

KELLY HALL YMCA



YMCA OF THE USA

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HAPPY NEW YEAR

WHAT'S NEW AT KHY

FUTURE LEADERS LUNCHEON

On Wednesday, November 9, 2016, the YMCA of Metro Chicago, Kelly Hall YMCA, and their Board honored several community partners including the DePaul Community Service Association (DCSA) Hoops & Hopes, Our Lady of the Angels, and the Chicago Police Department.



Elijah Joiner, Curie High School junior and recipient of the YMCA of Metro Chicago's 2016 Teen-of-the-Year Award, volunteers his time leading the Youth Basketball Association (YBA) teams at the Kelly Hall YMCA. He also is involved in the Kelly Hall Sports Officiating Program, Summer Camp, Academic Readiness Program and After School Matters (ASM).

On top of his impressive leadership and sportsmanship, Elijah has been a key advocate in the fight to save the Teen REACH Program at Kelly Hall, speaking on behalf of Kelly Hall at the Cook County Sheriff's office to help bring funding back to the program.

Special Recognition is given to the philanthropy efforts of Robert Radway and the NXT Group who, at our fifth annual Future Leaders Luncheon, raised more than \$140 thousand.



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ENJOY THIS ISSUE?

Feel free to submit your news article to be included in the next issue.

AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM PARENT MEETINGS:

Please attend these mandatory and informative meetings held every 1st Wednesday of the month.

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PARENT NEWS

AFTER-SCHOOL PARENT MEETINGS

Parents must participate in at least 80% of the Mandatory Meetings. The next few meetings will be held on Feb. 1st, March 1st and April 5th 2017 at 5:15 pm. This year we are requesting that Parents must participate in our Annual Black & White Affair. The Affair will be on May 6th, 2017.

SPIRIT WEEK 2016

Kelly Hall YMCA kicked off our annual Spirit Week on Monday October 17, 2016 with Super hero day. All of the students and staff alike came decked out in their favorite superhero costumes, everything from Batman to Minnie Mouse. This was followed by a Student Council election day where youth had the opportunity to learn about the voting process, and voice their opinions about the future of Kelly Hall. The Officers on the Student Council Board are as follows: President, Kamaya Weston; Vice-President, Makia Allen; Secretary, Tanasia Hicks; and Treasurer, Lania Frazier. On Wednesday we kicked off the pep rally. Ms. Morgan and Ms. Tracey groups' helped cheer on the Kelly Hall Lakers basketball team. Family and friends came out in support and showed their Lakers' Pride. Thursday was the basketball game where Kelly Hall was victorious. To close out a fun-filled week, we celebrated with the Homecoming dance and Lock-in. Youth ages 8 to 13 years old were invited to the lock-in. We kicked off the night with obstacle courses, bingo with prizes, dancing and Karaoke contest, followed by lots of pizza. Lifelong memories were made that night. Kelly Hall's Spirit Week, was a great success thanks to all of the helping hands.

By: Morgan Thoman

SECRET SANTA

Some lucky families were surprised by their Secret Santa.



YMCA of Metropolitan Chicago employees sponsored 8 families from Kelly Hall this Christmas. It was truly a nice surprise for our families

COMMUNITY NEWS

FREE CLASSES

A variety of free classes are available at Kelly Hall YMCA. These are open to the public and are designed to enrich and strengthen your mind and body.

Line Dancing

Are you sitting around and getting confused and frustrated because you don't know the latest line dances? Well it's time to learn. Come to Kelly Hall and learn the newest and hottest line dances.

Hip Hop Aerobics

Benefit from this high energy aerobic exercise while you learn the latest dance moves. Tuesdays & Fridays 6:30 – 7:30

Steppers Class

From fundamentals to fancy moves, join us and learn how to step like a pro. Fridays & Saturdays 6:00 – 7:00

Boot Camp Fitness

Ten-Hut! Get in shape combining high and low impact aerobics and strength training. Wednesdays & Fridays 5:15 – 6:15

FOOD PANTRY

The archdiocese of Chicago and the Greater Chicago Food Depository distribute food to area residents at Kelly Hall YMCA.

Tuesdays 8:30 am – 10:30 am
Identification and proof of residency is required

1st Saturday of the month from 8:30 am – 11:00 am.

MENTORING

MENTORING CALENDAR

- Jan 27**
Mentoring Pairs Bowling Extravaganza
\$10 per person
- Feb 10**
Valentine's Day Dance
5:00-7:00 pm
- Feb 17**
Skate Party Fundraiser payment is due! Invite family and friends
\$10 per person with own transportation
\$15 per person includes transportation
- Feb 24**
Afterschool Black History Program
- Mar 10**
Skate Party Fundraiser
2nd Qtr. Report Card Awards
(You must be present to receive awards.)
- Mar 20**
"A Black & White Affair"
Silent Auction & Dance
Ticket Sale Begins
Advance Tickets
\$30/Door \$40 per person
- Mar 20**
Mentoring Program
Raffle Tickets Sales Begins.
- Mar 24**
Jak's Warehouse payment is due
Cost \$25
- Apr 8**
Silent Auction Raffle Tickets Sales Begins
- Apr 10**
"A Black & White Affair"
Silent Auction bidding begins
- May 6**
"A Black & White Affair"
Mentor's Appreciation Dinner
8:00 pm
- May 8**
Funway Entertainment Center
Payment is due
Cost \$20



Y VOLUNTEERS

DEPAUL IS HONORED

Dick Malone presents the 2016 Community Partner Award to Peter Contos, Shelby Krause and Gina Leal of the DePaul Community Service Association, Hoops & Hopes. at The Mid-America Club. They are responsible for bringing volunteers from DePaul to help out with the after-school program. "We have to invest in these children's futures; that's how we're going to bring our city up." Congratulations and thanks for all of your assistance.



YOUTH SPORTS

YBA LEAGUE STARTS SOON!

The Kelly Hall YBA Youth Basketball Pre-Season begins on January 28, 2017. There is still time to sign up your child (boy or girl) for this season. The cost is \$75 per child which includes a uniform. Games will be held on Fridays & Saturdays at Kelly Hall YMCA gymnasium. For more information please contact Coach Ty at 773-886-1220.

League Begins	Feb 25, 2017
League Ends	May 13, 2017
Picture Day	Apr 22, 2017
Banquet	May 20, 2017

	Times	Ages
Biddy	Sat. 9 am - 10:30 am	4 - 7
Intermediate	Sat. 10:30 am - 12 pm	8 - 11
Junior	Sat. 12 pm - 2 pm	12 - 14



POM POMS

Is your child active, outgoing? Does your child love to be in front crowd and perform? Perhaps your child is quiet and reserved. This is the group for them. At a cost of \$75, (uniform included), your child will be able to show off their team spirit. They will learn the basics of Cheerleading, Dance and Pom-Poms and perform at the YBA games. It's a great group activity where they will make new friends and come out of their shell. Space is still available. We meet every Saturday.

	Cheerleading	Pom-Poms
Ages 6 - 9	9 am - 11 am	11 am - 1 pm
Ages 10 - 13	11 am - 1 pm	9 am - 11 am

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I AM Y

MS. SYLVIA

Grandma as she is affectionately called has been with the YMCA for 16 years and just retired on August 31. She started at North Lawndale YMCA and eventually came to Kelly Hall YMCA when it opened. One of her fondest memories is from her time at North Lawndale. She remembers how they had to work outside, rain or shine, from 9 am until 6 pm for Summer Camp. She says, they would go up on the hill and get under a shady tree to eat lunch. Another of her fondest memories is the proms that she orchestrated. The kids would dress up in their Sundays Best and Promenade around the gym. After which they would dance, have raffles and eat. She has worn a lot of different hats at the Y. She has been a group leader, tutor, Mentor, Arts & Crafts leader, seamstress, volunteer and lunch lady to name a few. We will miss her presence here. But she always visits everyweek. Enjoy your retirement Ms. Sylvia, you deserve it!



By: Dwaine Venton

Charles Boyd

Kelly Hall YMCA mentoring program would like to acknowledge one of our Y Pals, Charles Boyd, for his continuous growth. Charles Boyd started attending the Kelly Hall YMCA in 2010, after his mother decide that he needed a place to go to keep him off the streets, play basketball, and help him to deal with his anger. At the time he was still in grammar school. Charles would come to the Y's afterschool program to participate in all of the activities, but he really enjoyed playing basketball. As a result, he signed up to play on the Kelly Hall Lakers team. He was good at playing basketball and being on the team helped him improve his skills and deal with his anger.



As Charles got older and continue to grow with the Y, he became part of Kelly Hall's Mentoring Program in 2011. Mr. Ken Maddox, Senior Associate Director, become his mentor. With the support and guidance of Mr. Maddox, Charles is now a young man who approaches life with courage and deals with his struggles through communication with his mentor and basketball. He will be graduating this year from Westinghouse College Prep H. S. and is preparing to attend Roosevelt University where he is currently enrolled in The Black Male Leadership Academy. Keep up the good work Charles!

By: Leslie Cosey

EVENTS

BLACK HISTORY PROGRAM

The After-School Program will have their Black History Month Family Night on February 24, 2017 at 5:30 pm. They have been learning about various great contributors to the African-American community.

SATURDAY TUTORING

Tutoring is available for all school aged children every Saturday from 9 am until noon.

6TH ANNUAL SILENT AUCTION



- Admission tickets to the 6th Annual Silent Auction go on sale March 20th.
- Raffle tickets for the Silent Auction begin on April 8th.
- Silent Auction bidding begins on April 10th.

KELLY HALL REFLECTIONS

