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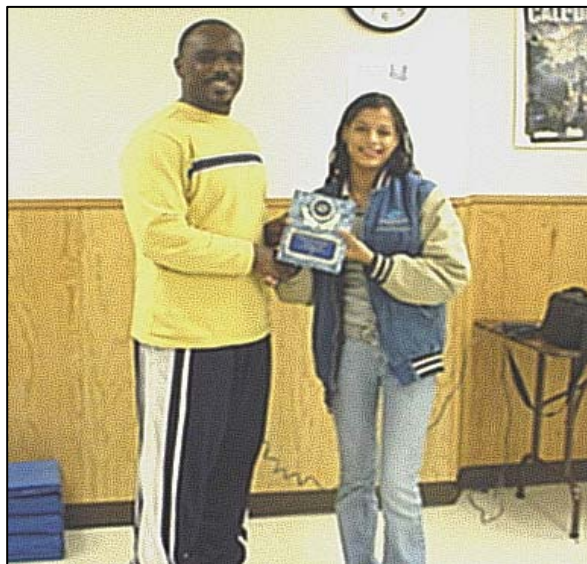
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## National Youth of the Year

The Clements Boys & Girls Club held the 2006 Youth of the Year contest that came down to a two point difference between Crystal Cox and Portia Bailey from the Bigham Unit. The board members of the Clements Boys & Girls Club deliberated for more than 2 ½ hours before deciding on Crystal Cox. The Exchange Teen Center Director, Mr. Eric presented Crystal with a plaque and a \$100.00 gift certificate. The board members and staff want to congratulate both teens for a job well done and best wishes to Crystal as she goes on to compete in McKinney, Texas on February 3, 2007 at the North Texas Area Council.

The National Youth of the Year Program is sponsored by The Reader's Digest Foundation, and is designed to promote and recognize service to Club and community, academic performance and contributions to family and spiritual life. Clubs select a Youth of the Year who receives a certificate and medallion from BGCA then enters state competition. State winners receive a plaque and enter the regional competition. Regional winners receive a \$5,000 scholarship and enter a national competition held in Washington, DC. The National Youth of the Year receives an additional \$10,000 scholarship and is installed by the President of the United States. To find out more about the National Youth of



the year program and to read about previous National Youth of the Year Winners Visit [www.BGCA.com](http://www.BGCA.com).

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### Upcoming Events:

February 3  
The Boys & Girls Club Youth of the Year Competition will be held in McKinney, Texas.

February 14  
Valentine's Day

February 19  
President's Day - The clubs will be open all day.

### Youth of the Month

Bigham Unit  
**Thandie M.**

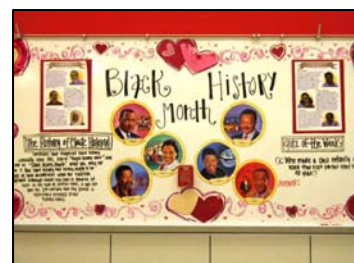
Clements Unit  
**James G.**

Exchange Unit  
**Portia B.**

Stonehaven Unit  
**Angel C.**

Trimmier Unit  
**Daniel C.**

### Club Pictures



## Mary J. Blige & Friends Available Only at Circuit City

A two-disc CD set entitled Mary J. Blige & Friends – featuring three-time Grammy Award-winning artist Mary J. Blige with Elton John, Santana and Sting – is on sale exclusively at Circuit City stores nationwide and at [www.circuitcity.com](http://www.circuitcity.com) on Nov.

14, 2006, for \$16.99. Proceeds from the sale from launch through February 2007 will benefit Boys & Girls Clubs of America. The CD contains new material from Blige, who has sold more than 25 million albums worldwide.

“Boys & Girls Clubs are a

cause I embrace, because our kids deserve the best,” said Blige. “I hope that Mary J. Blige & Friends will generate increased awareness and support for this worthwhile organization.”

To read the full article go to [www.bgca.com](http://www.bgca.com)



## Clements Boys & Girls Clubs Made It a Day ON, Not a Day OFF!

On Monday, Jan. 15, 2007, Clements Boys & Girls Clubs commemorated civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., who worked tirelessly for equality, justice and community change. We challenge Club members to participate in the Martin Luther King Jr. National Day of Service to help address local needs. Our clubs are considering starting a recycling project to teach environmental stewardship with Keystone and Torch Clubs. This has been a very memorable time for the young and old.



### Cross Heart Cookies

#### Ingredients:

- 1 pkg. Ready to Bake Sugar or Peanut Butter Cookies
- Chocolate Hearts
- Red Candy Hearts
- White Chocolate Melting Bark

#### Preparation:

Prepare cookies as directed on the package. Roll cookies out and use a tiny heart cookie cutter 2 inches in width. Place chocolate heart in the middle of cookie. Place cookie on baking sheet in preheated oven as directed on the package of cookie mix. Bake until done. Remove from the oven and let cool completely. When cookies are cool melt white bark and make an X on top of chocolate heart. Place a red candy in the middle of X before white X is set.

## Stonehaven Volunteers plan for the future

Even a day long downpour could not prevent a highly successful Strategic Planning Meeting from occurring at the Georgetown Chamber of Commerce on January 13th. Members of the Stonehaven Units Advisory Board, along with key members of the local community and representatives from the Clements Organization, combined to create concrete goals and objectives for the Boys & Girls Club Program in Georgetown. The day opened with community overviews from Barbara Pierce, Laura Antoine,

and Tamara Hudgins who were able to pass on to the group current youth needs and the importance of proactive board involvement. Jon Charles, Deputy CPO of the Clements Boy & Girls Club was able to give an overview of Boys & Girls Clubs nationally, before turning it over to Mel Penland who facilitated the rest of the day. Mel generated a team atmosphere by challenging four teams to construct towers using only paper, rubber bands, paper clips, cups, & straws. Unfortunately only one out of the four

structures actually remained standing once the project was completed! This did not deter everyone however, from the task in hand, and by the end of the day with Mel's assistance, the group had established a foundation of goals that will hopefully prove invaluable as we move forward.

A special "Thank You" goes out to Wendi Lester who came through for the club by providing everyone's lunch as well as providing the Stonehaven Unit banner that is hanging in the club!

## Fine Arts Program

The Clements Boys & Girls Clubs hosted the fine arts program which encourages artistic expression among Club members ages 7-17 through drawing, painting, printmaking, collage, mixed media and sculpture displayed at local and regional exhibits. A panel of distinguished judges selected work that was entered from the youth at the Trimmier, Stonehaven and Bigham units. The art work which wins at the regional contest is displayed throughout the ensuing year at BGCA events, including the annual National Conference. Each winning artist's work is featured in a virtual gallery on BGCA's Web sites.

- Brianna J*- Multicolored Trimmier unit
- Zayrah T*- Monochromatic Trimmier unit
- Traci D*- Collage Trimmier unit

#### 10-12 year old winner

- Alison A*- Water color Stonehaven unit
- Alison A*- Pastels Stonehaven unit
- Tara B*- Multicolored Trimmier unit
- Mathew M*- Monochromatic Trimmier unit
- Group project* Trimmier unit

#### 13-15 year old winner

- Alonso G*- Pastels Stonehaven unit
- Sriratona S*- Monochromatic Trimmier unit

#### 16-17 year old winner

- Sychada S*- Monochromatic Trimmier unit

#### 7- 9 year old winner

- Ashley D*- Water color Trimmier unit

## Clements Boys & Girls Clubs Starts Preparing for National Boys & Girls Club Week

National Boys & Girls Club Week gives you, the Clements Boys & Girls Clubs, the opportunity to showcase two very important facts about your local Club. On the one hand, your local Club is a local, community-based organization; and on the other, your Club is part of a dramatically growing national Movement. With the host of communication technologies available to us, Americans are increasingly communicating and thinking on a national

scale. At the same time, many are concerned that the vastness of this scale will leave people and organizations disconnected from their local communities. Boys & Girls Clubs offer the best of both worlds – national scope, local action. National Boys & Girls Club Week is the perfect opportunity to showcase this powerful combination.

Come help us celebrate National Boys & Girls Club Week, March 25-31, 2007.

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