



The Boys & Girls Club of Kenosha Annual Report

2022

Boys & Girls Club is a youth guidance organization dedicated to promoting health, social, educational, vocational, cultural, character and leadership development.

Message From the CEO

The Boys & Girls Club of Kenosha is committed to providing the best service and need your help as we prepare to invite more kids through our doors. Every day, over 250 kids walk through our Club doors and get access to positive mentors, educational support, tutoring, a healthy meal, friendship, social emotional learning, and exercise - all while having a little fun. They're learning new skills, taking educational trips to DC, and touring colleges. Above all else, they are being taught to be respectful, responsible, and safe.

Despite the influx of kids coming to the Club and the added expenses that come along with it, we've kept the family cost at just \$20 per year, or 7 cents per day, even though it costs the club over \$470 to serve one child. In the last two years, we have dealt with increased vendor expense, staffing shortages, increases in transportation & food cost, but through it all we find a way to keep serving the youth that need us the most.

A special thank you to all our members, staff, volunteers, Board of Directors, Foundation Board, and our donors for doing whatever it takes.

We are in this together, and it wouldn't be possible without all of you. We are looking forward to 2023, and it is my promise to you that we will continue to do whatever it takes to serve our community.

The Club truly does change and save lives, and we need your support to keep doing that.



OUR MISSION

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

Sincerely,
Tara M Panasewicz

A handwritten signature of Tara M Panasewicz in blue ink, written in a cursive style.

Our Footprint

Our Boys & Girls Club has a 30-year history of empowering the youth, teens, and families we serve. Through programs and services that provide safety, health, dignity, and equitable opportunity, we strive to ensure our youth have the tools, skills, and resources they need to reach their full potential, regardless of their zip codes or backgrounds. We are committed to creating an environment for each member to feel safe, heard, and empowered and to know he or she has a voice. Now more than ever, we continue to do whatever it takes to be mentors and champions for youth and build our community through a lens of opportunities for all.



"I'm so grateful to have Ms. Wendy. If it wasn't for her, I wouldn't have made it this far. My senior year, I didn't have a ride to school and back, I had F's in every class and lots of missing work. I talked to Ms. Wendy and she started picking me up and dropping me off every day and she helped me with every assignment and made sure I got everything done. I appreciate her so much. I'm a graduate because of her. Don't just give up cause things get hard."

Takyra, Teen Center Member

Over 17,000 youth
were served in
2022

Program
participation
increased by 65%
from 2021 to 2022

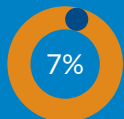
20,079 meals were
served to our
members in 2022

Average daily
attendance
increased 7% to 250
youth per day

Volunteers gave
over 1,600 hours
of their time
working with our
members in 2022



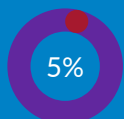
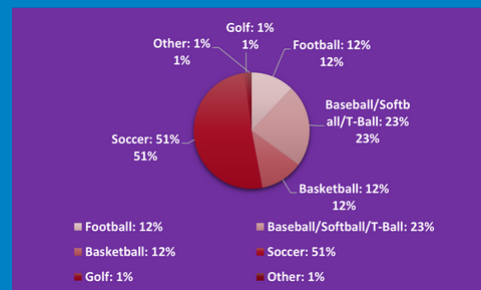
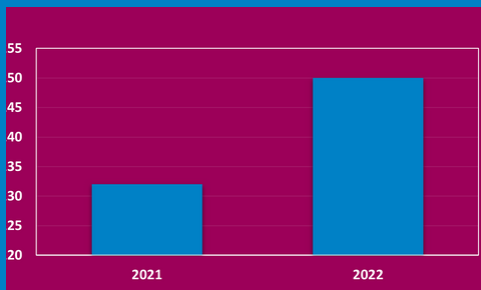
Year at a Glance



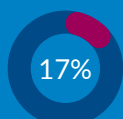
The Club's average daily attendance increased by 7% from 2021



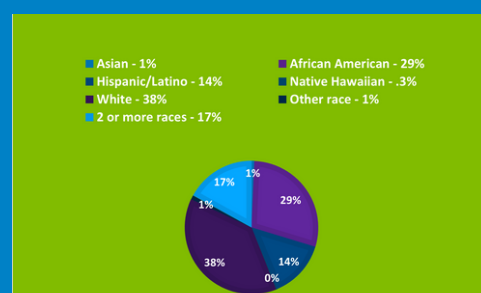
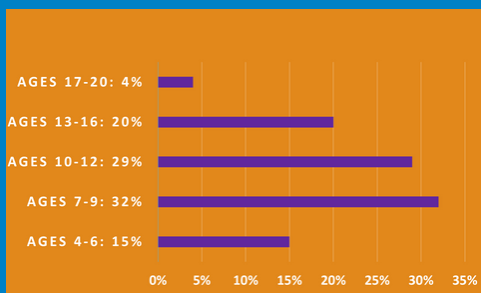
BGC Sports participation increased 26% from 2021. Soccer had the highest participation out of all sports.



The number of youth members under the age of 13 increased by 5% from 2021



With 17% of youth members that attended the Club in 2022 identifying as 2 or more races, our members are more diverse than ever before.



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I really like coming to BGCK because it's fun. I love the teachers and Ms Missy and Ms Brianna. I love going with Sylvan and learning how to read. They are so fun.”

Lanaijah C., 3rd Grade, Brass Elementary



Youth/Tween Centers

Affordable after school programs are extremely important to the success of children and their family. Transportation to after school programming is also very important and often a barrier for low-income families. The Boys & Girls Club of Kenosha provides transportation to the Club from 8 local elementary school. Once youth arrive at the Club, they then have access to homework help, a nutritious dinner, games, mentorship, exercise and more. The Club not only provides a safe space for youth to go after school, but also provides a healthy meal every day to the youth members that they may not otherwise have access to.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

74%

The Club partnered with Sylvan Learning Center to deliver more individualized tutoring to youth members. 74% of participants increased their listening & reading comprehension by the end of the 2021-2022 school year.

75%

Of the youth members who took advantage of Mental Health service the Club offered, 75% had improved behavior within the Club and at school.

81%

The Club's youth members increased their G.P.A. by 81%

Teen Center

The CLUB is a space within Boys & Girls Club of Kenosha that was created especially for teens. The CLUB is a safe place for teens age 13-18, where they can come in after school and be themselves. From sports to the arts, volunteerism to academic pursuits, The CLUB offers teens resources and programs to create meaningful experiences today as they prepare a plan for the future. Some of the programs our teens participate in are our Diplomas2Degrees, Career Launch, Money Matters, and Power Hour programs, as well as being able to participate in our Keystone Club and Youth of the Year. The CLUB is always a home away from home.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

75%

75% of our teen members have participated in the Club's Feel Good Fridge program. The program includes planning healthy meals, budgeting for those meals, grocery shopping, and cooking.

89%

The Club's Be Great: Graduate program had an 89% graduation rate (compared to 87% of Kenosha Unified School District Students)

85%

Through the Career Launch program, 85% of teen members found unsubsidized employment in Kenosha.

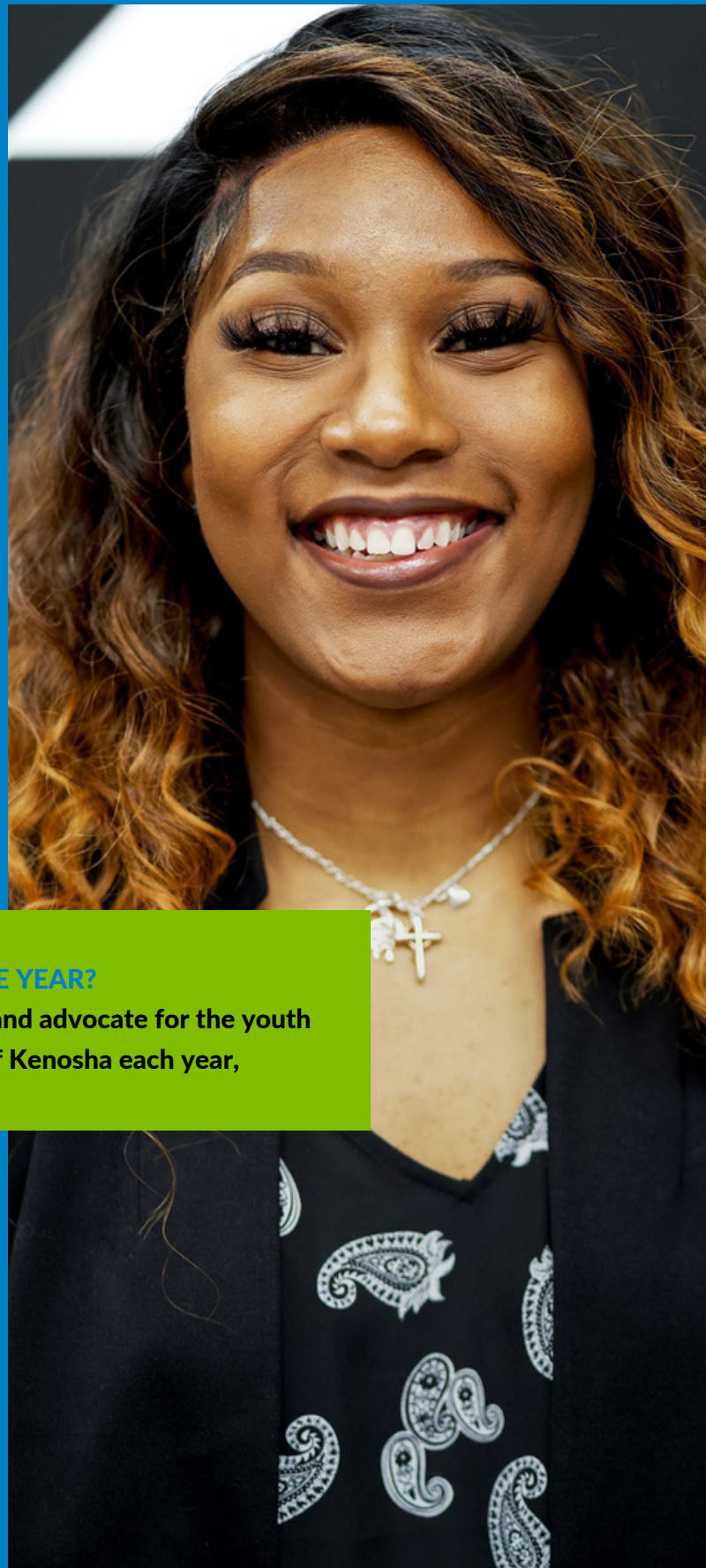
Youth of the YEAR

Kayla Mitchell was selected as The Boys & Girls Club of Kenosha's 2021-2022 Youth of the Year because of her dedication to giving back, the leadership role she has assumed and her ability to be a role model to her peers. She believes in giving back to the community that has given her so much by participating in Youth in Governance, which allows her to hold a non-voting seat on a local city council board. She also volunteers as a mentor and dance coach at her church for young ladies. Kayla has been able to do all of this and much more while maintaining a 4.0 GPA and running her own business as a makeup artist.

WHAT IS A YOUTH OF THE YEAR?

The Youth of the Year is a role model, leader and advocate for the youth members served by Boys & Girls Club of Kenosha each year,

Kayla is considered a leader among her peers and is often found assisting her friends or those in need. Kayla Mitchell is an excellent example of a future impactful leader in the making whether she is at the Boys and Girls Club of Kenosha, school or in her community. She has set herself apart from her peers through her involvement but her dedication to her passion for social justice. We are proud of all of Kayla's accomplishments and honored to be a part of her story.



Prevention & Outreach

Youth ages 14-21 gain work experience & skills through working in a number of fields throughout Kenosha County. The Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) also contains a mandatory educational component for each participating youth. 96 youth in the Club's Gang Prevention Program earned a 1/2 credit toward graduation from Kenosha Unified School District.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

146

At-risk youths worked an average of 22 hours/week for 8 weeks

83%

Youth in the Club's Gang Prevention Program maintained or decreased their gang risk assessment score.

20

Participating youth have obtained unsubsidized employment during or upon completion of the program

Sports & Scamps

We're committed to delivering great sport and athletic opportunities to all kids and adults looking for quality and affordable programming close to home. Our mission is to promote sportsmanship, healthy lifestyles and team building, while providing a safe and positive environment for competition.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

13%
increase

Membership at Scamps increased 13% from 2021 to 2022 to a total enrollment of 1,817 members.

16

BGC Sports offers afterschool sports programming to 16 local schools. This is a free program for these students so they can participate without any cost barriers.

29%

BGC Sports provided over \$24,000 in discounted rates to low-income participants so they could participate in a sport of their choice. This accounted for 29% of all youth sports participants.

After School Programming

The Boys & Girls Club of Kenosha aims to provide a meaningful after school opportunity to every youth in Kenosha, assuring success is within the reach of every person who enters our doors. We'll keep members on track to graduate from high school with a plan for the future, while demonstrating good character, and living a healthy lifestyle.

Why We Care

- Wisconsin has the largest racial achievement gap among students in the country
- Juvenile crime escalates between 3pm to 7pm
- 3 out of 10 children are obese or overweight
- 3 out of 5 Club members live in poverty

95% of Club teens expect to graduate on time

83% of Members believe they can make a difference

36% of Club teens are less likely to get into a physical fight than their peers

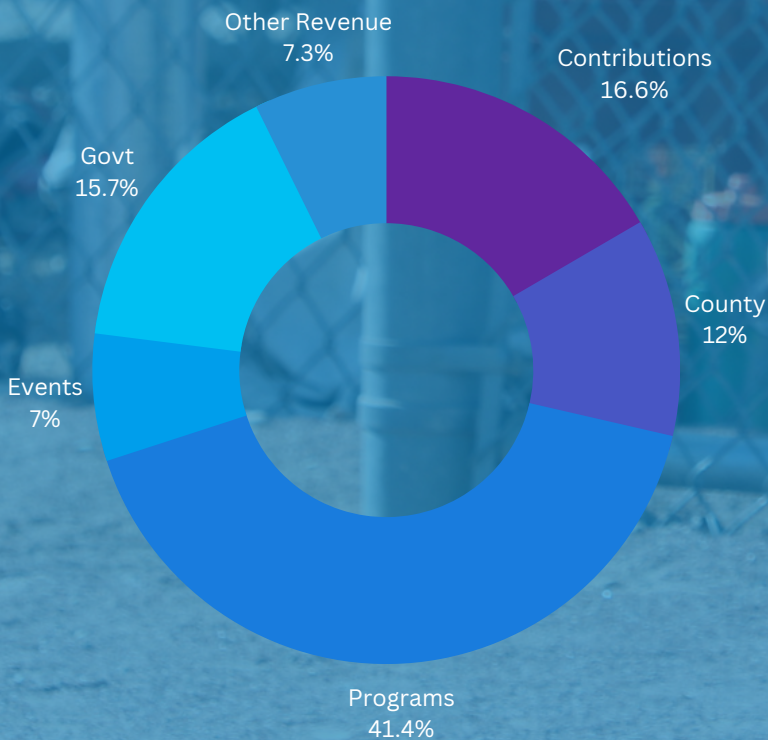
We provide targeted programs relevant to youth today

- STEM, Literacy, & Math Skills
- Career & Workforce Development
- Mental Health & Resilience
- Leadership, Values, & Character

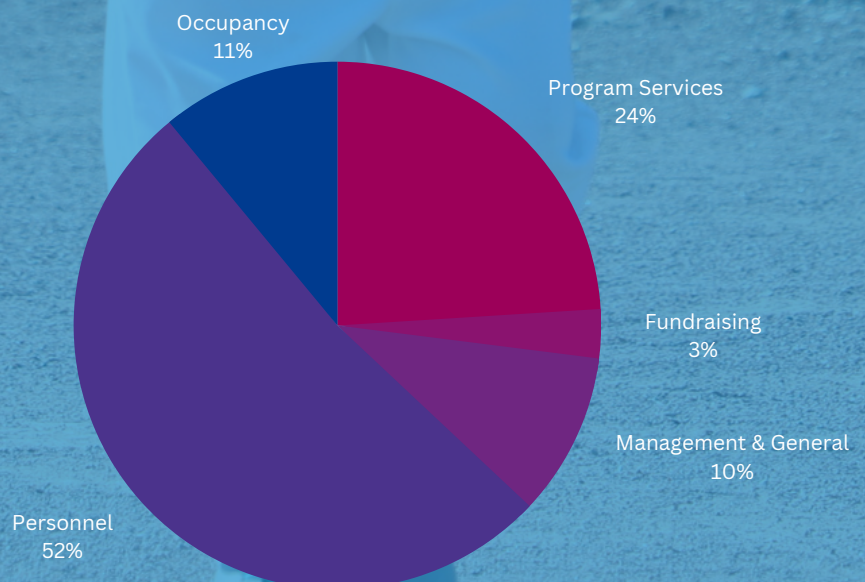
Financials

The Boys & Girls Club of Kenosha has over a 30-year history of serving youth in low-income, distressed areas of the city. We offer after-school programming at the Troha Center and an onsite after-school programming at Laken Family Jefferson Elementary School. It costs the Club \$450/month to provide services for one youth member. It costs one youth member \$20/year for a membership.

REVENUE



EXPENSES



Future Greatness Begins with Future Planning

The Boys & Girls Club of Kenosha's donors are our community's strongest advocates through their commitment to making an impact on Kenosha youth.

The Boys & Girls Club of Kenosha provides a safe place for more than 17,000 youth, giving them an opportunity to discover their great futures.

We understand that giving is personal; we will work with you to ensure there is an option that meets your philanthropic needs.

CREATE YOUR PLAN

What plan is best for you? We can help you explore a variety of planned gift options (including stocks, real estate, insurance, and more) to help maximize your tax benefits as well as the impact on our mission for future generations.

For more information, please contact Jason Justus, Resource Development Coordinator, at 262.653.7302 or email JJustus@bgckenosha.org

Whether you give a gift, sponsor an event, or volunteer, you'll be putting opportunity in the hands of youth in Kenosha County. We could not make the same impact in our community without all of you. Thank you!



Boys & Girls Club of Kenosha

Our family of Clubs is united under
one mission...one vision...one core value

Youth/Tween/Teen Center
Programming



BGC Sports



Scamps



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BOARD MISSION

Board members are the fiduciaries who steer the Boys & Girls Club of Kenosha towards a sustainable future. The Boys & Girls Club of Kenosha's board members are our most important advocates, serving as the 'face' of our organization and vocal supporters of our cause.

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Thank You

Our journey would not have been possible without you. With your dedication and support, we have been able to make an impact on over 17,000 youth in Kenosha this past year alone.

Now more than ever our kids need us to be there, to support them, to help them, to give them a bright future. Take the opportunity this year to make a change. Join the Boys & Girls Club of Kenosha to make that change. Whether you donate, volunteer, support our events, share our social media posts, whatever you do just be that change.



A man with a beard and sunglasses is shaking hands with a young girl on a baseball field. The man is wearing a white and black long-sleeved shirt and a black cap. The girl is wearing a white t-shirt with "Little League" on it, blue leggings, and white sneakers. There is a large orange semi-circle in the bottom left corner and a green bar in the bottom right corner.

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