



BOYS & GIRLS CLUB
OF KENOSHA

2021 Annual Report





"Since I started interning at the Boys & Girls Club my life has completely changed. I gained insight I never had before and made connections with my peers as well as the kids. I am in my senior year of college and am studying social work. I have always known I wanted to work with kids and when I received the news that The Club would take me on as an intern I was thrilled. Every kid here at the Boys & Girls Club is unique and special they have taught me so much from embracing creativity, working on my patience, and to never give up. Watching the kids grow and persevere through this challenging time with everything going on in the world with the pandemic, it has been incredible. I cannot wait to see them succeed through the rest of this school year. This opportunity has left an everlasting impact on me, and I will forever be grateful for it."

- Allivia Pierangeli

MISSION

To impact the most young people possible, especially those who need us most, to realize their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens.

MESSAGE FROM THE CEO



Let me start by saying thank you for all your support over the last year. Every donation demonstrates your trust in us, and that trust leads to opportunities that better serve the youth in our community.

2021 was a year like no other, and there is no denying the continued challenges of the pandemic we faced as a workplace and community. As we continue to learn, adjust, and move forward, we are focused on our mission of impacting the most youth possible, especially those that need us the most. Despite the pandemic, we were able to build momentum by delivering new programs and offerings for our area youth. Highlights include: boat building camp, youth rocket launch, Sylvan partnership for tutoring, adding a mental health professional to work with our kids, and the Haribo Invitational.

June 2021 marked the 10-year anniversary of operations in our 52nd street location. We are proud of this milestone and want our Club to continue to inspire for years to come. Everything we do is for a greater purpose—that all youth, from all zip codes, have an opportunity to reach their full potential. To accomplish this, we are focused on building an inclusive team and culture, one in which all voices are welcomed and heard. This culture of belonging reflects the diversity of the youth, families, and communities we serve. Looking ahead, we are looking for funding to expand our mental health offering and our tutoring partnership.

I will close where I started – and that is to thank our generous donors, board of directors, and the community, for your unwavering support. We are inspired by your continued generosity and love for community. To our staff and volunteers, I want to extend my deepest gratitude and appreciation for your dedication, passion, and resilience over the last year. Your actions demonstrate the commitment to our area youth and together, we will continue to build great futures.



WHO WE SERVE

TOTAL YOUTH SERVED

12,550

TOTAL MEMBERS

6,582

AVG. DAILY ATTENDANCE

232

SCHOLARSHIPS

\$48,000

Scholarship funds awarded in 2021

CLUB MEALS

20,826

Meals served at the BGCK in 2021

COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS

559

LONGEVITY

36%

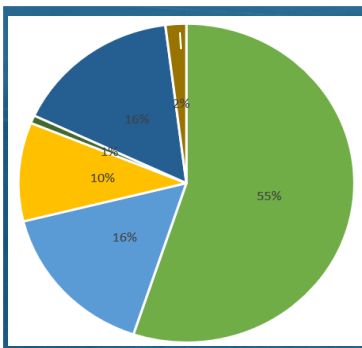
Of members have been members for 2+ years

PROGRAMS

518

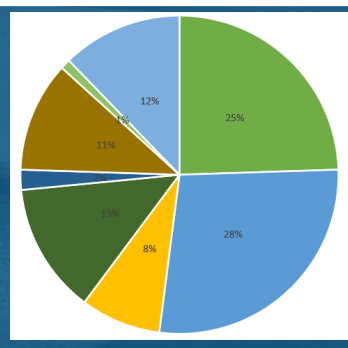
Youth educational activities

ETHNICITY



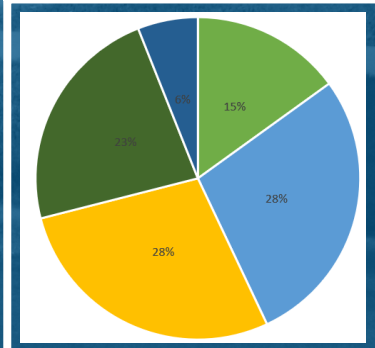
55% Caucasian
 16% African American
 16% Hispanic
 10% Mixed Ethnicity
 1% Asian
 2% Some other race

REVENUES



25% Contributions
 8% County
 13% Programs
 12% PPP
 11% Govt
 2% Events
 1% School District
 28% Scamps

AGE BREAKDOWN



15% Age 4-6
 28% Age 7-9
 28% Age 10-12
 23% Age 13-16
 6% Age 17-21

TROHA YOUTH CENTER, TWEEN CENTER & LAKEN FAMILY JEFFERSON ELEMENTARY

- Thanks to the sponsorship from Jockey, BGCK youth were able to hold monthly events for the year, including Black History Month, an Easter Egg Hunt, building and launching rockets, Trunk-or-Treating, and a Thanksgiving dinner for the youth and families.
- 432 Christmas gifts were given away in December 2021 and the Torch Club handed out 45 gifts to youth at Outreach Ministries inc.
- BGCK brought in Sylvan Learning Center to work with our members after surveys showed none of the kids were at reading level.
- A mental health professional has been working with our members individually and in group settings assisting with overwhelming feelings from the ongoing pandemic and home/school lives.



Theo Guyton, a BGCK member, was named one of six grand-prize winners in a national Chips Ahoy and BGCA MyFuture design contest. Theo’s design will be seen on limited-edition packages of Chips Ahoy cookies starting in May 2022.

A junior at Bradford High School, Theo is planning on pursuing a career as an architect. Having his work recognized has given him new confidence in his art and said, “I feel like this is opening up doors to me.”

500

Unique Youth/Tween/Teen Center members served

338

← Youth & Tween Center

Jefferson →

50

112

← Teen Center



THE IMPACT



Elijah, a 3rd grader at Brass Elementary, loves his math class at school because math can make him money. He has been a BGCK member for over 2 years and thinks that everything he does at BGCK is so fun. His role models are Mrs. Missy and Ms. Brianna from the Youth Center. When he gets older, he wants to be a teacher at BGCK or in the schools. If he could have any super power, he would want to be able to help people.



TEEN CENTER

- Teen Center youth was one of the grand prize winners for the Chips Ahoy art contest
- Teen Center staff helped 10-15 members find and keep their jobs during the pandemic and over 25 BGC members were employed through the Summer Youth Employment program.
- Teen Center partnered with Succeed Beyond High School to provide a College/Career Fair in June community
- Teen assisted a local artist with completing a Teen Center mural that was funded through YAR (Youth As Resources).
- 112 unduplicated youth were served by the Teen Center in 2021.
- Kenosha Fire Department, Kenosha Human Development Services, FLG Logistics, UW-Extension, African American Club and several community leaders spoke to teens about various career opportunities.



PREVENTION & OUTREACH

- In an effort to encourage greater family involvement Outreach & Prevention In partnership with the Teen Center has participated in numerous pro social activities. These activities include; Boat Camp hosted by BGCK & Chicago Maritime, Charter Fishing, Ice Skating, Action Territory, and Haribo Basketball Classic in partnership with University of Wisconsin Parkside.
- Be Great: Graduate is in its 3rd year. This program, led by Wendy Johnson, supports 20 students with bettering their grades, behavior and truancy. The goal of the program is for all participants to graduate high school.
- Be Great: Graduate students all received a free BGCK membership.

THE IMPACT



BGCK member, Jayqwan, is a Teen Center member, who has been with the Club for over 6 months. He enjoys the being at the Club because he has the opportunity to get to know his peers and hang out with his friends and he can improve his basketball skills.

Participated in 4+ social activities each month

85%

Improved their GPA

81%

Improved school attendance

81%

Maintained or reduced their gang risk assessment score from

83%

SCAMPS/CYC LEGENDARY

ALL-STAR CHEER

- For 2021, Scamps gymnastics had 1609 unique members with 1,140 members of that that participated in the Rec/Preschool Gymnastics program.
- Scamps Gymnastics holds many drives throughout the year to help out the community. This year they were able to collect 100 coats and donated to Brass Elementary School. They also collected over 10 large boxes full of food and donated it to the Shalom Center. The raised of \$1000 and donated to Kenosha Strong to help rebuild Kenosha.
- The competitive Girls Teams had several state and regional champs in 2021.
- The Legendary CYC All Star Cheer Program had a lot of success in 2021. Some of the titles they received are:
 - 10 First Place finishes, including 4 national champions titles
 - 7 second place
 - 4 third place
 - US finals gold bid winner
 - Two at large summit bids
 - 1 paid summit bid
 - 1 paid regional summit bid
 - 2nd place champions at regional summit
 - 2 time JAMfest super national champions in the youth division (reign is defending their reigning championships in one week)
 - Perfect score in running tumbling
 - Perfect score in standing tumbling
 - Perfect score in baskets
 - Jump champions x3
 - Stunt champions
 - Champion choreography
 - Champion crazy fan award (our parents go hard)
 - Top of the varsity leader board spot for the youth division



"The Boys & Girls Club has changed my future greatly from providing me with two college internship learning opportunities to eventually a full time job which has allowed me to positively impact my community. It makes working enjoyable and fulfilling to be able to help kids enjoy sports and make friends in the same place I did growing up."

Kyle Wade, BGCK Sports Assistant Sports



5,721

Unique BGC Sports and Scamps Gymnastics members served

4,112

← BGC Sports

Scamps →

1610

THE IMPACT



As a volunteer coach, Kyle Pollock loves what BGC is about. Just like the BGC he hopes to impact as many young people as possible in the Kenosha community. "I love that the BGC is able to offer affordable options for sports in our community."



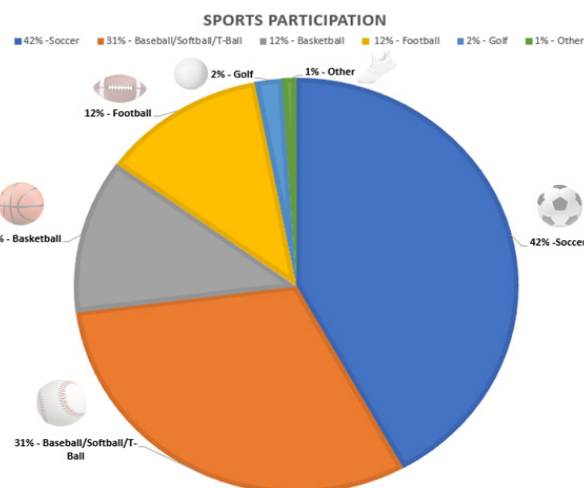
"I like playing sports at the BGC because the coaches are really nice and it's a good chance for me to see my friends outside of school."

Tyler, BGC Sports Athlete



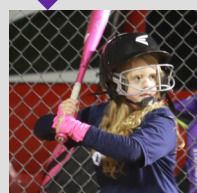
BGC SPORTS

- In 2021, we had 4,112 participants for a 50% increase over 2020
- Tackle football fielded a team in each level and two in the 8th grade division. All 7 teams had a combined record of 36-19 with 3 teams qualifying for the play-offs. The 6th grade team, coached by Kyle Pollock, went undefeated and won the SEYFA 6th Grade Superbowl championship.
- Coach Pollock is being honored as the BGC Sports Family of the Year for his contribution to the tackle football program, fund-raising, sponsorship and leadership.
- The football teams raised \$12,000 to help pay for the program and upgrade their uniforms.
- The season also saw a first in having a pre-season Pep Rally at Bradford HS.
- There were over 50 softball and baseball players who volunteered to march in the 4th of July parade carrying banners for the different divisions.
- The elementary school sports program was back for 2021. 6 schools participated with 7 teams and around 100 players.



42% - Soccer 31% - Baseball/Softball/T-Ball 12% - Basketball
12% - Football 2% - Golf 1% - Other

THE IMPACT



2021 saw a great rebound in participation in BGC sports programs with numbers higher than both 2020 and 2019. The large growth programs were BGC Sports Spring Flag Football, Summer Baseball/Softball/T-Ball and Winter Basketball. Of our 19 programs, 13 exceeded 2019 registration totals. None of our sports programs in 2021 needed to be cancelled directly due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT

2021 marks the 13th successful year of the Summer Youth Employment Program, a partnership between the BGCK, Kenosha County, Kenosha Unified School District, Community Impact Programs and mentoring work sites. The program teaches at-risk teens the value of work and basic employability skills.

- The youth participation numbers in 2021 were up 62% from last year despite the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.
- 143 at-risk youth worked an average of 22 hours per week for 8 weeks.
- 20 participating youth obtained unsubsidized employment during or upon completion of the program.
- Employer work sites were made up of 5 government agencies, 3 non-profit agencies and 19 private companies.
- Youth Employment in the Arts students ages 14 and 15 made a beautiful mural of Kenosha Lighthouse, Butterfly's, and a variety of flags. It is displayed at the Kenosha County Job Center.



143

Total youth served in 2021

25

Total work sites

66

Youth earning 1/2 credit toward graduation

13,638

Total hours completed by youth in 2021

20

Youth obtained unsubsidized

92%

Percentage decrease of summertime juvenile arrests since the inception of the program

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