

Awesome Alum!

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Yellowstone County Alumni Series, this month featuring David Montosa

When did you attend the Club?

I attended from approximately 1975 or 1976 until about 1981. As a grade school child I attended regularly and then less frequently after starting junior high.

Which Club?

I attended the Southside Club which was in the roughest neighborhood of the city.

What were some of your favorite moments/memories?

The Southside was a pretty tough area, so the Boys and Girls Club was a safe place to go and to be active, play organized activities or games, and interact in a supervised social environment. Some of my favorite memories were playing basketball, pool, and joining foosball or ping pong tournaments. I have no doubt the Club fostered my love for sports and contributed to developing my athletic skills later in life. In the winter time, the city would build a skating rink down at South Park and we could check out hockey skates to play hockey or skate at the rink. The skates were old and well used, but without them, tennis shoes were the next best thing. My best memory of the Club was that it was a safe place to escape, if only for a few hours, and I know my parents had comfort in that.

What are you up to now? Job? Family?

I have four wonderful children and have been married to my beautiful wife for 25 years. We live in Lewiston, Idaho and have seven awesome grandchildren. I served in the Army, worked in law enforcement for several years, and now work as a Production Supervisor for the largest manufacturer of ammunition - CCI/ Speer. I still enjoy sports, the outdoors, and hunting. Throughout the years I have volunteered to coach youth sports and help at risk youth. More recently, I was involved with the donation of 1,000 Camelback water bottles to a local school district for the kids who do not have access to water fountains due to the COVID-19 pandemic.



Did you go to college? What did you study?

I started college at Rocky Mountain College where I played football. 19 years later, and with a family, I finished college at Lewis-Clark State College with a Business Administration Degree. So, I guess, I'm a great example of no matter where you start, with lots of hard work and determination, you can reach your goals and achieve great things.

If you could give a Club kid of today some advice, what would that be?

Always treat others the way you want to be treated. Times have changed since I was a youngster growing up and the world is a much different place. People can and will surprise you if you give them a chance. Always work hard to accomplish the goals you set for yourself and never lose site of your goals. Hard work beats skill every time. Love and live life to the fullest.

Anything else you would like to add about being a Club kid.

As a kid you rarely realize the impact things or people have on your life or development. The Club is one of those things. I truly believe, the Club had a positive impact on me and helped shape the person I am today. With that, I just wanted to say thanks.



Thanks David for sharing your story with us!

If you are a Club alumni or know of anyone that is,
we would love to chat!

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