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Social club hosts basketball event

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In 2009, Keecia Griffin-Scott lost more than a classmate, she lost a friend.

Through a tragic car accident, Nicholas Carson's life was cut short leaving behind a wife and two children and lasting impact on many in the Bartow County community.

"He was a very special person," said Ms. Griffin-Scott who graduated with Carson from Cass High School.

Ms. Griffin-Scott said losing a dear friend served as the catalyst she needed to found The Bartow County Social Club to reconnect with other past class-mates from Bartow County schools.

"I woke up one morning and thought of it," Ms. Griffin-Scott said.

The Bartow County Social Club is a network of former students of Adairsville, Cass, Cartersville and Woodland High Schools and Ms. Griffin-Scott said the organization has served as a healing tool for those still grieving the loss of Carson.

"It's definitely therapeutic," Ms. Griffin-Scott said. "He always loved this community and he wanted everyone that he was close to, to draw closer together."

While a means of connecting with each other, BCSC also serves as a means to build a cohesive community and provide support to nonprofit organizations in Bartow County.

Membership is \$10 for individual membership, \$15 for family membership and \$100 for yearly membership.

"My goal was to have something in the community to provide support for the community," Ms. Griffin-Scott said. "I think [Nick] would be really excited with what we've done."

Over its inaugural year, BCSC has passed out 100 book bags filled with school supplies to local children, raised funds for needy families, provided scholarships to area youth and made food, clothing and toy donations to local nonprofits.

"This is our way of connecting to the community and giving back to those who need our help," Ms. Griffin-Scott said.

Ms. Griffin-Scott said membership with BCSC is not limited to former graduates of Bartow County schools but is extended to locals who want to connect with the community.

BCSC is hosting its second Annual Alumni Game in memory of Carson on Sept. 25.

Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for students and free for children three and under.

"It's about building special moments," Ms. Griffin Scott said. "That's what makes it all worth it."