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Former Democratic Senator Herb Kohl's Philanthropies (HKP) donates \$700,000 Dollars to support 'Learning Journeys'. Over 680 Wisconsin Club Kids to Visit Washington D.C.

MADISON - Boys & Girls Clubs of Wisconsin announced today that over 680 kids from Clubs across the state have trips planned to visit Washington, D.C. this summer to learn about American government and history, visit institutions of higher education and develop important life-skills. Learning Journeys are all-expense paid educational experiences that emphasize leadership development and expand upon the positive youth engagement that Boys & Girls Clubs provide each day. Funded by Herb Kohl Philanthropies, this educational field trip, which covers all meals, lodging, exhibits and travel expenses, requires youth to visit at least one college or university and also provides access to students who might not otherwise have the opportunity.



"We are pleased to support Boys & Girls Club youth around the state in this way," said Herb Kohl. "We want young people to see history come alive, expand their horizons and imagine themselves as our future leaders, and most of all, be ready to take their place as responsible, productive citizens of this great nation. Whether it's the trip of a lifetime or a life-changing trip, we encourage and support Boys & Girls Club kids in their Learning Journey." Kohl Philanthropies is donating \$700,000 to over twenty individual Boys & Girls Clubs across the state to make these trips happen in 2018.

While in Washington, D.C., students may visit the White House, Congress, Smithsonian,

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Holocaust Museum, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial, National Museum of the American Indian, the U.S. Supreme Court and National Museum of African American History and Culture and more. Every student will also tour a college or university, and each group can custom design their own specific trip, depending upon their background or areas of emphasis.

"Kohl Philanthropies prioritize youth who live in areas of poverty, or who qualify for reduced school lunch," said Andy Gussert, State Director for Boys & Girls Clubs. "Our mission is to enable young people who need us most to reach their full potential, so this is a perfect match." The trips are expected to continue in 2019.

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About Herb Kohl Philanthropies

Herb Kohl Philanthropies focuses its work on three key areas that are important to our community, region and state's well-being: Education, Economic Opportunity, and Quality of Life. Herb Kohl Philanthropies prioritizes K-12 classroom support and youth development. It also recognizes Wisconsin's teachers, principals and their schools along with high school students through the Herb Kohl Educational Foundation Scholarship and Fellowship award program and sponsors the state's Teacher of the Year program.

About Boys & Girls Clubs of Wisconsin

Local Clubs serve over 144,807 youth at 159 sites across 57 Wisconsin cities. Collectively, Clubs provide over two million meals and snacks for free each year, and raise over \$69 Million dollars annually in the state. Every dollar invested in Wisconsin Clubs returns \$12.42 in earnings and cost-savings to local communities.