

2024 ANNUAL REPORT



BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
OF GREATER DALLAS



Our Mission

Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Dallas enables all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens.



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From the President

Dear Friends,

As we reflect on 2024—our 59th year serving the youth of Greater Dallas—we do so with deep pride and gratitude. Thanks to your unwavering support, Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Dallas has continued to grow, innovate, and provide life-changing opportunities for the young people who need us most.

This year, we completed one of the most significant safety and security upgrades in our organization's history. Across our Club network, we installed new state-of-the-art camera systems, badge access control, perimeter fencing, and facility renovations—ensuring our kids have safe spaces to learn, grow, and thrive.

We also celebrated exciting program milestones, including the relaunch of summer swim lessons with the YMCA and the expansion of our Street Hockey program with the Dallas Stars—now active in 10 Club sites. And in an unforgettable

highlight, our East Dallas Club was completely renovated by the Dallas Mavericks Foundation and NBA Cares as part of the NBA Finals Legacy Project, providing kids with a brand-new gym, cutting-edge STEM lab, and a reimagined space for learning and play.

But above all, our mission remains academic success. This year, 1,024 Club kids were promoted on time, and 100% of our high school seniors enrolled in post-secondary education. These numbers represent more than achievement—they reflect lives on new and promising paths.

As we head into our 60th year, I invite you to continue this journey with us. The best is yet to come.

With gratitude,

Debra Taylor

Interim President & CEO

Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Dallas



81%

of Club kids feel that the
adult staff encourages
them to do their best.



Our Impact

3,619

KIDS SERVED



52%

MALE

48%

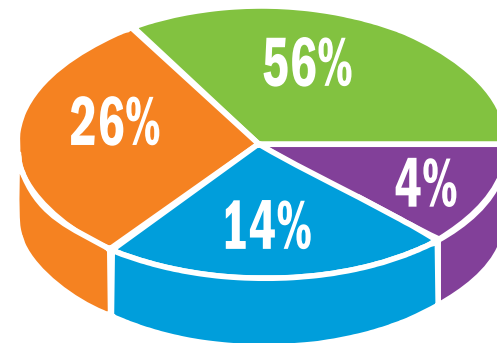
FEMALE

81%

Youth 12 and under

19%

Youth 13 and up



Black | African-American

Biracial | Multiracial-Other

Latino | Hispanic

White | Caucasian

34

companies/
organizations
that volunteered



1,191



individuals
that
volunteered



\$159,546

total economic
impact of our
volunteers



18,093

meals served during **Summer**



18 FACILITIES

9 Stand-alone Clubs

9 School-based Sites

84%

of Club kids feel a sense
of emotional safety.



Academic Success

Enabling Academic Success for Dallas-area Youth

In Dallas County, many children face significant barriers to academic success, including limited access to technology, safe learning spaces, and resources that foster both academic and social-emotional growth. In fact, 66% of Dallas Independent School District students are at risk of dropping out of school. (TEA 2023). BGCD is addressing these challenges through innovative programs and impactful partnerships designed to empower young learners.

With a focus on leveling the playing field, our academic success programs provide tools, resources, and mentorship that help children overcome obstacles and reach their full potential.

In 2024, BGCD served 3,619 of students, with 93% expecting to graduate high school and 100% of our high school seniors graduating on time.

This success would not be possible without the incredible support of dozens of community partners.

The **Dallas Mavericks** and the **Dallas Mavericks Foundation** demonstrated their commitment to education by completing a major renovation of our East Dallas Club. The revamped facility includes a state-of-the-art computer lab and brand-new iPad, ensuring that Club members have the technology needed to excel academically. Additionally, **Hines** created a reading and STEM lab to further learning and engagement.



In **2023-2024**,
the number of Club kids
who maintain or increased
STEM-specific content
knowledge rose by
363%

2X: BGCD doubled its
goal for the number of Club
kids promoted to the next
grade level on time.



Healthy Lifestyles

Building Strong Bodies and Resilient Minds

At BGCD, we recognize many children in our community have limited access to nutritious food, are living sedentary lifestyles, and desperately need wellness education. According to the Community Vulnerability Compass powered by the Parkland Center for Clinical Innovation, Dallas County residents under age 18 are in the 100th percentile when it comes to their vulnerability to chronic diseases such as heart disease, high blood pressure, diabetes, and obesity. Through our Healthy Lifestyles programs, we address these issues head-on, empowering kids to lead healthier lives and improve poor health outcomes.

With Dallas County reporting a childhood obesity rate of over 20% (source: CDC), health and nutrition education is needed now more than ever. One of our cornerstone initiatives to address this issue is Kids in the Kitchen, facilitated in partnership with the **Junior League of Dallas**. By providing engaging, hands-on lessons in nutrition and meal preparation, this program teaches our members to make healthier food choices and build lifelong habits. Kids in the Kitchen reaches hundreds of children annually, helping them take the first steps toward a healthier future.

Additionally, thanks to a generous grant from **Dallas County Health and Human Services**, our Clubs have received free sports equipment and healthy snacks, further expanding access to recreational opportunities and nutrition.

Together, these programs are creating pathways to healthier, more active lifestyles for thousands of children each year.



Our partnership with the Dallas Stars, through the Future Stars program, brings the excitement of hockey to kids across the Metroplex, introducing them to the benefits of teamwork, physical activity, and self-discipline.

150+

hours of physical activity
each child gets in a year

192,394

Healthy snacks served
during school year



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Good Character & Citizenship

Growing the Next Generation of Leaders

We believe that leadership begins with character, and we are committed to equipping young people with the skills, confidence, and sense of responsibility they need to become the leaders of tomorrow. Through our Good Character & Citizenship programs, we empower youth to make positive choices, contribute to their communities, and develop a strong moral compass. By fostering a culture of service, leadership, and civic engagement, we help our members realize their full potential as active, engaged citizens.

Our **Keystone Club** is a prime example of youth leadership in action. This national program gives teens ages 14-18 the opportunity to plan and lead service projects that address real issues in their communities. From organizing food drives to mentoring younger members, Keystone participants gain hands-on experience in leadership and service. Similarly, our **Torch Club**, designed for younger members ages 11-13,

lays the foundation for civic engagement by encouraging teamwork, responsibility, and decision-making. Through these programs, hundreds of BGCD members each year develop the confidence and skills to lead with integrity and compassion.

In addition, our **Youth of the Year** program celebrates and uplifts outstanding young leaders within our Clubs. This prestigious competition recognizes Club members who exemplify academic success, strong character, and leadership in their communities. By providing mentorship, scholarship opportunities, and public speaking experience, Youth of the Year prepares participants for future success while inspiring their peers to strive for excellence. With these programs, BGCD is shaping a new generation of leaders who are ready to make a lasting impact in Dallas and beyond.



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BGCD has shaped
me into a leader.
I'm now unafraid
to use my voice to
create change in
my Club and my
community.

— *Isaac E.*

2024 Boys & Girls Clubs of
Greater Dallas Youth of the Year



Teen Programs

Empowering Teens to Dream Bigger, Aim Higher

Only 33% of Dallas County young adults (ages 25-34) earn a living wage, which drops to 24% for Black young adults and 18% for Hispanic young adults (Commit Scorecard 2023). These statistics underscore the significant barriers to academic success and economic mobility in Dallas County, highlighting the critical need for BGCD's support in helping young people achieve educational milestones and long-term financial stability.

Our teen programs are designed to do more than just prepare young people for the future—we help them envision it. In 2024,

we provided meaningful, personalized support that helped teens turn big dreams into real plans and possibilities. Through our **Collegiate STEPs** college prep program, members received one-on-one mentoring, SAT prep, college application guidance, and financial aid assistance. This year alone, teens participated in more than 10 college tours and 100% graduated on time and with a plan for their futures.

Our **Career Ready** initiative continued to give our teens a competitive edge, offering mock interviews and internships

with top Dallas-area companies. Over 15 Club members completed paid summer internships, gaining real-world experience and valuable workplace skills that will serve them for years to come.

But it's not all work—we know that teens thrive when they're curious, creative, and connected. From coding workshops and culinary classes to cultural outings and teen nights, we kept our members engaged with fun, unique opportunities to explore new interests and build lifelong friendships.



83%

of **11 and 12th grade**
members have applied for
vocational or trade school.





Clint Murchison Tribute

Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Dallas (BGCD) mourns the loss of Clint W. Murchison III, whose extraordinary support and dedication has been a cornerstone of our organization for decades. Clint's philanthropic efforts, both personally and through Boys Incorporated of Dallas, have exceeded \$1 million, making an immeasurable impact on our mission and the youth we serve.

Clint's involvement with BGCD's hallmark events like the Billiard Ball and the Annual TOPPs Celebration highlighted his unwavering commitment to our cause. His family's legacy of giving, starting with his father, Clint Murchison Jr., who helped launch BGCD in 1965, including the Clint Murchison Jr Oak Cliff Club, has been instrumental in shaping our organization's history and success.

As a Board of Trustees member since 2015 and President of The Boys Clubs of Dallas, Inc. Foundation (BCDF), Clint played a crucial role in securing long-term funding and protecting our assets. His

leadership extended to the J.B. O'Hara Trust, where, since 1981, he supported the development of youth in Dallas County. Clint's vision led to the creation of the Murchison Legacy Society, has increased planned gifts to BGCD, ensuring sustained support for our operations and programming.

Clint W. Murchison III's legacy is one of boundless generosity and a profound commitment to the betterment of youth. We are deeply grateful for his contributions and will forever honor his memory.

Our hearts go out to the Murchison family and all who knew and loved Clint. His impact on BGCD and the youth of Dallas will be felt for generations to come.

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