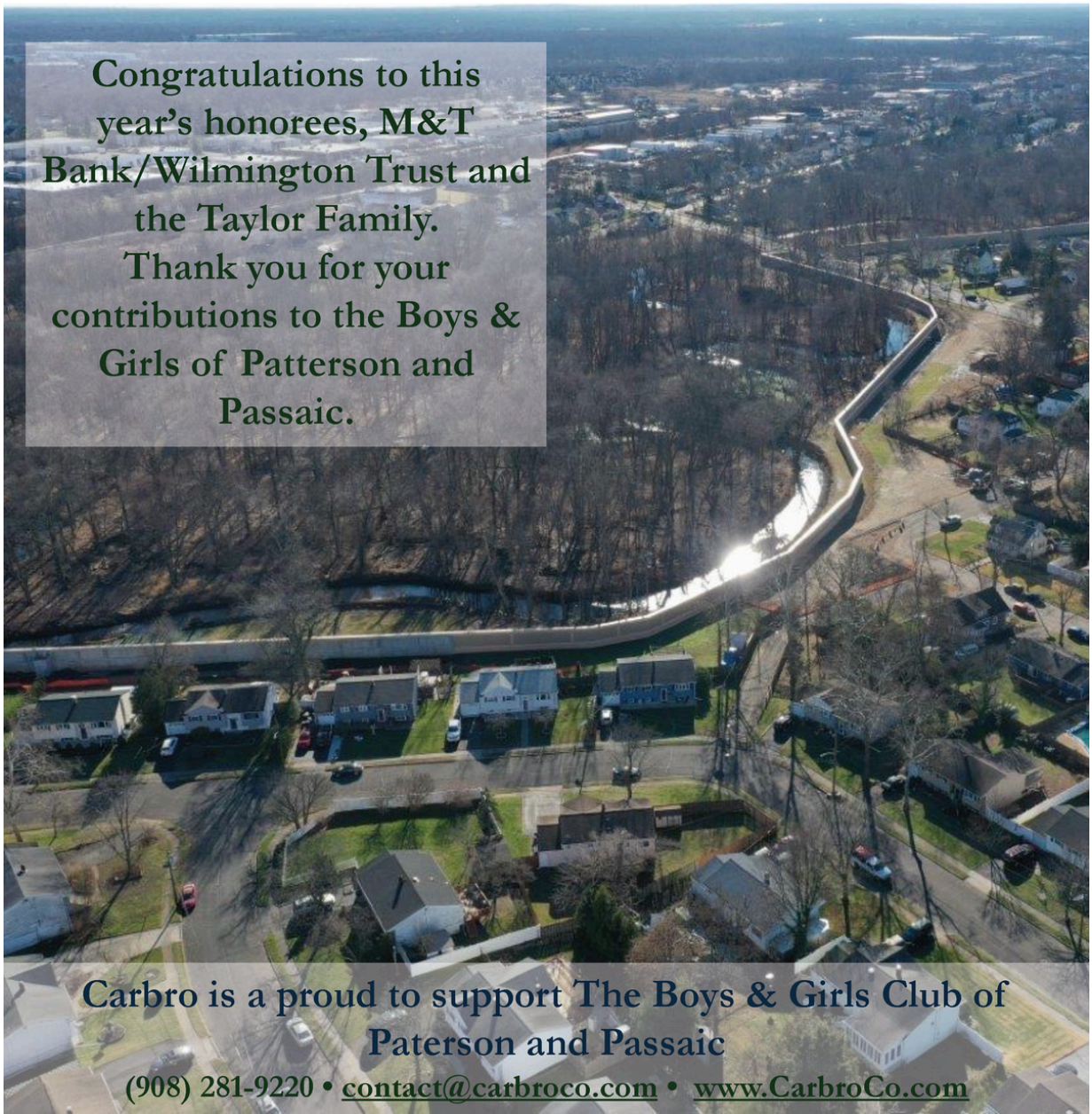
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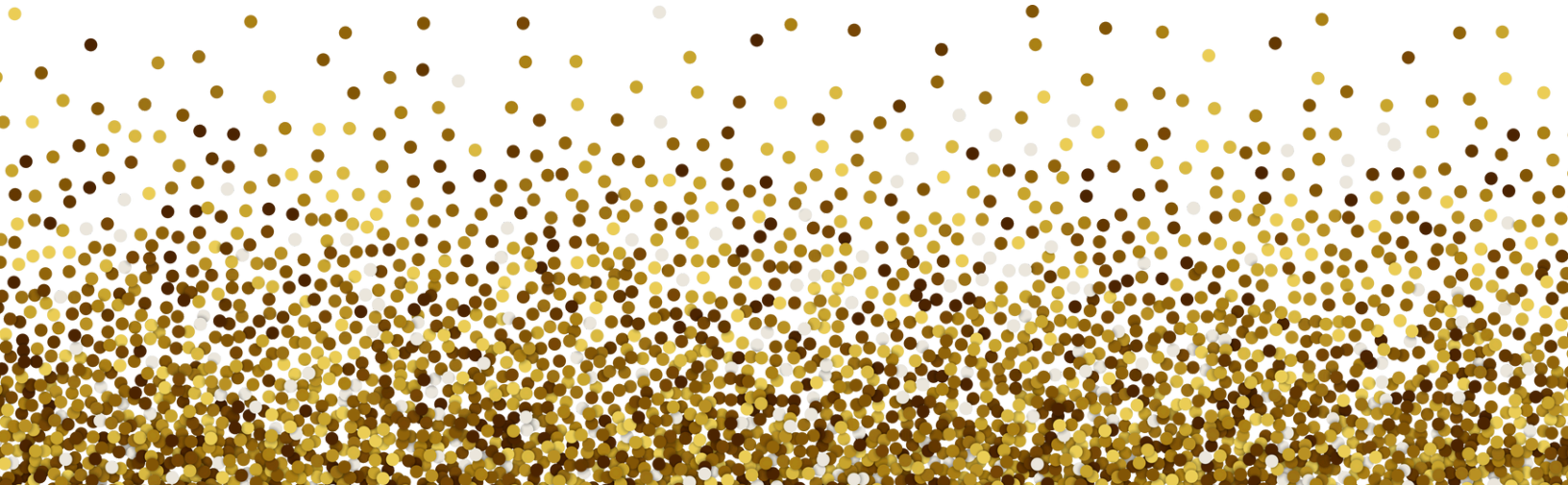
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We thank you for your unwavering dedication and wish you all the best!

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