



January 2016

LEGACY BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF CHICAGO HOLIDAY PARTY

GAMES, FOOD AND KITS FOR ALL



There is no better time than during the holiday season to give out Back 2 School kits as it allows children to have a complete set of school supplies when they go back into the classroom after the holiday.

Last month in the Little Village neighborhood, we joined the Legacy Boys & Girls Club of Chicago to celebrate the holidays and spend some time with their kids, who were treated to an afternoon full of arts and crafts, playing games, and, of course, eating sweets. At the end of the day, each child was presented with a holiday gift bag as well as one of our Back 2 School kits. We had such a great time at the club and want to give a special thanks to the staff who welcomed us with open arms and have already invited us to come back next year.

COMMUNITARIO JUAN DIEGO JOINS B2SI IN HOLIDAY GIVING

OUR SECOND ANNUAL PARTNERING WITH FELLOW CHICAGO NONPROFIT AND LAW FIRM



In mid-December we helped Centro Comunitario Juan Diego make their holiday event just a little more special for all the children by providing them with our signature Back 2 School kits. For those unfamiliar with Centro Comunitario, it is a nonprofit

based in the South Side of Chicago that aims to offer immigrants resources and empowerment, Our partnership with the law firm of Butler, Rubin, Salterelli & Boyd facilitated the joint effort between B2SI and Centro Comunitario for this event.

This is not only another good example of how we are expanding our distributions during the holiday season but it also shows the value of developing partnerships with community organization and companies that recognize the value and importance of giving back. We salute both Centro Comunitario and Butler, Rubin, Salterelli and Boyd for their commitment to improving the educational opportunities for Illinois children.

BIG THANKS TO MB FINANCIAL BANK
B2SI NEARING THIRD YEAR IN OFFICE SPACE



As we enter a new year, we at Back 2 School Illinois are thankful for many things. One thing we are extremely grateful for is the generosity of MB Financial Bank as they are a huge supporter of our Back 2 School program and our organization.

A huge thanks to MB Financial Bank for donating such a fantastic office space in the NorthCenter neighborhood. We are so lucky to be housed in such a wonderful location and to be surround by such great people who day in and day out make us feel so welcome.

Having free office space has been a tremendous asset to our organization and will aid in our continuous growth.

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP LAUNCH IS UNDERWAY
NO BETTER TIME THAN NOW TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION



Every year we give out scholarships to high school seniors, and with graduation just around the corner, it's time to start planning for our 2016 recipients. Each of this year's \$2,500 scholarships are generously provided courtesy of the Community Currency Exchange Association of Illinois and the Tufano Family.

Any high school senior in Illinois can apply. For complete details and an application, visit our website, b2si.org.

B2SI WELCOMES KEVIN CARROLL TO THE TEAM
***NEW EVENT COORDINATOR TO ASSIST IN
PLANNING AND EXECUTION***



As we continue to expand the number of community partnerships and events, it has become necessary to expand our staff.

On January 1, we welcomed a new full-time staff member to the B2SI team. Kevin Carroll joins us as our new Event Coordinator. In the past, Kevin has worked with a number of nonprofits, including the Chicago based Art Works Projects and Marjorie Kolver Center. Also, Kevin is a recent Loyola University Chicago graduate, where he received his BA in Journalism. We are excited to have Kevin join us and look forward to more and better events in the years to come.

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