

GREAT FUTURES START **HERE.**

BE SMART. SUCCESSFUL. INCREDIBLE. AMAZING.
BE INSPIRED. BE AN INSPIRATION. BE MORE.
BE A LEADER. BE A DIFFERENCE-MAKER.
BE A STAR. BE A GOOD PERSON. BE KIND.
BE GENEROUS. BE THE CHANGE.
BE HAPPY. BELIEVE. BELONG.
BE FIT. BE AN ACHIEVER. BE THE MOST.
BE A GRADUATE. BE RESPONSIBLE.
BE COURAGEOUS. BE THE BEST. BE



BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
OF GREATER KANSAS CITY

BE GREAT.

The Boys & Girls Clubs believe every child has the potential to BE GREAT. In support of this strong conviction, the Clubs strive to build caring, responsible citizens. The Boys & Girls Clubs family – a community of staff, volunteers, parents, youth and supporters – work together to create a positive place, full of hope and opportunity,
for every child.

“It’s where I developed my love of singing and performing, received help with my homework, and it’s where I found a safe place to go after school.”

— Usher, Grammy Award-winning singer and Club alumnus

WHO WE ARE

In every community, boys and girls are left to find their own recreation and companionship in the streets. An increasing number of children are at home with no adult care or supervision. Young people need to know someone cares about them.

Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Kansas City offers that and more. Club programs and services promote and enhance the development of boys and girls by instilling a sense of competence, usefulness, belonging and influence.

The Clubs are a safe place to learn and grow – all while having fun. It is the place where **great futures** are started and worked on each and every day.



UNIQUE CHARACTERISTICS OF BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS

Clubs are community-based, building-centered and led by professional staff. We provide programs during non-school hours and the summer that meet the unique interests and needs of young people, ages 5-18. Boys & Girls Clubs provide young people with:

- A safe place to spend time during non-school hours and the summer as an alternative to the streets or being home alone.
- A chance to play, have fun, laugh and learn.
- The ability to build new skills that raise each child's belief that he or she can succeed and receive recognition for personal accomplishments.
- Ongoing relationships with caring adults and connections to new friends in a positive environment, reinforcing a sense of belonging, personal accountability, civility and civic responsibility.
- Participation in generation-changing programs that support a commitment to learning, positive values, healthy habits and high expectations for success as an adult.

"The Club is where I looked for hope, purpose and direction. That's where I learned to dream—and to think big."

— Denzel Washington, Academy Award-winning actor and Club alumnus



MORE KIDS, MORE OFTEN

A 2009 study conducted by Public/Private Ventures found that youth who came to the Boys & Girls Clubs with greater frequency (at least 50 times per year) reported:

- higher levels of community service involvement;
- increased levels of integrity;
- decreased number of times skipping school;
- increased academic confidence and school effort;
- increased levels of future connectedness; and
- decreased numbers of negative peers as friends.

EVERY MEMBER, EVERY YEAR

The Boys & Girls Clubs have made high school graduation a priority for every member served by the Clubs. Our goal is that every Club member graduates on time, prepared with a plan for the future. We are focusing our efforts to ensure Club youth are engaged in targeted programs in four key outcome areas – 1) education & career development, including the arts, 2) technology, 3) communication & public speaking, and 4) health & life skills, which includes sports & fitness. By encouraging young people to do well in school, motivating them to serve their community and charging them to take responsibility for their well-being, the Clubs are preparing youth for real-world success.

Our graduation strategy – Every Member, Every Year – aims to ensure all Club members progress on time each year to the next grade level. Staff do this by discussing the importance of school and high school graduation; recognizing academic successes, including homework completion, grade improvement and progression; and implementing educational programming that teaches members new skills and reinforces those needed to be successful in school.

The Clubs are also working to ensure young people move forward from their Club experience as well-rounded individuals. To that end, we believe it is important to engage youth in character, leadership and service learning. Studies show that young people who engage in service do better in school, maintain positive relationships with adults and peers and avoid risky behaviors. Even more, youth who participate in community involvement programs demonstrate positive educational outcomes. The effects often center around improving young people's engagement in school and increasing the likelihood they will attend school regularly and not drop out.

Taken from "Our Nation's Dropout Crisis Is Everyone's Problem: Why Boys & Girls Clubs Are Part of the Solution" distributed by Boys & Girls Clubs of America.



CLASS OF 2020

The Boys & Girls Clubs has a lineup of tested and proven nationally recognized programs that address today's most pressing youth issues, teaching young people the skills they need to succeed in life.

THE PROGRAMS

Education & Career Development, including the Arts – Members research career choices, write resumes, prepare for interviews and develop portfolios to document and track success. Programs like First Jobs, Goals for Graduation, Life Coach, Power Hour and Project Learn help youth apply learning to everyday living and encourage graduation. Members will be exposed to visual and performing arts and will develop an awareness of ethnic diversity and cultural awareness as participants and audience members.

Technology – Programs like I.AM Tech and NetSmartz help members embrace technology as means to building successful futures. The framework provides a range of different contexts for learning – both creative and practical – that draw on important aspects of everyday life and work.

Health & Life Skills, including Sports & Fitness – Initiatives such as Passport to Manhood, RBI, SMART Moves and Triple Play help members develop capacity to engage in positive behaviors and set personal goals that nurture their own well-being and prepare them to live successfully as self-sufficient adults. Members will participate in a diverse range of physical sports to increase their knowledge of teamwork, sportsmanship and responsibility.

Communication & Public Speaking – Members learn the basic skills of public speaking and debate through programs such as Keystone Clubs and Youth of the Year. It empowers youth to positively influence their Club and community through leadership, development of positive self-image, participation in the democratic process and respect for others' cultural identities.

BE EXTRAORDINARY.

The Boys & Girls Clubs believe all kids can find their star potential.



**“It has special meaning
for me. I’m a product
of the Clubs!”**

— Ruben Studdard, American Idol
and Club alumnus



BE THE ANSWER.



America is facing a crisis: soaring high school dropout rates, low health and fitness levels in youth, high obesity among young people and rising violence. The Boys & Girls Clubs are providing solutions to this national epidemic through homework help, engaging and fun nutritional tips, energizing sports and recreational activities and challenging academic programs. Throughout the nation, Clubs are reaching out to a generation at risk by providing positive guidance and exciting opportunities.

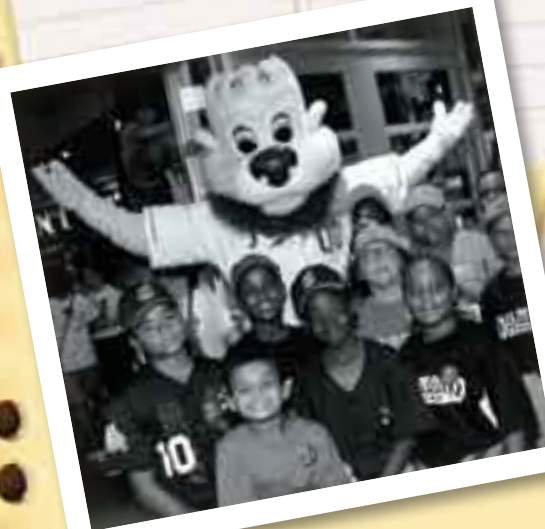
Will you be part of the solution?

Our young people need our support. Boys & Girls Clubs provide a safe place for youth to get help with homework and learn how to resist peer pressure and the negative influences on their lives. The Clubs offer a respite from daily pressures and a fun place to meet friends.



Our Membership Card Saves Lives:

- In 2009, the Clubs served over 6,500 youth members
- It costs the Clubs approximately \$2,397 to serve a Club member for one year – yet the Clubs charge youth **only \$15 per school year** to be members
- 35% of youth served by the Clubs are ages 13-18
- The average Club member spends ten hours each week in the Club – 520 hours over the course of the school year
- The combined average household income within a two-mile radius of our five community Club sites is \$21,729
- 77% of Club youth live in single-parent homes



BE INVOLVED!

Whether you are a donor, alumnus, volunteer or fan, we can put all youth on the path to a great future. Join us! Be an active advocate for youth. Mentor a child. Volunteer at a Club. Provide financial resources. Together, we can give young people a chance to succeed.

Spread the word!

SNAPSHOTS OF SUCCESS—2009 OUTCOMES



Pre- and post-program evaluation results in various learning areas in 2009:

83% of participating youth showed an increase in technology and communication skills by improvement in skills test scores

82% increased their knowledge and ability to engage in physical activity – raising their awareness of teamwork and sportsmanship – as well as learned the importance of overall nutrition and living healthy lifestyles

81% demonstrated an increased knowledge of various career opportunities and the importance of work-based skills and competencies through participation in the Jr. Staff development program

81% increased their knowledge of the importance of leadership and ethic of service through direct outreach within the community

80% demonstrated an increase in knowledge of the dangers and hazards of using alcohol, tobacco and other drugs through participation in the SMART Moves program

80% increased their knowledge of how to develop healthy attitudes and lifestyles and maintain a positive self-concept and sound decision-making skills

Age Breakdown of Members

- 38%** Ages 5-9
- 27%** Ages 10-12
- 21%** Ages 13-15
- 14%** Ages 16-18

Total number of youth served in 2009*

36,984

*Youth who USED the Clubs and/or participated in Club programs in 2009 — whether members or other youth.

Member Demographics

- 69%** African American
- 15%** Caucasian
- 6%** Hispanic
- 10%** Multi-Racial/Other
- 60%** Male; **40%** Female

Youth from single-parent homes **77%**

BY THE NUMBERS

1

Ranking among ALL youth organizations in the Chronicle of Philanthropy's "Philanthropy 400" report for the 16th consecutive year

57

Percent of alumni who said the Club saved their life (from the Harris Survey of Club Alumni)

75

Cents out of every dollar donated that goes directly to youth programming

2,397

Cost (in dollars) to take care of a kid in the Clubs for a year

70,000

Approximate cost (in dollars) to incarcerate a juvenile offender for a year

BE A FRIEND – IT JUST TAKES ONE

ONE gift from a friend can open the door to a brighter tomorrow for more of our youth.

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Consider donating to the Boys & Girls Clubs to build a positive future for our local youth. **100% of your gift stays right here in Kansas City** to help operate our five local Club sites all year long. Your gift is 100% tax deductible.

Please fill out the following form and return it to:

Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Kansas City
6301 Rockhill Road, Suite 303
Kansas City, MO 64131

You can also donate securely online anytime at
www.helpKCKids.org

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

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Sponsorship Opportunities

Please accept my gift of the following:

- ☐ **\$30** 2 school-year memberships
- ☐ **\$60** 4 school-year memberships
- ☐ **\$100** 1 week of healthy snacks for 100 kids
- ☐ **\$250** 1 summer membership
- ☐ **\$500** 1 computer and technology software
- ☐ **\$1,000** Full day of college tours for 30 teens

Please indicate how you would like to fulfill your pledge commitment:

- ☐ Monthly ☐ Quarterly ☐ Annually
- ☐ One-time

I would also like to:

- ☐ Volunteer at the Clubs
- ☐ Take a tour of a Club
- ☐ Assist with a special project
- ☐ Offer an in-kind service/gift of: _____
valued at _____

☐ Check is enclosed
(payable to Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Kansas City)

☐ Please bill my credit card:
☐ American Express ☐ MasterCard ☐ Visa

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Thank you for being ONE friend!

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Wish List

Digital cameras

Televisions

DVD players

Board games

Video game systems: Xbox, Wii, Playstation, etc.

Exercise equipment

Like-new furniture

Ping pong and pool tables

Fish tanks

Gift cards - Blockbuster, movie theater, restaurant, etc.

Arts and crafts supplies, especially colored and construction paper

Get the latest Club
news and updates by
visiting our website:
www.helpKCKids.org

This list includes just a few of the many items currently needed at the Clubs. For a more extensive listing of Club Wish List needs, visit our web-site at www.helpKCKids.org. Our in-kind contributors help us by providing budget-relieving items – and giving more impact to the funding we receive.

If you have any items you would like to donate or to inquire about purchasing any of our wish list items, please contact the In-Kind Donation Coordinator at (816) 361-3600 or giving@helpKCKids.org.

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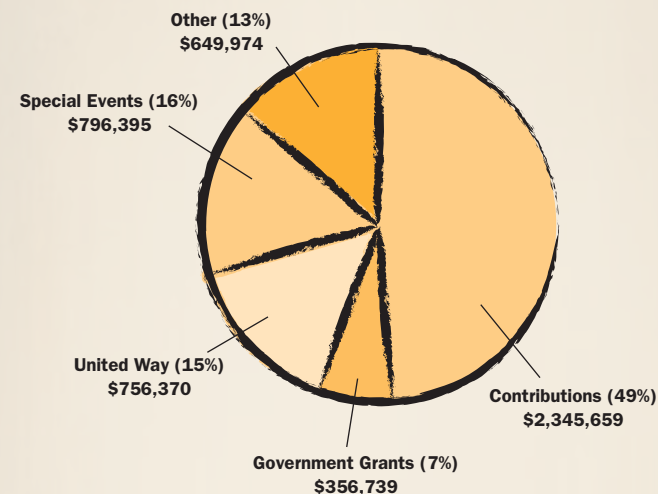
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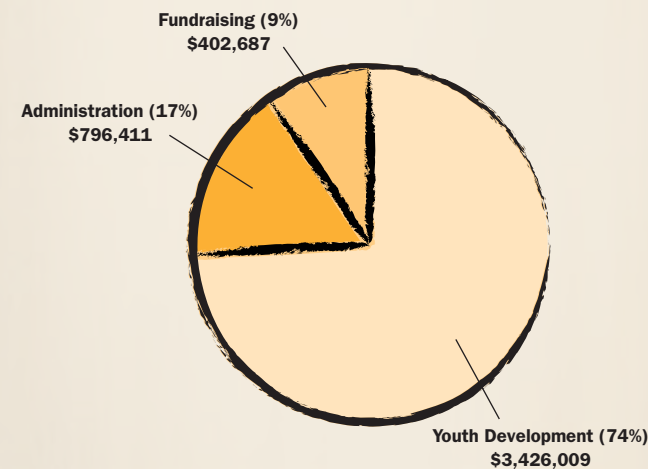
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