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A BLUEPRINT FOR LIFE

WHO:
Best of the Batch Foundation was started by Charlie and Latasha Batch in 1999 as a year-round educational program and now reaches more than 3,200 children each year in six counties in southwestern Pennsylvania. The way we see it, kids lives are like construction zones filled with speed bumps, challenges and detours. And just like every construction project, success begins with a blueprint and a plan to build the best. In the latest phase of our development, we’re expanding the Clubhouse to a new state-of-the-art facility and education hub that will have a bigger and better reach to the communities we serve.

WHAT:
Our mission is to unlock potential within communities to build the best future for kids and families by providing choices, motivation and education. The Foundation provides financially challenged youth and their families with the purpose, desire and resources to give their best efforts in all they do throughout their lives.

HOW:
By developing after-school programs, awarding scholarships for students, restoring playgrounds and offering sports and leisure activities, we show our commitment to the success of all of our youth and their families. Our programs include: BatchPacks for Kids, Batch-A-Toys, Reading & Computer Literacy Programs, Read Across America – Dr. Seuss Day, Project C.H.U.C.K. Basketball League, Next Level Athletics Track Club and Afterschool Mentoring. The Clubhouse’s additional 15,000 square feet of space will enhance the effectiveness and reach of these programs.

WHY:
To create communities where all kids and families are equipped with the tools they need to build their own best futures.
16 YEARS IN OPERATION

6 COUNTIES SERVED

3,200 KIDS HELPED EACH YEAR

16 PROGRAMS & EVENTS

22 SCHOOL DISTRICTS

16,078 VOLUNTEER HOURS

1 VISION FOR UNLOCKING POTENTIAL
**EDUCATION** is core to everything that we do at Best of the Batch Foundation. The Best of the Batch Foundation serves children K–12 through a variety of education-based programs. With 12 active programs for various age groups, the Foundation is very responsive to the requests and needs of the students and the local school districts.

**D&R SPORTSMANSHIP PROGRAM**
Through our Dignity & Respect Sportsmanship Program, we engage administrators, teachers, students and parents in efforts to promote an anti-bullying attitude and positive behaviors for youth. This past year, we engaged 25 local schools. Our global webcast with local schools and schools in Ireland and South Africa allows children to realize that kids everywhere are dealing with similar situations.

**NEXT LEVEL ATHLETICS**
Next Level Athletics Track Club (NLA) is a member of USA Track & Field (USATF) Three Rivers Association for males/females ages 7 to 18 who compete in sanctioned meets around the country. NLA focuses on the development of student-athletes in an environment that promotes academic development, self-esteem and confidence. Last year, 37 young people from 11 school districts participated in NLA and 16 progressed to the Junior Olympics.

**ACTION**
We need your support to provide our kids with the necessary tools to design the blueprints of their lives so they can become Best of the Batch. Please donate to our campaign to “Build the Best.”
**PROJECT C.H.U.C.K.**
At Best of the Batch Foundation, participation in its signature sports program, Project C.H.U.C.K., includes a commitment to educational development. Roundball is not the singular focus of Project C.H.U.C.K. Each league team is assigned an age-appropriate book, which its members read and discuss during daily monitored study halls. The Best of the Batch Foundation links an educational component with its sports programming to reinforce the importance of academic learning to personal growth and improvement.

**BATCHPACKS**
Annually, BatchPacks are distributed to 2,500 children. The Foundation also provides teacher bags to give teachers the basic supplies they need for the classroom. The students select their backpacks and then fill them with necessary school supplies. To date, more than 14,000 BatchPacks have been distributed.

**BATCH-A-TOYS**
Batch-A-Toys is a significant community program in which the Foundation adopts 100 Allegheny County families and provides toys and essential household items. More than 5,000 toys and household products are donated and wrapped by almost 300 volunteers at an annual Wrapping Party at the Clubhouse. Charlie, Latasha and several volunteers personally deliver the gifts along with Christmas dinners on Christmas Eve.

**HOW WE MAKE IT HAPPEN**
The Foundation could not operate without the support of more than 212 volunteers who participate in multiple programs. The Foundation is creating future servant leaders, as 30 percent of these volunteers are under 19. Specifically, Project C.H.U.C.K. has 26 volunteers who have served the program all 14 years. Another 40 percent of those volunteers have been with the program for more than five years. In 2014, the Foundation logged a total of 16,078 volunteer hours.
BUILDING THE FUTURE
Since recently acquiring properties adjacent to our current location, we are expanding to a new state-of-the-art facility that will serve as an education center. With an expansion of 15,000 square feet, the enhanced clubhouse will have an even larger reach to those we serve—kids, parents, families and seniors. Join us in our endeavor to help build the future.

15,000 SQUARE FEET! The expansion of the Clubhouse will significantly enhance the number of children we can reach. This "go-to spot" for community activity will better serve kids, parents, families and seniors.
STEAM LAB
Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics. Our state-of-the-art STEAM Lab will bring together the building blocks of knowledge needed for a career in today’s quickly changing job market, with the critical thinking and creativity skills that the arts provide. At Best of the Batch, we’ve seen firsthand what happens when kids fall through the cracks of the traditional education system. Our STEAM Lab will have the resources to provide kids with alternative styles of learning so that all kids with all of their differences can achieve their best.

DANCE STUDIO
A new dance studio will provide space for dance and gymnastics programs to put the Art in STEAM. Kids will have the opportunity to learn the discipline and physical fitness of dance or simply let out energy after school.

CYBER CAFÉ
In the new building, a full cafeteria will allow us to keep students all day, as opposed to the current half-day schedule, as well as providing healthy meals and the opportunity for after-school programs that teach kids how to cook their own healthy snacks. A versatile interior space will also allow the Cyber Café to host community events.

GYM
The gymnasium will provide an indoor space for Project C.H.U.C.K. basketball games, as well as a practice space for kids to play basketball year-round. It will also be able to host larger events and provide space for students in the alternative school to fulfill their physical education requirements.

DEDO NOT GO WHERE THE PATH MAY LEAD, GO WHERE THERE IS NO PATH AND LEAVE A TRAIL.
– Ralph Waldo Emerson
Our Mission
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Our Blueprint
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By developing after-school programs, awarding scholarships to students, restoring playgrounds and offering sports and leisure activities, we show our commitment to the success of all our youth and their families. The encouragement and involvement of the community stimulates that success.

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