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Imani Muhammad of the Rockwood Boys & Girls Club oversees a basketball clinic held in partnership with the Portland Trail Blazers during the club's grand opening last fall. The Nike-sponsored gym is one of many amenities available to youth over the summer to serve families and single-parent homes of outer east Portland.

Stepping Up for Kids

Rockwood Boys & Girls Club's first summer

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The Rockwood Boys & Girls Club is now taking signups for its very first summer season of activities and programs serving a growing need to an ethnically diverse and often economically disadvantaged population in east Portland and Gresham.

The youth organization's eight-week summer program begins June 25 for children ages six to 18. An open house will be hosted on Saturday, June 2, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. for parents to visit the club, meet the staff, and hear about the wide-range of programming available to keep kids safe for summer.

Before the Rockwood Boys & Girls Club opened last October, families and single parent households in the area it serves had few, if any, hubs for after school and summer programs serving kids. The new facilities are one of seven Boys & Girls Clubs across the Portland metro area dedicated to providing youth enrichment

programming after school and during the summer.

"We create our programming around the interests of the children," Imani Muhammad, 38, the Rockwood Club's senior director of programs, told the Portland Ob-

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