



The Boys & Girls Club of Kenosha Annual Report

2023

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

Message From the CEO

Dear Club Friends,

This past year we completed 30 years of serving Kenosha youth and their families with an impact of over 100,000 youth. While we are so honored to have been a part of so many young lives, we are also honored to know that our story is a story about what's possible when our community comes together under a common goal of ensuring Kenosha is a great place for all kids to grow and thrive.

When we first began, we did so with a straightforward aspiration – to create a place where Kenosha youth could come and feel safe, connect with people who care, and gain access to life-changing opportunities. In many ways, our aspiration today is the same. However, we understand even better how essential our work is and will continue to be for our community. As we look ahead, we know that every year, every month, and every day, there will be another way the Boys & Girls Club of Kenosha must show up for our youth.

We are thrilled to present you with the Boys & Girls Club of Kenosha's Annual Report. This report reveals tremendous progress, but we continue to lean on you for your guidance and support as we strive to meet the needs so many continue to face in our community each day. Your support has played a pivotal role in enabling us to offer programs that foster academic success, promote healthy lifestyles, and develop leadership skills among the youth we serve. By investing in their potential, we are empowering the next generation of innovators, leaders, and community members who will shape the future of Kenosha and beyond.

We hope you'll continue to be our partner. We also hope you know how much your support has meant to us and our youth. We are so grateful to you for your trust and belief in our purpose – to help Kenosha youth thrive and reach their full potential.



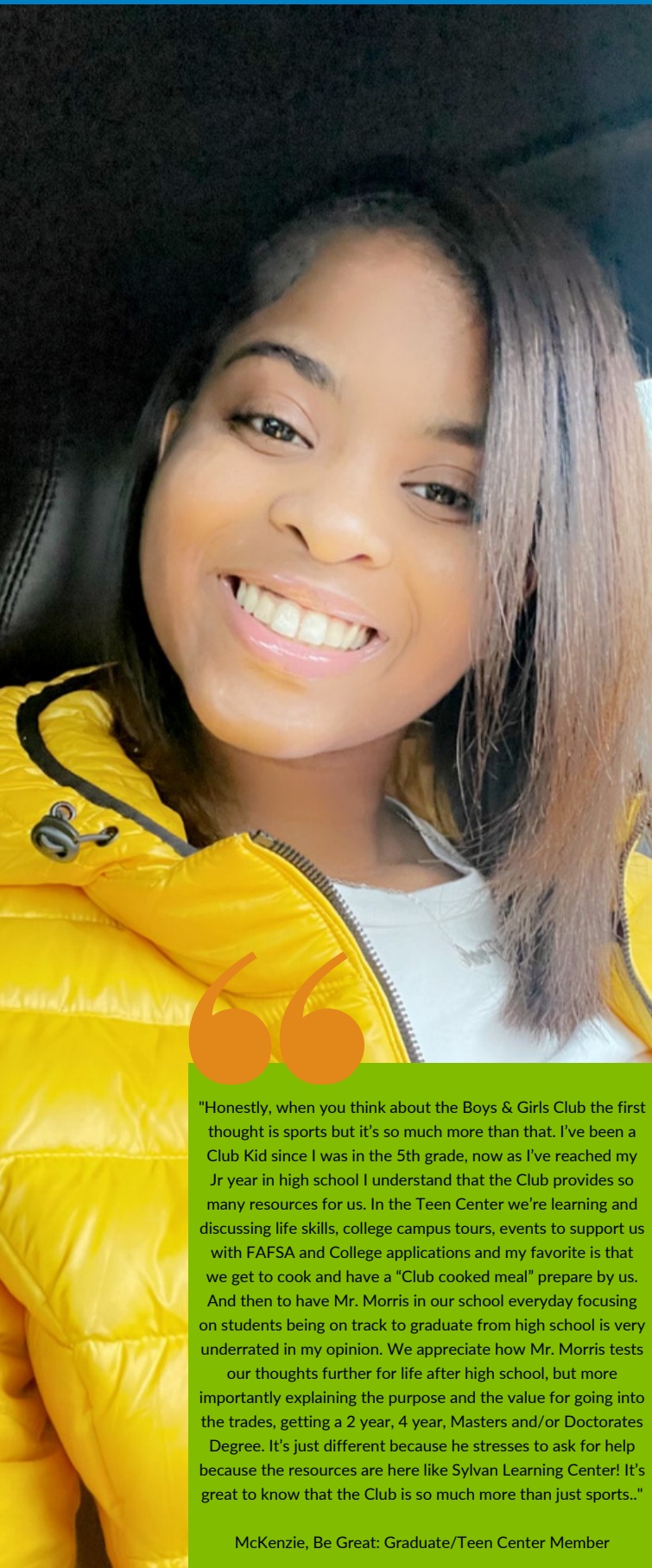
OUR MISSION

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

Our Footprint

Our Boys & Girls Club has over 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.



"Honestly, when you think about the Boys & Girls Club the first thought is sports but it's so much more than that. I've been a Club Kid since I was in the 5th grade, now as I've reached my Jr year in high school I understand that the Club provides so many resources for us. In the Teen Center we're learning and discussing life skills, college campus tours, events to support us with FAFSA and College applications and my favorite is that we get to cook and have a "Club cooked meal" prepare by us. And then to have Mr. Morris in our school everyday focusing on students being on track to graduate from high school is very underrated in my opinion. We appreciate how Mr. Morris tests our thoughts further for life after high school, but more importantly explaining the purpose and the value for going into the trades, getting a 2 year, 4 year, Masters and/or Doctorates Degree. It's just different because he stresses to ask for help because the resources are here like Sylvan Learning Center! It's great to know that the Club is so much more than just sports.."

McKenzie, Be Great: Graduate/Teen Center Member

Over 15,800 youth were served in 2023

100% of seniors in the Club's Be Great Graduate program graduated high school in 2023

28,626 meals were served to our members in 2023

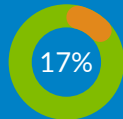
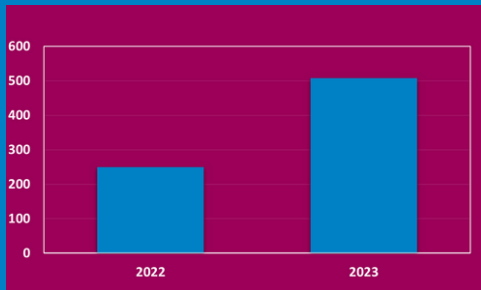
An average of 508 youth attended the Club on a daily basis

Volunteers gave over 2,000 hours of their time working with our members in 2023

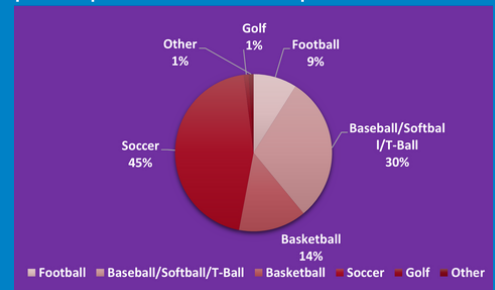
Year at a Glance



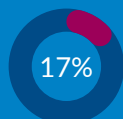
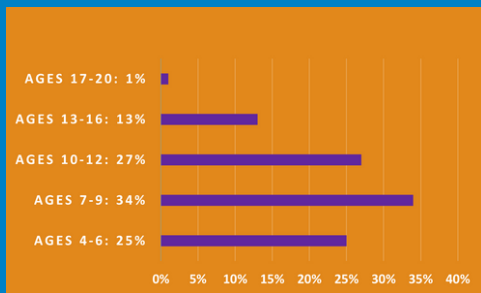
The Club's average daily attendance increased over 35% from 2022



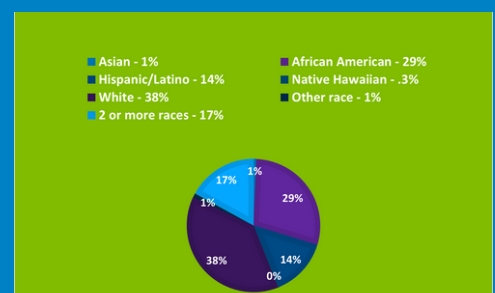
BGC Sports soccer and baseball participation increased over 17% from 2022. Soccer had the highest participation out of all sports.



The number of youth members under the age of 13 increased by 50% from 2022



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.



I like coming to the Boys and Girls Club because I like the teachers. They are nice. I make new friends and learn a lot of new things."

Caleya P., 5th Grade, Brass Elementary



Youth/Tween Centers

Affordable after school programs are extremely important to the success of youth and their family. Transportation to after school programming is also very important and often a barrier for low-income youth and their families. The Boys & Girls Club of Kenosha provides transportation to the Club from 8 local elementary schools. 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

90%

The Club partnered with Sylvan Learning Center to deliver more individualized tutoring to youth members. 90% of participants increased their reading test scores by an average of 45% by the end of the 2022-2023 school year.

100%

Of the youth members eligible for transportation to the Club through our Gus the Bus program take advantage of the it.

73%

After participating in the SMART Moves program, 73% of youth members report having more self-control over their feelings and emotions.

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

80%

80% 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.

100%

The Club's Be Great: Graduate program had a 100% graduation rate (compared to 75.5% of Wisconsin Students)

86%

Through the Career Launch program, 86% of teen members found unsubsidized employment in Kenosha.

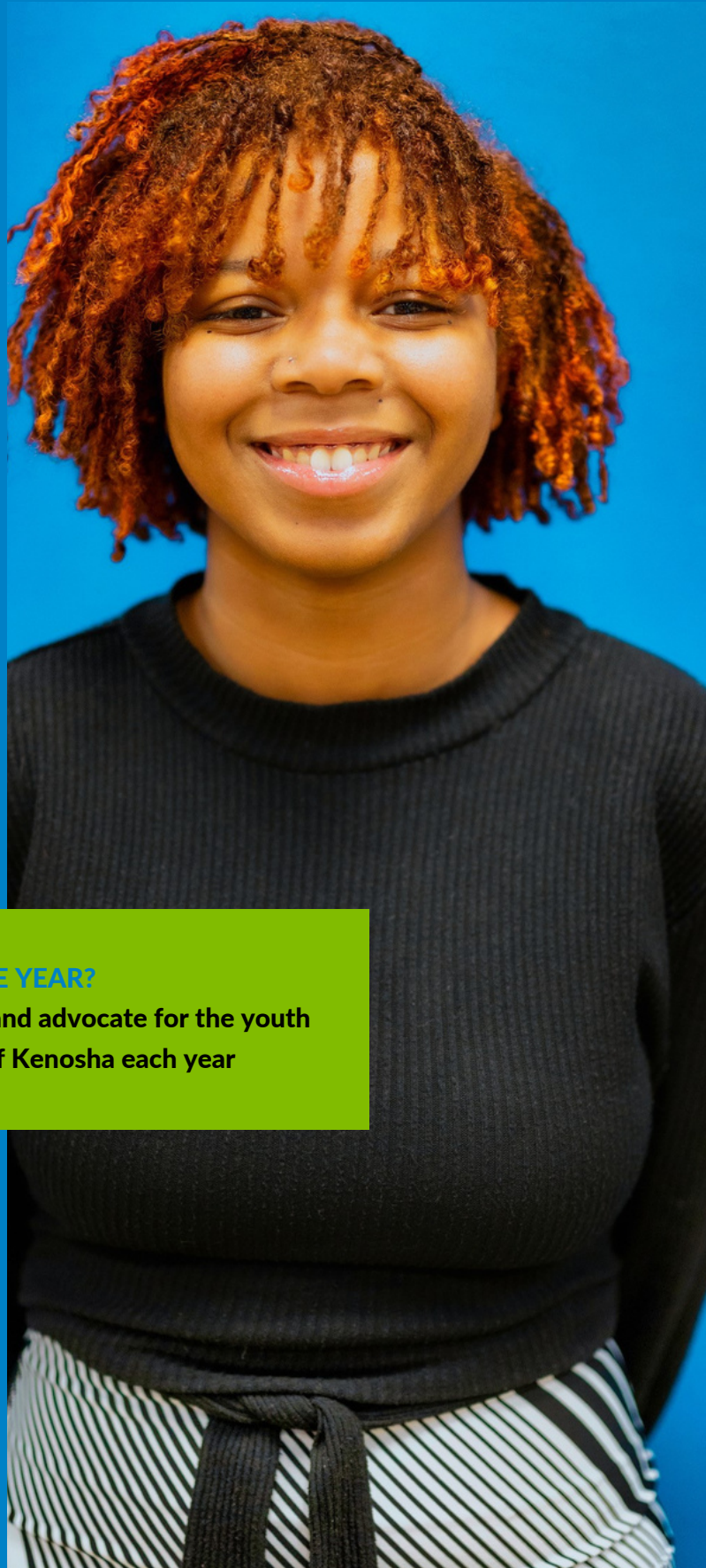
Youth of the YEAR

Erica D. was selected as The Boys & Girls Club of Kenosha's 2023 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 strives to be the best and won't allow her struggles to hold her back. She maintains a positive attitude about life, continues to help others in need and displays her leadership abilities at the Club, in her school, and the community. As a member and Treasurer of Keystone she has volunteered countless hours working with her peers at her school. Erica is often the first one to assist staff or fellow Club members when asked.

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

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



Prevention & Outreach

Youth ages 14-21 gain work experience and 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. 85 youth in the Club's Gang Prevention Program earned a 1/2 credit toward graduation from Kenosha Unified School District.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

129

Disadvantaged 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.

10

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

2

2 new sports programs, XGolf and Volleyball, were implemented in 2023. These programs impacted over 100 Kenosha youth.

9

BGC Sports offered 3 afterschool sports programming to 9 local schools. This is a free program for these students so they can participate without any cost barriers.

11%

BGC Sports provided almost \$23,000 in discounted rates to low-income participants so they could participate in a sport of their choice. This accounted for 11% of all youth sports participants.

The Arts



The goal of Boys & Girls Club of Kenosha's arts programming is to ensure that every member is exposed to, and has the opportunity to engage in a wide variety of arts-based activities. We value the creativity and self-expression of our youth. Every member who picks up a pen, a paintbrush, a musical instrument, or a slab of clay to work through difficult times, or express a feeling of joy or creativity, is on the way to becoming a more productive adult.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

5

5 new arts programs were introduced in 2023 including a photography class, a youth fashion show and vendor fair, a youth choir, workshops for jewelry making and sewing, and having Carthage College art students teach our members.

93%

Of youth members feel the Boys & Girls Club of Kenosha's arts program helps them express themselves in healthy ways.

12

With the support of the Natalie Lee and Shirley Madrigano Arts Foundation, the Club highlighted 12 of our amazing youth artists from our Teen Center on a monthly basis through the newly created Arts Member of the Month.

Onsite 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

72% of Club members believe they can make a difference in Kenosha

95% of Club members are on track to graduate high school

98% of Club members said they can go to staff for help in a crisis

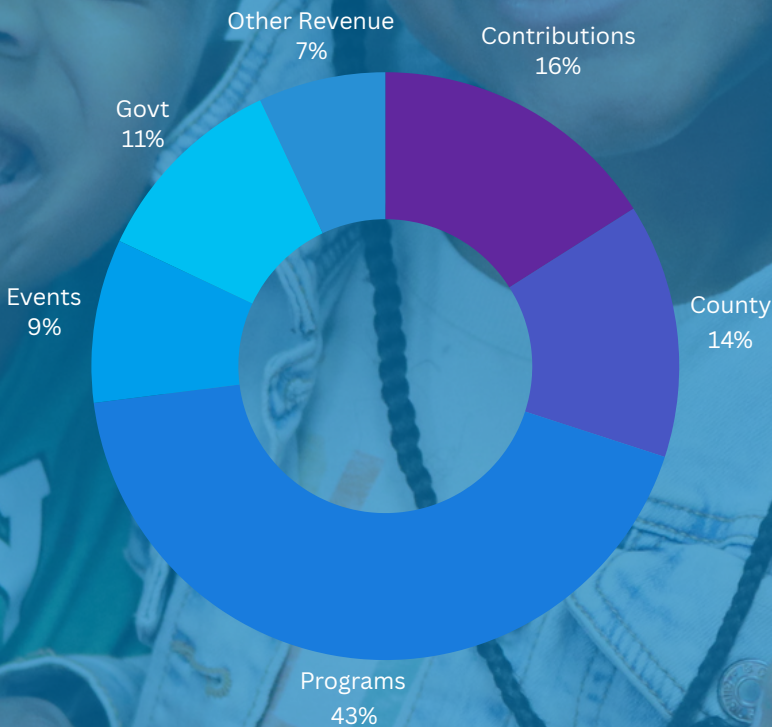
We provide targeted programs relevant to youth today

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

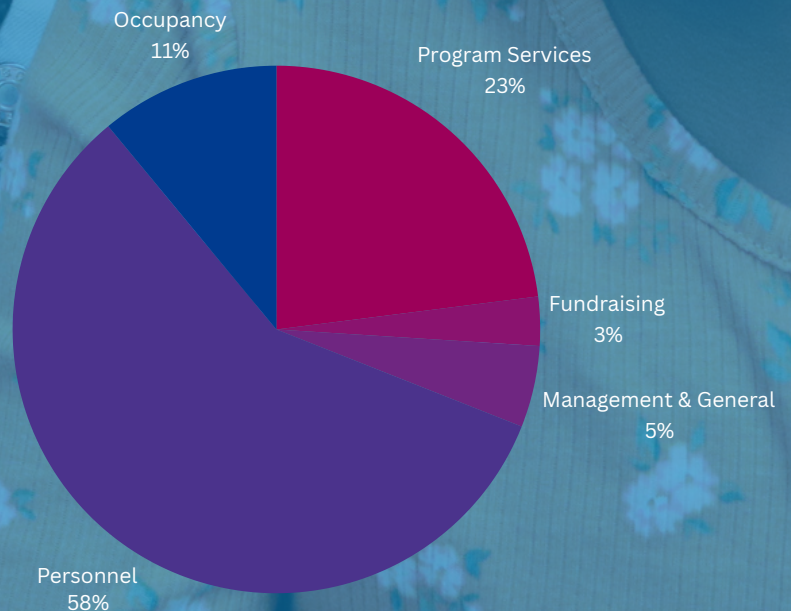
Financials

The Boys & Girls Club of Kenosha has over a 30-year history of serving youth in low-income, distressed areas of the city, offering after-school programming at the Troha Center and an onsite after-school programming at Laken Family Jefferson Elementary School. It costs the Club \$600/month to provide services for one youth member. It costs one youth member \$20/year for a membership. Teen memberships are free.

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 15,800 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



Scamps

BGC Sports



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The Boys and Girls Club is nice for going on trips on the bus and I love the cafeteria. The food is delicious.”

Kaleb V., 1st Grade, EBSOLA



2023 EVENTS



AN EVENING WITH THE CLUB

◆ **Net Profit of \$5,597**

The community came to learn about the Boys & Girls Club of Kenosha's programs, youth, and took tours of our building. Presentations were given by our staff and members throughout the night.



DAIRY STATE CHEESE & BEER FESTIVAL

◆ **Net Profit of \$38,560**

This fun-filled event featured a variety of Wisconsin cheeses, some of the most sought after beers from Wisconsin and beyond and awesome live music! This was a "don't miss event" that was a lot of fun while raising funds to benefit the programs and services that the Club offers.



30TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

◆ **Net Profit of \$44,386**

A series of events were held to celebrate the Club turning 30. This year-long commemoration honored the Club's legacy serving Kenosha youth since 1992. The goal of these events were to help the Club reach more youth in Kenosha.



2023 EVENTS



ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

◆ **Net Profit of \$33,874**

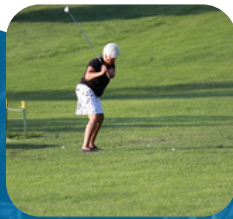
A day to enjoy meaningful relationships, the outdoors, and the great game of golf while also supporting the Club's mission. The outing included 18 holes of golf, cart, lunch, hole challenges, social hour/dinner, prizes, unlimited beer, water, and soda while golfers were on the course.



BARNES & JOHNSON GOLF OUTING

◆ **Net Profit of \$27,298**

For over 10 years, friends and family of Dave Barnes and Corey Johnson have been supporting the Boys & Girls Club of Kenosha through this annual golf event. Enjoy a day of family, friends, and fun while supporting the Boys & Girls Club of Kenosha.



BRAT TROT RACE

◆ **Net Profit of \$2,700**

The 'Wurst' runners from all over were welcomed to walk, skip, jog, run, roll, or crawl through a grueling 100-yard course. Participants were encouraged to wear Oktoberfest swag and prizes were given for the first and last place runners, and the best dressed.



YOUNG AT HEART GALA

◆ **Net Profit of \$103,332**

The Club's signature event of the year, we celebrated our impact we've had on the lives of youth in Kenosha. The event featured a three course dinner, performances by Club members, and awards.



The Boys & Girls Club of Kenosha's Youth Fashion Show

The Boys & Girls Club of Kenosha held our first youth-led 'Love Yourself' Youth Fashion Show in 2023. The event had entertainment, refreshments, youth & adult vendors, including youth artwork, and the fashion show itself.

The 'Love Yourself' Fashion Show was a way for our youth to not only model various categories of clothes, but a way for them to learn life and career skills. Prior to the event, we worked with our youth teaching them how to sew, make jewelry, essential oil blends, wreaths, bracelets, and more with the help of community members. They had a chance to display their artwork at the event and sold some of their pieces.

**Save the date for our next show
on Saturday, November 2nd,
2024
2pm - 5pm**

For more information, please contact Nicole Washpun, Teen Center Director, at 262.653.7317 or email NWashpun@bgckenosha.org

This event gives our youth members a sense of accomplishment and pride in themselves. The community support is amazing for them and validates their vision and hard work.



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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 15,800 youth in Kenosha this year.

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.



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