

My sincere thanks to everyone in Maynard, Stow, Hudson and Bolton who attended or participated in my *First Annual St Patrick's Eve Celebration for the Boys & Girls Club of Assabet Valley*. The Fundraiser was a great success and a yearly tradition was born! We raised over 1,000 dollars for the Boys and Girls Club; wait until next year!

Wendy Alegrone-Leslie, Assabet Valley B&G's Executive Director, as well as Kelsey Fales, a Club member, spoke about the importance of the club and the positive impact it has on children and families in our district and across the Commonwealth.

If you missed this year's event and want to contribute, please send a check payable to the Boys & Girls Club of AV to 212 Great Road, Maynard, MA 01754. If you are interested in serving on the Club's Board of Directors, or have a great program idea, please call Wendy at 978-461-2871.

My heartfelt gratitude to Dave and Gail Saviano and their head chef David of The Blue Coyote Grille in Maynard for their warm, generous, and delicious hosting of the event.

Thank you to Wendy Alegrone-Leslie, Director; Pat Bishop, Program Director; Michelle Lavers, Vice President of the Board: all from the BGCAV. Thanks to Metrowest BGC's ED Fran Hurley, and to Volunteer Mary Brannelly – I couldn't have done it without you!

Thanks go out to John Grasso and Matt Morrissey of Halfway Cafe, Joe Mullin of Clock Tower Place, and Vic Tomyl of Hawes Florist for their generous donations.

To elected officials - State Senator Jamie Eldridge, State Rep Jen Benson, Maynard Selectmen David Gavin and Dawn Cappello, Maynard School Committee Member Phil Berry, Stow Selectman Laura Spear and Stow Town Moderator David Walrath, plus Hudson Selectman Charlie McGourty: I am grateful you took time out to join us. Finally, a special tip of the hat to Maynard's Town Administrator Mike Sullivan.

See you next year and until then may children's bright smiles warm your heart,  
State Representative Kate Hogan