



# The Boys & Girls Club of Kenosha Annual Report

2025

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,

As we reflect on the past year, I am filled with gratitude and pride in the work we've accomplished together at the Boys & Girls Club of Kenosha. The number of youth relying on our services continues to grow year over year, a testament to the vital role the Club plays in our community. This growth is only possible because of your unwavering generosity and support.

Thanks to you, every young person who walks through our doors has had access to daily snacks and meals they could count on, even as grocery bills soared and budgets were stretched thin. Your partnership ensured that youth had caring adult mentors to guide them—mentors who helped build their confidence, navigate challenges, and inspire them to pursue their dreams. In a year filled with challenges, you chose to prioritize the next generation, recognizing that they are our future and our hope.

Your dedication makes it possible for our youth to dream big and achieve even bigger. Whether enhancing their technology skills in the Teen Tech Center, staying active with sports and recreation, exploring creativity through art projects, or enjoying a healthy meal each evening, our members are building skills and behaviors that prepare them for a lifetime of success.

We know the hours after school are critical. Across the country, one in four children leaves school with nowhere to go, putting them at risk of being unsupervised and unsafe. At the Boys & Girls Club of Kenosha, we remain committed to ensuring that no child in our community is left without hope and opportunity. Together, we're doing whatever it takes to ensure every young person has the chance to realize their full potential.

It is an honor to serve the youth of Kenosha and to witness their transformation through the impact-driven programs we offer. Because of friends like you, there is nothing they cannot achieve. Thank you for being a vital part of our mission and for believing in great futures for all youth.



## 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.**

With sincere appreciation,  
Tara M Panasewicz  
Chief Executive Officer

# Our Footprint

For over 30 years, the Boys & Girls Club of Kenosha has been committed to empowering youth, teens, and families in our community. We provide programs and services that emphasize safety, health, dignity, and equitable opportunities, ensuring every young person has access to the tools and resources they need to reach their full potential, no matter their background or circumstances.

Our mission is to create a welcoming space where every member feels safe, valued, and empowered, with the confidence that their voice matters. Now more than ever, we are dedicated to being mentors and advocates for our youth, working tirelessly to build a stronger, more inclusive community where opportunity is within reach for all.



Seventeen-year-old Larenzz, an 11th-grade student in the Boys & Girls Club of Kenosha's Be GREAT: Graduate Program, shared that being part of the program has made school and life feel more manageable, thanks to the consistent support and accountability provided by caring adults like Mr. Goodlow. He explained that having someone who not only helps him stay on track academically, but also checks in on his mental focus and overall well-being, has made a meaningful difference in his life.

Larenzz's experience reflects the heart of Be GREAT: Graduate—a nationally recognized dropout prevention program that uses a proven Check & Connect model, data-sharing partnerships with school districts, and dedicated coordinators, coaches, and mentors to ensure youth stay engaged in school, graduate on time, and leave high school with a clear plan to be college-, community-, or career-ready.

"Being part of the BE GREAT Graduate Program has made everything easier for me. I appreciate the guidance and support because it's made a big difference for me. "

-Larenzz, Be Great: Graduate/Teen Center Member

Over 12,865 youth were served in 2025

100% of seniors in the Club's teen center graduated high school in 2025

28,286 meals were served to our members in 2025

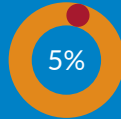
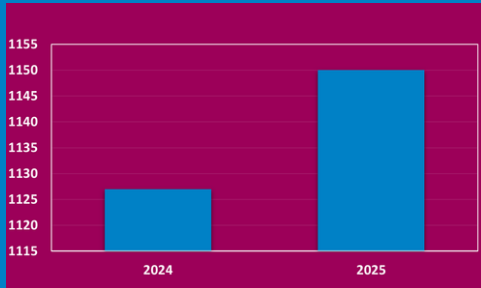
An average of 397 youth attended the Club on a daily basis

590 community members volunteered their time in 2025

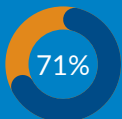
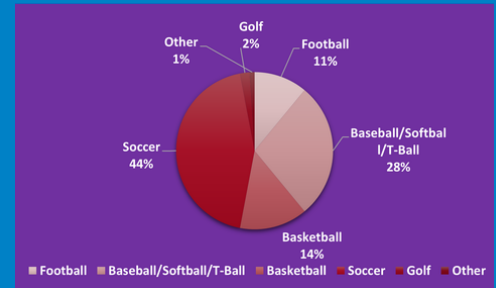
# Year at a Glance



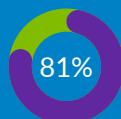
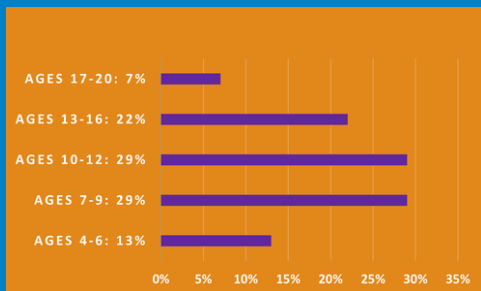
The number of youth from single parent households increased 2% from 2024.



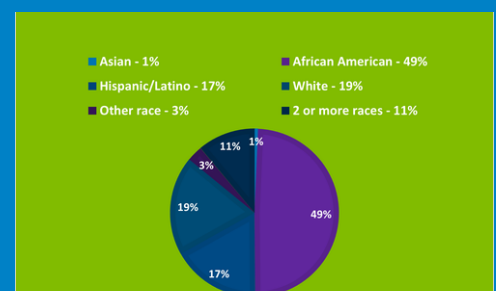
The number of youth that participated in BGC Sports Flag Football program increased 5%.



71% of our members are under the age of 12.



81% of Boys & Girls Club of Kenosha members come from diverse ethnic backgrounds.



“ I have been going to the Club for 3 years. I have made new friends. My math grades have improved since I have been going to the Club. I enjoy being on the soccer team and I've learned more skills from the time I first started playing. Boys and Girls Club is really fun and I enjoy going every day.”

Rachel S., age 9, Bose Elementary



# Youth/Tween Centers

Affordable after-school programs are vital to the success of youth and their families, and transportation to these programs is equally important. For many youth who face systemic barriers and have experienced adversity, transportation can be a significant barrier. The Boys & Girls Club of Kenosha helps address this challenge by providing transportation to the Club from 9 local elementary schools.

Once at the Club, youth gain access to a variety of enriching activities, including homework help, mentorship, games, exercise, and a nutritious dinner. This not only offers a safe, supportive space for kids after school but also ensures they receive a healthy meal that many may not otherwise have access to.

However, demand for these services is high, and there is currently a waiting list for bus rides. With your continued support, we can work to expand these critical services, ensuring that even more youth in our community can thrive.

## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

98%

Of Club youth reported an increase in reading confidence after attending our Power Hour Programming.

97%

Of the youth members participating in the MyFuture program reported learning at least one new skill in Arts, Leadership, or STEM.

94%

After completing the Triple Play Healthy Habits program, 94% of youth reported making healthier eating choices.

# Sylvan Tutoring Program

Sponsored by



The Boys & Girls Club of Kenosha, with sponsorship from Jockey, partners with Sylvan Learning to provide high-quality tutoring and literacy support for young students. This program offers individualized instruction to develop essential reading skills, build confidence, and promote academic success.

A standout success story features a third-grade student who struggled to read even the first sentence of an assessment passage in October. After three months of dedicated Sylvan instruction, she read an entire 100-word passage in just 2 minutes and 44 seconds by March, showcasing the transformative power of this program.

## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

50%

Of our 1<sup>st</sup> grade youth members increased their reading assessment scores by an average of 50%

125%

BGCK youth members that participated in our afterschool reading program had 125% greater growth compared to their school-only peers.

56%

Our 3<sup>rd</sup> grade youth members increased their reading assessment scores by 56%



# Teen Center

The CLUB at the Boys & Girls Club of Kenosha is a dedicated space designed especially for teens aged 13-18, providing them with a safe and welcoming environment where they can be themselves after school.

Whether exploring sports, arts, volunteerism, or academic pursuits, The CLUB offers teens a variety of resources and programs to help create meaningful experiences today and prepare a plan for the future.

Teens at The CLUB participate in impactful programs such as Diplomas2Degrees, Career Launch, Money Matters, and Power Hour, all aimed at building essential life skills. They can also engage in leadership opportunities through the Keystone Club and Youth of the Year programs.

Additionally, The CLUB offers a driver's license program, which integrates financial literacy as a required component, teaching teens the importance of budgeting and financial responsibility as they prepare for this important milestone.

For many teens, The CLUB is more than just a program – it's a home away from home, where they can grow, thrive, and prepare for bright futures ahead.

## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

95%

Of teen members who attended the Club on a consistent basis had no contact with the Youth Justice Unit or Kenosha County Juvenile Court.

91%

Of Club teens that participated in the Diplomas2Degrees program reported actively working towards the goals in their plan created to graduate high school and prepare for either post-secondary education and/or career success.

100%

Of Club seniors graduated high school in 2024-2025 school year.

# Youth of the YEAR

Talib Y., a recent graduate of Harborside Academy, was named the Boys & Girls Club of Kenosha's 2025 Youth of the Year and the State of Wisconsin 2025 Youth of the Year. Talib was recognized for his remarkable resilience, positive mindset, and strong work ethic—both academically and personally—as he strives to grow and learn. Reflecting on his journey, Talib says, “When you express your opinion, you have the act of saying what you think or showing how you feel using your own words.” He credits his mentor, Gary, for helping him unlock his potential. “Gary saw something exceptional in me and gave me opportunities to grow into a strong and moral adult. He offered field trips, my first job, and even helped my family by delivering meals, driving me to school, and caring about my future. He’s changed my family’s life, and I’m proud to call him a friend.”

## 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**

Talib didn't know what to expect when he joined the Boys & Girls Club, but it has become a transformative part of his life. The Club taught him to make positive decisions, develop communication skills, and embrace responsibility, self-awareness, and his true potential. Inspired by his experiences, Talib is committed to helping his community and continuing the mission of selflessness and determination he learned at the Club.



# The Arts



The Boys & Girls Club of Kenosha’s arts programming strives to provide every member with opportunities to explore and engage in a diverse range of creative activities. We celebrate the creativity and self-expression of our youth, recognizing the arts as a powerful outlet for personal growth and emotional well-being. Whether picking up a pen, a paintbrush, a musical instrument, or a slab of clay, members use the arts to navigate challenges, express joy, and unleash their imagination—building skills that contribute to their journey toward becoming confident, productive adults.

## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

2

Two new arts programs were introduced in 2025 including cup customization and MusicMakers.

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 Arts Member of the Month program. This initiative culminated in the selection the 2025 Arts Member of the Year, Janiya, recognizing her outstanding creativity and dedication.

# New Programs

In 2025, the Boys & Girls Club of Kenosha expanded meaningful learning opportunities through several new and innovative programs across both the Teen Center and Youth Center. In the Teen Center, the Music Maker Program quickly became one of our most impactful creative outlets, meeting twice each week to engage teens in every stage of the music production process—from songwriting and beat-making to recording and performing. In partnership with United Way, we launched a major digital equity initiative that provided 300 laptops to teens, ensuring access to essential technology for school, college and career planning, and digital readiness. In the Youth Center, members were introduced to new enrichment experiences including a Golf Program that helped youth build confidence, learn new skills, and enjoy active time on the course, as well as an unforgettable sailing adventure on Lake Michigan made possible by the Chasing Bubbles Foundation and the Kenosha Yacht Club. Our youth learned the basics of sailing, heard powerful stories, and discovered new confidence, curiosity, and belief in their ability to chase their dreams.



## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

176

Total hours of Career Launch and Financial Literacy programming completed as part of the Driver's Education program.

300

In partnership with United Way, the Teen Center launched a major digital equity initiative by distributing 300 laptops to teens. This new program ensured participants had access to essential technology needed for academic success, college and career planning, and digital readiness. The initiative helped reduce barriers to learning and strengthened our commitment to equitable access for all youth.

# Prevention & Outreach

Youth ages 14-21 gain valuable work experience and develop critical skills by engaging in various fields across Kenosha County. The Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) includes a mandatory educational component designed to enhance each participant's growth and success. Additionally, 85 youth involved in the Club's Gang Prevention Program earned a 1/2 credit toward graduation through the Kenosha Unified School District, highlighting the program's impact on academic and personal development.

## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

143

Youths experiencing adversity worked an average of 22 hours/week for 8 weeks.

89%

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

90%

Decrease in juvenile arrests since program inception.

# 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

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BGC Sports offered 3 afterschool sports programming to 5 local schools. This is a free program for these students so they can participate without any cost barriers.

6%

BGC Sports provided \$25,150 in discounted rates to low-income participants so they could participate in a sport of their choice. This reflects 6% of all BGC Sports athletes.



“Scamps has become a second family for us—helping Ariana grow not only as an athlete, but in confidence, discipline, and resilience. The support and encouragement from the coaches, staff, and gymnasts have made a lasting impact on our family.”

*Parent of Ariana, 11yrs old Scamps Athlete*

# 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

81% of Club members report earning A's and B's in the past year

90% of Club youth have expressed an interest in a STEM career

97% of Club teens expect to attend college

## We provide targeted programs relevant to youth today

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

BGC Youth Softball has helped me love the game of softball even more. I enjoy it so much!! Being part of BGC softball has not only helped me grow as a player but also made me so many great friends. The friendships I have made truly make the game more fun and special. BGC softball has given me confidence, teamwork, and memories I will always be thankful for.”

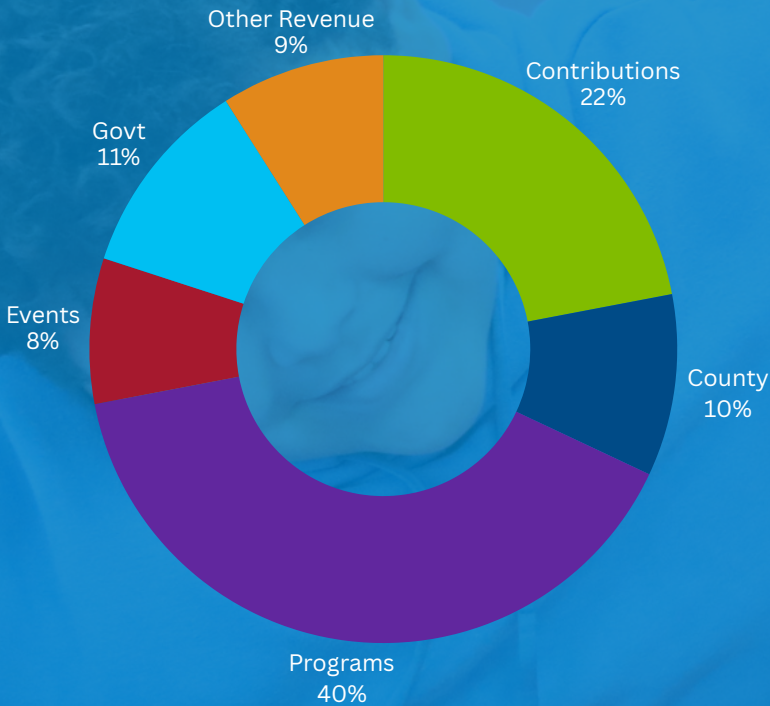
Iiyana H., 9 years old, BGC Sports Member



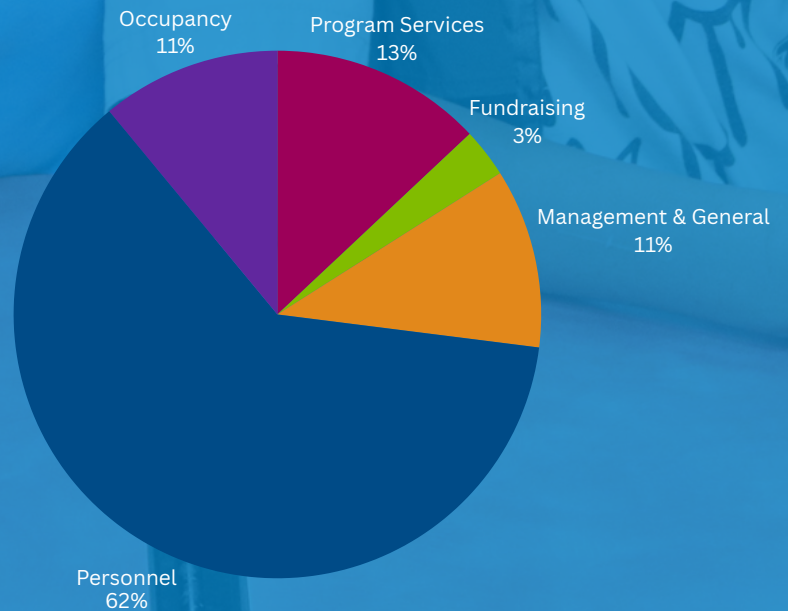
# Financials

The Boys & Girls Club of Kenosha has been serving youth in low-income, distressed areas of the city for over 30 years, providing after-school programming at the Troha Center. It costs the Club \$1,000 per month to provide services for one youth member, while an annual membership is just \$20—and teen memberships are free. However, securing funding to sustain these vital programs is becoming increasingly challenging. With your help, we will continue to provide life-changing services and empower youth to reach their full potential.

## REVENUE



## EXPENSES



# Future Greatness Begins with Future Planning

At the Boys & Girls Club of Kenosha, our donors are the heart of our mission, empowering the next generation and shaping great futures for local youth.

Each year, we provide a safe and supportive environment for over 12,865 young people, giving them the tools, resources, and opportunities they need to thrive.

We recognize that giving is a deeply personal choice. That's why we're here to help you find a donation option that aligns with your philanthropic goals. Together, we can create brighter futures for Kenosha's youth.

Join us in making a difference. Donate today!

## 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](mailto: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!



# 2025 EVENTS

Events play a vital role in supporting the Boys & Girls Club of Kenosha, helping to keep membership costs low while providing essential programs and resources for our youth. Through generous community participation and sponsorships, these events ensure that every child has access to life-changing opportunities.



## ANNUAL MEETING

### ◆ Net Profit of \$4,507

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 \$44,514

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.



## ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

### ◆ Net Profit of \$33,716

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.



# 2025 EVENTS



## BARNES & JOHNSON GOLF OUTING

◆ **Net Profit of \$34,675**

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 \$8,327**

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 \$122,986**

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.



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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 12,865 youth in Kenosha this year.

Now more than ever, our youth deserve safe, caring spaces where they feel supported, understood, and empowered to build on their strengths and shape their own future. This is your moment to make a difference. Join the Boys & Girls Club of Kenosha and be the change. Whether you donate, volunteer, attend events, or simply share our message, every action matters. Stand with us and create a brighter future for Kenosha's youth.



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