



WELCOME TO OUR

# Monthly Newsletter

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## COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS

December was packed with holiday spirit and giving! We began the month by wrapping up our 35 Years of Girls in the Club celebration, and ended with the best holiday festivities. From our ESL Conversation Dinner to Baseball Winter Workouts, this month was booked with valuable experiences!

### Highlights Include:

- Giving Tuesday
- ESL Conversation Dinner
- 35 Years of Girls in the Club
- Holiday Bash with Reading Truck & United Way
- Baseball Winter Workouts
- Holiday Tunes at United Way & The Highlands
- Redner's Annual Holiday Party
- ... and so much more!



Holiday Bash with Reading Truck & United Way of Berks County!



Redner's Holiday Party Photo Booth!



Completed 35 Years of Girls in the Club series!

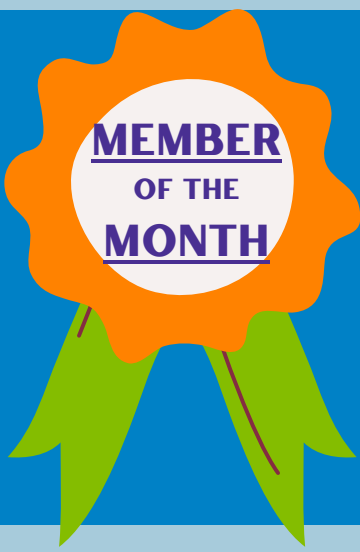


Holiday Tunes at United Way of Berks County!



**What a year it's been, Olivet Family! We facilitated new programs like Flag Football, Cheer, and Brick Squad; we threw an unforgettable fundraising dinner and exhilarating golf tournament; we welcomed new team members and invested in their professional development; we revitalized our summer camp membership, and above all, we made sure to celebrate and empower our Club Kids at every step of the way. And that's all while hurdling unexpected infrastructure problems! We couldn't have done it without you. So whether you're new to the Club, have come back to us after some time off, or have been a steady force through every trial and triumph, we can't thank you enough for believing in our mission and trusting us to carry it out with integrity. It's thanks to you that we are able to change - and save - the lives of so many deserving young people. Cheers to YOU this New Year!**

- Rick Perez, CEO



# EMMA PIMENTEL

Center for the Arts Club  
Member

Time with Olivet: 2 Years

## Q&A WITH EMMA

**Q: How do you like to spend a typical day at the Club?**

**A:** I like doing my homework, playing with my friends, and doing art activities.

**Q: What is your favorite Olivet Memory?**

**A:** Going to the Redner's Holiday Party!

**Q: What is something you learned at the Club?**

**A:** I learned to be kind.

**Q: Tell us about your hobbies! Do you get to do any of them at Olivet?**

**A:** I like playing with my friends, and I do that at the Club.

**Q: What do you want to be when you grow up?**

**A:** I want to be a veterinarian.

## EMMA'S FAVORITE THINGS

**Food:** Rice

**Sport:** Soccer

**Musician:** Karol G

**School Subject:** Math

"Emma is a friendly and kind member who loves spending time with her friends and trying new activities at the Club. She's always excited to be here and participates with a big smile. Emma shows kindness every day and makes sure to include others in activities; she really cares about her friends and making the Club a positive place. Emma's energy and positivity are contagious! Watching her play with friends, create art, and enjoy her time here brings a smile to everyone's faces. She brightens the Club every day. We're lucky to have her here!"

-Brianna Williams, Center for the Arts Site Director



## STAFF MEMBER OF THE MONTH

**MILLY RIVERA**

Program Director, D.R.E.A.M

"I was drawn to Olivet and the youth development field because I've always had a passion for supporting young people and helping them grow academically, socially, and emotionally, and Olivet's mission and focus on community and empowerment aligned closely with my values and the kind of impact I wanted to make. During my time at Olivet, I have grown through several roles that allowed me to build strong relationships with youth and families while developing leadership, program coordination, and mentorship skills. Being promoted to D.R.E.A.M. Director has been incredibly meaningful and affirming, representing trust in my leadership and commitment to the program, and a highlight has been seeing the growth and engagement of the youth as the program continues to strengthen. The most rewarding part of my job is building relationships with the youth and seeing their progress over time. Knowing that I can be a consistent, positive presence in their lives is what motivates me every day. I am grateful for the support from my colleagues and leadership at Olivet as I continue to positively impact the youth and community we serve." - Miss. Milly