

The Bugle

Winter 2009



The Gift

by Dave Oyler, Director of Special Projects

The front office paged me in my office and told me there was a young boy up front who wanted to see me. I came up to the front office and a nine year old boy, Delaney, was there to greet me. He wanted to know if he could go to my office to visit.

This was not the first time that he wanted to come to my office to visit. Visiting was usually an excuse to sit in my office chair and put his feet up on my desk and talk about school and The Club for Boys. When he came into my office this time, he did not sit in my chair. Instead he stood there and I asked him what was on his mind.

He said he had been invited to a birthday party for one of his classmates. He was told they did not have to bring gifts, but he thought if he was going to the party, he should take a gift. He then asked me if I had a job where he could earn two dollars because there was a beautiful candle at the Thrift Store for two dollars. He thought it would be a great gift for the party he was going to, "because it was a girl," and "girls like smelly things!"

I told him that I did have a job. He could pick up all the trash lying around outside on the Club's property. He said he would be glad to do that to earn some money. I gave him a trash bag and he headed out the door.

One hour passed and I saw him on his hands and knees picking up cigarette butts. Another hour came and went and he finally came in with the trash bag full.

We went outside to check his work and I told him he really had done a great job. I gave him his two dollars and then he asked permission to go to the Thrift Store. I told him sure and he took off on the dead run because he was worried someone else might buy the candle before he got there.

After he had been gone awhile, I thought of sales tax and a card and a bag and I thought maybe I had better go over and give him another dollar.

As I started over to the Thrift Store, Delaney was already heading back to the club. He had a big smile on his face. He told me he went to the Thrift Store and that a lady named Jeannie wanted to know why he was not at the Club.

He told her about earning two dollars from Dave to buy a gift for a birthday party. He showed her the candle, it was still there, and she noticed the two dollar sticker. Delaney then said Jeannie told him it was his lucky day because the candle was on sale.

Delaney then showed me that his two dollars had bought the candle, a card, a gift bag and a bow. As Delaney went into the club, I could not help but smile when I thought of how contagious love and kindness is in our organization.



Check out this year's new Club for Boys holiday card! "Red House in the Snow" by Kristi Goodell features a winter scene of historic West Boulevard.

The holidays are almost here!

Halloween has passed, snow has fallen, and soon we will all sit down to Thanksgiving feasts. That means Christmas is near. Let The Club for Boys help you prepare this year with Christmas trees, wreaths and cards.

The Club for Boys tree lot, located in front of the Club, opens on Monday, November 23. The Club for Boys Thrift Store will be busy making wreaths of

various sizes for your purchase as well.

The 2009 holiday greeting cards feature the work of local artists. You can choose one of five greetings to be printed in your cards, leave them blank or have them personalized.

Visit www.theclubforboys.com to order cards and wreaths online. For additional information on holiday activities at The Club for Boys call 343-3500.

Foundation Profile

Roger Johnsen

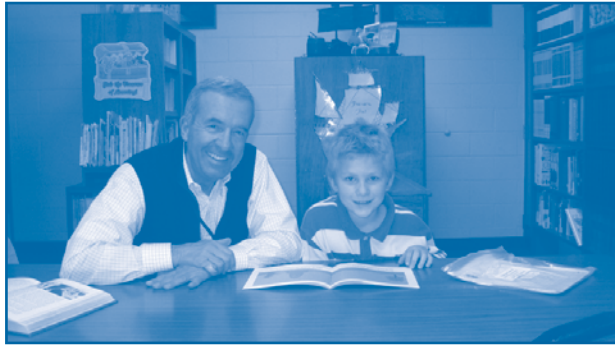
About one day a week, you can find Roger Johnsen down at The Club for Boys, in the library helping boys with their after school homework. Roger is a member of the Foundation's Board of Directors who supplements his board activities with afterschool homework help.

Roger is president of Stanley J. Johnsen Concrete Contractor, Inc., a company started by his father, Stanley Johnsen, in 1947. He began working in his family's company during high school and college summers while studying for a bachelor's degree in economics at Regis College in Denver. He joined the company full-time in 1969 after completing his degree requirements.

Stanley J. Johnsen Concrete Contractor, Inc. is a contracting firm that works primarily in highway and road construction. Seventy people are a part of the company during its peak season. Their largest customer is the S.D. Department of Transportation.

Roger grew up in Rapid City, graduating from Cathedral High School in 1969. With his two brothers and one sister, he had a happy childhood.

"I remember as a boy the sense of community and love I felt in North Rapid with my parents and family and our parish at St. John the Evangelist where I went to elementary school," said Roger. "Our parish priest,



Monsignor Costigan, and the Sisters from St. Martin's fostered a spirit of caring and fairness. I see that same sense of community, love and concern at The Club for Boys."

Roger was married to Suzanne Johnsen and they have four children: Rocky and his wife Cathay and their children, Tucker and Hollis live in Boston, Brock lives in Bozeman, Andrew is a Denver resident and daughter Stacey is married to Jon Nelson and they live in Rapid City and are expecting their first child in January. Suzanne lives in Denver.

Roger mentioned that he feels very blessed and grateful for being a part of the family he loves and working with the people in the Johnsen Company and for his connection with the Rapid City Club for Boys.

Speaking of the Club's Foundation and its endowment drive, Roger commented, "I feel in my heart that the Club is a tremendous plus for so many boys and our community as a whole. The Foundation's endowment efforts are important for the long-term stability of the Club and its ability to provide a loving, caring environment for the boys that aren't able to find the same elsewhere."

Roger Johnsen, Foundation board member since 2004, helps boys with their after school homework at The Club for Boys. He's pictured here with his friend, Brandon. Roger's board membership runs in the family as his father, Stanley Johnsen served on the Club's board in the late 1970's.

Thank you!

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Our Christmas Wish List

It's the time of the year when all the good boys and girls start making their Christmas wish lists. At The Club for Boys we have a few wishes of our own. If you are interested in fulfilling any items on our wish list, please drop off your donation at The Club for Boys. If you have any questions please call the Club at 343-3500.

- 25' to 30' square wrestling mat
- Retractable bleachers for gym
- Floor scrubber
- Enclosed trailer to haul bikes for bike trips in the Black Hills
- Pool sticks and chalk
- Nerf guns and darts
- Ping pong paddles, balls and nets
- Working 10 speed or higher mountain bikes and bike locks
- Books (that are popular with youth)
- Video games, controllers and consoles
- Art supplies (construction paper, scissors and small paint brushes)
- Sandbox toys
- Winter coats
- Fishing poles, reels and tackle
- Gloves
- Packages of new socks and underwear
- New athletic shoes of all sizes
- Stocking hats
- Hockey gear
- Baseball/softball gloves in good shape
- 6' or 8' jump ropes
- Plastic folding tables
- Backpacks for school supplies
- Gift cards to stores such as Sam's Club, Wal-Mart, Office Depot, Etc.
- ULINE Carts (contact the Thrift Store for details)
- Volunteer to serve as a bus monitor
- Volunteer to help mornings in the front office



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November

November 23 Christmas Tree Sales Start
November 25 Club Open 11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.
Family Thanksgiving Supper
November 26 Club Closed for Thanksgiving
November 27 Club Closed for Staff In-Services
November 30 Club Open 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

December

December 21-23 Club Open 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
December 24 Club Open 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Club Christmas Party
December 25 Club Closed for Christmas
December 28-31 Club Open 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

January

January 1 Club Closed for New Years Day
January 21 Club Open 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
January 28 Club Open 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

