



Awesome Alum!

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

Stephanie Moncada

Stephanie was a member during the Boys Club's early days!

When did you attend the Club? Where?

Andrea attended Club for 2 years, starting in 1974! This was years before the Bair Family Clubhouse built.

What were some of your favorite moments/memories?

Stephanie remembers her fellow Club members. The “cool guys” with long hair would always be playing pool when she arrived at Club. While intimidated by their attitude, it didn't stop her from having a great time at Club.

What are you up to now? Job? Family?

Stephanie graduated from Senior High and explored various career options. She attended cosmetology school, but knew it wasn't the right path. In her heart, she knew that what she wanted to serve a community in the bravest of ways.

Stephanie packed up her family and moved to New York, where she attended John Jay College of Criminal Justice. Soon, she was a member of the finest police forces in the United States, the New York Police Department. Stephanie sacrificed time with her family to serve with the 9th Precinct, was a first responder at 9/11, and welcomed strangers into her home who became life long friends.

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

Stephanie has returned to Billings and chooses to serve her community in new ways. Her motivation comes from a desire to a make difference in at least one kid's life.

Her advice to Club members: Know that you can be anything you want, as long as you work hard.. “I'm a South Side kid, I was not a great student, but made it farther than I thought I could.”

According to Stephanie, the Club was a safe place on Friday nights, and the kindness of the staff kept her going back. It was a safe family where you knew you were missed.

