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**Boys & Girls Club Celebrating Success of Past Member of Lou Dagostine, Sr.**

**Shelton, CT, November 15, 2016** – As part of our year-long 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration, the Boys & Girls Club of the Lower Naugatuck Valley will be recognizing the life of someone who has been positively affected by our Boys & Girls Club on a regular basis throughout the year.

This month we recognize Louis “Lou” Dagostine, Sr. Lou’s involvement with the Boys & Girls Club has been as a club member, a staff member, and a member of the Board of Directors. Lou fondly recalls many of the activities he participated in as a Club member, including the stamp collecting club and woodworking club. Games room and gym activities were popular then, as they are now, and Lou especially enjoyed ping pong (with sand paddles!), pool, and basketball.

Lou, like many of the Boys Club members of the late ’50s and early ’60s, transitioned from the Boys Club to the Community Center (back room to front room) and continued to be an active member of the Community Center.

After graduating from Western Connecticut State College, Lou began a 34-year career in the Shelton School System that included teacher, counselor, and Principal. In addition to serving on the Board of Directors of the Boys & Girls Club, Lou has served as Second Vice President of the Parent Child Resource Center Board of Directors, a member of the Shelton Youth Services Bureau Juvenile Review Board, and a mentor in the Shelton Student Mentoring Program. He was the recipient of PCRC’s Award for Significant Contributions to Children and Families in the Valley Area.

Lou, his wife Jenny, and their three sons, Louis, Peter, and Ralph have all been involved with the Boys & Girls Club as members of the Board of Directors, members of the Corporation (Corporators), and as various committee members. Lou and Jenny’s family has expanded to include Louis’ wife Renee and grandchildren Emery and Maria; Peter’s wife Michelle and granddaughter Madeleine; and Ralph and his girlfriend Andrea.

We are looking for stories about anyone whose life was positively affected by our Boys & Girls Club. Stories are welcome all year long, from Club members, past members, friends, and family. If you have an experience you’d like to share with us, please email [Press@BGC-LNV.org](mailto:Press@BGC-LNV.org), or call Ann Wheeler at 203-924-7462. See our website for details at [www.BGC-LNV.org](http://www.BGC-LNV.org).

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