

A young girl with dark skin and braided hair is shown in profile, blowing a dandelion seed. The seed is in mid-air, and many other seeds are floating around it, creating a dreamy, hopeful atmosphere. The background is a soft-focus green field.

# Great Futures Start Here

2022 COMMUNITY IMPACT REPORT



BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS  
OF SOUTHWEST WASHINGTON

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*Planting the seeds*



## Our Vision

Provide a world-class Club experience that assures success is within reach of every young person who enters our doors: all members on track to graduate from high school with a plan for the future, demonstrating good character and leadership, and living a healthy life.

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## Our Mission

To enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to realize their full potential as productive, caring, responsible community members.

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## Our Purpose

Inspire and empower Club youth to achieve success, and champion opportunities for all young people in their communities.



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January, 2023

Dear Friends of Boys & Girls Clubs,

Thank you for your continued support and trust! This past year, our organization has worked to bolster our impact on the community following the height of the pandemic. Our highest priority has been to provide as many young people as possible with safe spaces and connections to positive, caring adult mentors.

I am excited and proud to share this year's impact report with each of you. Please know that each time you engage positively as a volunteer or staff member, make a contribution, or share about our mission, you are investing in our community's youth. This signals to young people that they have a champion in their corner who sees them for who they are, recognizes their potential, and wants the best for them. Together, let us continue to help children and teens thrive, because the future of our community depends on their success. Thank you for being a champion for our local youth, especially those who need us most.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "F. Bueno".

Francisco Bueno

**Executive Director**

**Boys & Girls Clubs of Southwest Washington**



# Elements for Positive Youth Development

Boys & Girls Clubs of Southwest Washington is more than just “a place to go after school”. It is a thriving, caring and supervised community full of extraordinary growth opportunities for youth ages 6-18. As they enter our doors each day, each individual is given the opportunity to explore, experience new things and just have fun. And no one is ever turned away for an inability to pay.

## Five Things Kids Need to Thrive

- 1. Safe, Positive Environment** ~ Providing continuity, stability and healthy boundaries for everyone’s safety.
- 2. Supportive Relationships** ~ Committed to healthy social-emotional learning experiences with peers and adults.
- 3. Opportunities and Expectations** ~ Dynamic and challenging experiences balanced with structured expectations.
- 4. Recognition** ~ Club recognizes and supports each member’s personal growth and accomplishments.
- 5. Fun** ~ Creating the en-JOY-ment of healthy activities that foster personal self-worth and community.



# Building Bridges of Opportunity

## YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS



### Academic Success

- Homework help and tutoring
- Academic mentoring
- Computer and technology skills
- S.T.E.A.M activities
- Arts education
- College and career prep



### Healthy Lifestyles

- Weekly small groups
- Social-emotional skill building
- Calm spaces
- Nutrition and cooking classes
- Sports and fitness programs
- Social support services and resource navigation



### Character & Leadership

- Leadership training and opportunities
- Recognition
- Career exploration and development
- Community service

# The Impact in Our Community



## **1,757 Youth**

Club members were able to attend afternoon programming during the school year and all-day programming during the summer.

## **69,886 Snacks**

Healthy snacks are served to youth each day, which help instill healthy habits.

## **13,761 Meals**

Club members also regularly receive meals throughout the year. Nearly 70% of Club members experience food insecurity.

## **394 Hours of**

Power Hour programming, where youth receive homework help and tutoring.

## **957 Family Engagement Activities**

Clubs provide meals, resources, and events for the whole family.

## **8 Clubs City Wide**

Burton Elementary Club  
Clinton & Gloria John Clubhouse  
Elise Menashe Teen Center  
Fruit Valley Elementary Club  
Heights O.K. 2 Clubhouse  
O.K. Clubhouse  
Teen Turf Club  
Washington Elementary Club

# Long Term Positive Outcomes

Boys & Girls Clubs of America reports that across the movement, Club members with continued engagement are enabled to become adaptive learners, motivated leaders and healthy decision makers. When members have an optimal Club experience, they are equipped with skills that transfer beyond the Club walls and are more likely to succeed across three priority outcomes.

## Academic Success

- Club members who attend regularly are more likely to graduate on time and succeed in the workplace
- 52% of 12th Grade Club members express an interest in a STEM career, compared with 27% of high school seniors nationwide.

## Good Character and Leadership

- 57% of Club alumni volunteer once a month or more, compared to 43% of the general population.
- 88% of Club members feel they can stand up for what is right even if their peers disagree

## Healthy Lifestyles

- 51% of Club members engage in regular physical activity five days a week compared with 44% of their peers
- Club teens are more likely to abstain from health-risk behaviors *(smoking cigarettes, vaping, marijuana, alcohol use, sexual intercourse or opioid use.)*



## Academic Success

**97%** of Club members expect to graduate from high school.



## Good Character & Citizenship

**92%** of Club members try to help when they see others in need.



## Healthy Lifestyles

**2X** Club members are twice as likely as their peers to have healthy daily amounts of fruits and vegetables.

# Enhanced Programs to Respond to the Needs of Youth

## HEALTHY LIFESTYLES, ACADEMICS, CHARACTER & LEADERSHIP

Boys & Girls Clubs of Southwest Washington continues to prioritize youths' physical, mental, and emotional safety and well-being. All staff have now been trained in PAX Tools for Human Services, a trauma-informed framework that offers tools and techniques for responding to youth behaviors. Additionally, our Associate Director of Programs- Healthy Lifestyles works closely with staff to respond to incident reports and create success plans for youth.



### Outreach

- Weekly small groups and dinners
- Ongoing mentorships
- Field trips and college visits
- Volunteer opportunities

### Hunger Resources

- Partnerships with local food banks
- Weekly dinners
- Clothing drives, toy drives, and access to other necessities
- Referrals to community based organizations related to physical, mental, emotional, and financial health

### Academic Support

- Daily homework help and tutoring
- Volunteer Reading Buddies
- Virtual tutoring through The Education Project

## Healthy Lifestyles

- Creating a safe place where youth can be themselves
- Build confidence (self-efficacy)
- Practice strategies that promote self-regulation
- Partner with mental health therapist
- Partner with families

## Character & Leadership

- Project generosity with mentors
- Engage with local stakeholders and supporters, including Governor Inslee
- Youth of the Year

## Community Service

- Bagley Park Tree Planting
- Heritage Farms Tour of Food
- Skyline Neighborhood Clean Up
- Monthly Bagley Park Clean Ups
- Community Dinners
- Pop-up Food Pantries

## Safety

- Monthly safety drills, including fire and lockdown drills
- Annual BGCA safety assessment
- National Youth Outcomes Survey completed by Club members annually to assess physical and emotional safety



# Community Working Together

## CLUB INVESTORS

When you invest in Boys & Girls Clubs of Southwest Washington, you are investing in our youth and the future of our community. We take great measures to ensure every gift is managed responsibly and is leveraged for the greatest return on investment. The impact of every dollar gratefully received is multiplied thanks to cooperative services and In Kind goods provided by an extensive network of community partners and volunteers.

**In 2022, Boys & Girls Clubs of Southwest Washington received In Kind support valued at \$492,500, and worked with over 50 community partners\*.**

\*Partners include but are not limited to Vancouver Public Schools, Evergreen Public Schools, Clark College, City of Vancouver, Clark County Safe Communities Task Force, Vancouver Housing Authority, Council for the Homeless, Bridgeview Community Services, Clark County Food Bank, Children's Center, Real Life Counseling, ConnectED, Clark County YWCA, Vancouver Police Department, Clark County Sheriff's Office, and Washington State University Vancouver.

**82%** Private Contributions

**16%**  
Government  
Grants

**2%**  
Membership  
Dues & Fees



# Putting Investments to Work

## CLUB INVESTORS

Eighty-two cents out of every dollar contributed directly supports youth programs.





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