



Boys & Girls Club of Norman Celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month

To help celebrate the rich heritage and traditions of Hispanic culture, Boys & Girls Club of Norman dedicated an entire week focusing on Hispanic Heritage Month. Our amazing group of teen members helped lead the charge by planning and executing a Hispanic heritage showcase, complete with food, games and art. The teens collectively decided to celebrate the two countries that are demographically most represented in the Club: Mexico and Venezuela.



For the art showcase, the teens led a Lucha Libre Mexican wrestling sand painting activity, which allowed everyone to flex their creativity! To help get everyone moving, the teens taught younger members soccer dribbling techniques in preparation for pin bowl soccer matches. To round out the showcase, nachos were prepared and served, honoring Mexico, and Papitas de Leche were served in honor of Venezuela culture. In addition to the showcase, members also played various educational games focusing on a variety of Hispanic heritage.



Our teen group put their heart and soul into this celebration, dedicating a full week to planning and preparation! They all did a remarkable job working as a group and helping mentor their younger counterparts. BGCN Program Coordinator Alicia Allen said *“It was heartwarming to see the pride on their faces as they talked about their home countries or showcased a talent to a younger audience. Overall, we couldn’t have been more proud of the effort and hard work done by our staff, our lower elementary, and, most importantly, our teens for stepping up and showcasing such a lively culture at Club!”*

Join Us for Our Uplifting Families Renovation Reveal

Last year, we launched the Uplifting Families capital campaign to help accommodate our growing needs as an agency. This project aims to advance our mission by providing:

- Additional room for service expansion
- Private office space to conduct individual therapy, case management and other direct services
- Opportunities for new partnerships and programs with other nonprofits and community groups
- The ability to host in-house parenting classes (currently hosted offsite)



After a whirlwind renovation this summer, our second floor is officially complete! To showcase this amazing new space and highlight our agency's growth, we invite you to join us for a renovation reveal on **Thursday, November 16th from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.** We will be serving light appetizers, dessert and drinks to complete our celebration! We will also host a dual ribbon cutting ceremony onsite with both the Norman and Moore Chambers at 4:30 that same day.

If you aren't able to make it, we're more than happy to show you the space at another time. Please click the link below to schedule your private tour!

[SCHEDULE A TOUR](#)

Moore Norman Technology Offers Volunteer Assistance

Last month, United Way of Norman hosted their annual Day of Caring volunteer event, where hundreds of volunteers paired up with agencies across Norman to complete service projects. CCFI was thrilled to be partnered with a hardworking group of students and staff from Moore Norman Technology Center to distribute mulch on our playground. We had additional support from our friends at NMT Roofing and Construction and volunteer extraordinaire, Cindy Merrick. Thank you, United Way of Norman and Moore Norman Technology Center, for making this day one to remember. Our staff and kiddos greatly appreciate the playground refresh!



Don't Forget to Register for Our FREE Lunch & Learn Sessions

Explore a diverse range of topics, earn FREE CEUs and get to know other therapists in your community with our Lunch & Learn series. Drinks and light snacks will be provided, and all classes are offered on a first come, first served basis. The remaining topics of discussion include:

- **October 27th** - *What is Infant Mental Health*
- **November 10th** – *Working with Child Welfare Involved Clients*
- **December 15th** – *Autism & Sensory Processing Disorder*

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CCFI Welcomes New Program Staff

Please help us welcome **Malika** to our ever-growing Strengthening Families team! Malika comes to CCFI with a bachelor's degree in child development and 5 years of direct service experience. She's passionate about family advocacy and teaching child development, which perfectly complements her role as our Parents as Teachers Supervisor.



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Part-Time & Full-Time Job Openings

We're seeking a temporary, **part-time Client Service Representative** to provide 20-30 hours/week of quality customer service to visitors PLUS a **full-time Parent Educator** to provide services primarily in Pottawatomie County. Learn more about these new job openings by clicking the link below.

[LEARN MORE](#)

Community Partner Spotlight: Norman Area Quilters Guild

CCFI families have been enjoying handmade quilts and blankets for more than a decade, courtesy of the Norman Area Quilters Guild (NAQG). Since partnering with NAQG, our agency has received more than 200 beautifully crafted creations, which we lovingly pass directly to the children and families we serve.

The mission of the Norman Area Quilters Guild is to promote cooperation and exchange of ideas among quilters, provide educational opportunities to increase skill levels of guild members, promote quilting through classes, lectures, and community outreach, and to preserve the heritage of quilt-making.

Our agency, along with our community partners from Abbott House, Cleveland County OK Juvenile Detention, McClain County Sheriff's Department and Bridges, is happy to be a recipient of these blankets that ultimately bring so much joy and love to others.

To learn more about the Norman Area Quilters Guild, [visit their website](#).



Upcoming BabyMobile Schedule

The BabyMobile - from [Infant Crisis Services](#) - will be hosting drive through events at CCFI (10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.) to bring FREE essential baby items to the Norman community. Upcoming dates include:

- Monday, October 30th
- Monday, November 27th



Remember, no appointment is needed and services are offered while supplies last. To learn more about the BabyMobile guidelines and resources, [CLICK HERE](#).

The Amazon Wishlist logo, featuring the word "amazon" in black with the orange arrow underneath, and the word "wishlist" in orange with three colorful stars above it. The entire logo is set against a white background within an orange-bordered box.

CCFI's program-specific wish lists include items that directly benefit the children and families we serve. These in-kind donations are greatly appreciated, as they help offset program costs. Click the link below to view our current needs!

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to our recent in-kind donors!

Andrea Spencer, CCFI Board of Directors, Cleveland County Health Department, Cleveland County Sooner Start, Darcus Pearce, Darra Lynn Madden, David Imy, First Presbyterian Church, Ideal Homes, Kristal Johnson, Lee Bond, Melissa Klink, Network Technology Solutions, Inc., NEXTGen IT Recycling, LLC, Oklahoma State Department of Health, Premiere Pediatrics, Sarah Hartford, Sonja and Clarence Weeks, Tinker Federal Credit Union and the West Wind Unitarian Universalist Congregation.



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