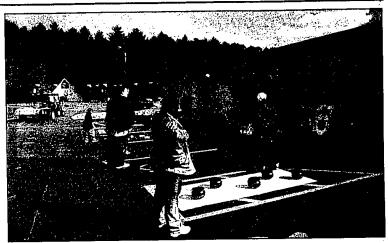


Founders Day: Kim Harris Jones, sec-ond vice-president on the board of directors at Boy's and Girl's Repubic, spoke at the Founders Day event, which cele-brated the organi-zation's 111 years of service to chidren. The day's activities included entertainment, games and refresh-



Boys & Girls Republic celebrates century of success

EXATY WAITER

EXECUTIVE director Maryjane
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Peck, honored for 10 years of service
Oct. 7 at Boye and Girls
Republic's Founder's Day Colebration, remembered looking out
her window one day in February
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The agency has survived.
"It came down to the dedication of the board, the staff and God that we survived,"
Peck said.
"I remember coming here and finding not only a

place to work but a family. If we go away, they will not be able to rebuild a place like this, because of zoning laws and people who don't want us in the community. If we go away, there would't be another place. There would be to not less place. The efforts of Boys and Girls Republic to help at-risk, courtadjudicated youth – one at a time – become contributing members of society were honored at the Sunday event. Turning lives around is their gonl. "It's about giving children

Headliners: North Farmington High School's steel band

entertained folks at the open house. STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BRESLER

Mike Barth, BGR finance director.

"We're still raising money for the fields," Barth said.

BGR is a private, not-for-profit 301(c)(3) agency which has served 11,000 youth since its founding. BGR is licensed by the State of Michigan Department of Consumer and Industry Services. It now houses 80 children. It half boys, half girls – in the residential treatment program for youth ages 12 to 18. A nationally accredited program, BGR also offers a supervised independent living program for youth ages 16 to 18.

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for BGR's accreditation by the Council on Accreditation for Children and Family Services.
The Oct. 7 event, which celebrated 111 years of service to youth and families, was held on the grounds at Nine Mile Road west of Inkster in Farmington Hills. west of inkster in Farmington Hills.
Officials dedicated outdoor athletic fields and a quarter mile track, the last phase of a total \$1.5 million project, according to Mike Barth, BGR finance direc-

Other honorees were:

Willage Ford, Dearborn, for excellence in leadership of BGR's capital campaign to support the Jack McElroy Recreational Center on Campus, Once a direct service worker at Boys Republic in the early 1905, Jim Seavitt is now the owner of Village Ford.

Village Ford recently underwork as a capital fund-raising event which was hosted by Seavitt and wife, Naney, at their home. The event raised \$47,000 for support of the outdoor playing fields and courts. He also marshaled support from other Metro-Detroit Ford dealers.

Inc., Madison Heights, in recognition of support of BGR's fundraising and public relations campaigns. In the past 10 years, Karl Dorn of KRD Printing Associates has assisted with design and typosetting for all BGR newaletters and annual reports.

Zip Etc., Southfield, for support of BGR's operations, special events and fund-raising campaigns. Steve Mandell of Zip has supported BGR with donations of cider and donuts for youth at

Halloween, holiday turkeys and hams for food baskets for families, and dinner at bi-monthly board meetings.

B William Pope, intake coordinator, for 20 years of service to BGR. He's also worked as a group worker, supervisor, treatment coordinator, and residential coordinator. He is a certified nonviolence crisis intervention trainer and trains not only BGR staff but other groups in the metro area. Pope has been recognized by his peers statewide with the Hugh Whipple Award for Direct Service Excellence in November 2000.

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