

Boys & Girls Clubs Receives \$2,500 Grant for Learning

Boys & Girls Clubs of the Northtowns, a non-profit organization that enables at-risk youth to realize their full potential, has been awarded a \$2,500 grant through Staples Foundation for Learning, a foundation created by Staples, Inc.

Funding from SFFL will support Project C.I.T.E., a new program that helps Club members obtain the technology skills and resources needed to be successful in school and their careers. This grant is one of 31 grants totaling \$310,800 that SFFL recently awarded to non-profit organizations around the country.

"Through Project C.I.T.E., we are stimulating career interests in our students through technology," said Curtis Brown, Director of Technology of the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Northtowns. "We are teaching them how put a computer together and troubleshoot a malfunctioning computer. Then, when we receive donations of viable computers our students will be able to refurbish them so that for a small donation we can give these computers to members of the community who are in need. SFFL's support will allow us to expand the program and offer members interested in technology and engineering fields a mentoring

program and field trips to corporations in our community."

"Staples Foundation for Learning supports Boys and Girls Clubs of the Northtowns' mission to provide educational programs that help local at-risk youth succeed in school and life," said Patricia Burngasser, Business Development Manager for Staples in WNY. "...it will give students even more opportunity to receive hands-on experience that will prepare them for the future."

Burngasser volunteers with Boys & Girls Clubs of the

Northtowns and has served as a member of the Board of Directors.

"It seems like a perfect match," says Phil Penichter, the Chief Professional Officer at the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Northtowns. "Staples understands the responsibility held by a large corporate entity to help its community thrive. We at the Boys & Girls Clubs provide a tremendous service to the families and children of our community, and pairing with a company like Staples helps to make our impact that much more powerful."

Voter Registration Drive Planned for April 5th

The North District Booster Club will hold its 1st Annual Voter Registration Drive on Saturday, April 5.

Co-chairs of the drive are: Tom O'Connell, Commander of the American Legion Post #1041, 533 Amherst St., and Margaret Szczepaniec, President of the St. Florian / Pavonia Block Club for their organizing efforts.

The Voter Registration Drive

will begin at 9:30am following the North District Booster Club's free monthly breakfast at the American Legion Post #1041.

Your vote is your voice in Albany, in Washington, and in City Hall. Register NOW than you can vote.

Individuals leading the drive include: Tom O'Connell, Margaret Szczepaniec, Bill Buyers, Joe Golombek, Tom Smith,