



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
OF BLOOMINGTON**

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BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF BLOOMINGTON EARNS BACK-TO-BACK 4-STAR RATINGS FROM CHARITY NAVIGATOR

Bloomington, Ind. – Due to their strong financial health and commitment to accountability and transparency, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Bloomington has earned a 4-Star Rating for the second year in-a-row from Charity Navigator, America’s largest independent charity evaluator. This is the third time since 2017 that the Club has earned this top national distinction.

“It is important our donors trust that we are using their financial gifts wisely to accomplish our mission,” said Jeff Baldwin, Executive Director of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Bloomington. “Our 4-Star Charity Navigator Rating demonstrates our comprehensive governance and financial accountability to the community.”

Since 2002, using objective analysis, Charity Navigator has awarded only the most fiscally responsible organizations a 4-Star Rating. In 2011, Charity Navigator added 17 metrics, focused on governance and ethical practices as well as measures of openness, to its ratings methodology. These Accountability & Transparency metrics, which account for 50 percent of a charity’s overall rating, reveal which charities operate in accordance with industry best practices and whether they are open with their donors and stakeholders. On June 1, 2016, the methodology for rating each charity’s financial health was upgraded with CN 2.1. These enhancements further substantiates the financial health of four-star charities.

“Boys & Girls Clubs of Bloomington’s exceptional 4-Star Rating sets it apart from its peers and demonstrates its trustworthiness to the public,” said Michael Thatcher, President & CEO of Charity Navigator. “Only 32% of the charities we evaluate have received at least two consecutive 4-Star evaluations, indicating that Boys & Girls Clubs of Bloomington outperforms most other charities in America. This exceptional designation from Charity Navigator sets Boys & Girls Clubs of Bloomington apart from its peers and demonstrates to the public its trustworthiness.”

Boys & Girls Clubs of Bloomington’s rating and other information about charitable giving are available free-of-charge on www.charitynavigator.org. More detailed information about the 4-Star Rating is available to Charity Navigator site visitors who become registered users, another free service.

About Charity Navigator

Charity Navigator, www.charitynavigator.org, is the largest charity evaluator in America and its website attracts more visitors than all other charity rating groups combined. The organization helps guide intelligent giving by evaluating the Financial Health and Accountability & Transparency of more than 8,000 charities. Charity Navigator accepts no advertising or donations from the organizations it evaluates, ensuring unbiased evaluations, nor does it charge the public for this trusted data. As a result, Charity Navigator, a 501 (c) (3) public charity itself, depends on support from individuals, corporations and foundations that believe it provides a much-needed service to America's charitable givers. Charity Navigator, can be reached directly by telephone at (201) 818-1288, or by mail at 139 Harristown Road, Suite 101, Glen Rock, N.J., 07452.

About the Boys & Girls Clubs of Bloomington

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Bloomington is an organization dedicated to empowering all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as caring, productive, and responsible citizens. The Club operates three units serving youth in Monroe County: Lincoln Street, Ferguson Crestmont, and Ellettsville. Offering low annual rates, the Club is a place where all local youth can safely learn, grow, and become the adults of tomorrow. Focusing on Academic Success, Healthy Lifestyles, and Good Character & Active Citizenship, programming at the Club is enriching and varied, led by professional staff and volunteers. To learn more about programs and events at the Boys & Girls Clubs of Bloomington or to make a donation, visit www.bgcbloomington.org, call (812) 332-5311, or follow us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram!

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