

# 20 ANNUAL 25 REPORT FUTURE READY



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS  
OF BLOOMINGTON**



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to empower all young people,  
*especially those who need us most,*  
to reach their full potential as caring,  
productive, and responsible citizens.







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# FROM THE HEART OF LESLIE ABSHIER, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



With the mission of “empowering all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as caring, productive, responsible citizens” as our north star, I am honored to have served for 1 year as the CEO of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Bloomington - serving Monroe and Owen Counties.

This year, our Blueprint for Success has been focused on learning & building relationships. I made it my priority to get to know the people in our organization better and learn from their experiences. After 18 years of successful leadership from your friend and mine, Jeff Baldwin (the Club’s previous CEO), I spent this year “Discovering the Way Forward.” The way forward is not my way, but our way - together. Discovered by listening, asking questions, and learning from the team. This has been a true joy in my first year on the job.

Here is a little of what I learned: ***The mission is strong***, one that everyone wants to rally behind - empowering ALL kids to reach their full potential! ***The need is great***. We served more kids than ever before and saw families turning to the Club for help more than in the past. ***Your generosity rises to meet that need***. You give because you believe in the Great Futures of our kids and in this community they will one day lead. You say “yes” and stretch yourself sacrificially to give to those you do not know and may never meet because you believe in the power of what we can get done together. You believe in the long-term impact the Club is making getting kids Future Ready.



This year has left me feeling proud, hopeful, and optimistic about the current state of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Bloomington and the future ahead. I hope you feel similar as you read through this report.

I also feel optimistic that together, we can get our kids Future Ready. Kids are facing big challenges, but they have more support and tools to achieve success at their disposal than ever before. We have stayed agile and adapted to what kids need now - and are here for more of those kids who need us most than ever before.

I invite you to continue with us - rising to meet the ever-growing need to support kids with opportunities to reach their full potential. Our Communities Need Club Kids. And Club Kids Need You! Thank you for continuing to say “yes”! Together we CAN get our kids in Monroe and Owen Counties FUTURE READY!

Chief Executive Officer  
Boys & Girls Clubs of Bloomington





# WHY FUTURE READY?



We are proud to be part of a national movement led by Boys & Girls Clubs of America, united by a shared belief that every young person deserves the opportunity to reach their full potential. Across the country, Boys & Girls Clubs are working together to create pathways to success for millions of kids and teens, especially those who need us most. This movement is about more than programs. It is about collective impact, long-term commitment, and ensuring that the next generation has the support, skills, and confidence to thrive in an ever-changing world.



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS  
OF AMERICA**

At Boys & Girls Clubs of Bloomington, preparing our kids to be Future Ready is at the heart of everything we do. Through daily programming, youth build academic skills, explore careers, gain leadership experience, and develop life skills that prepare them for what comes next. From hands-on learning and workforce readiness to mentoring relationships and real responsibilities, our kids are learning how to show up, contribute, and believe in their own potential. Because of this movement and your support, our Club kids are not just ready for tomorrow- they are shaping it.




## BETTER, BIGGER, BOLDER

Future Ready is about becoming better, bigger and bolder on behalf of our kids and teens.

**BETTER** – Enhancing the Club Experience to stay relevant for young people today and into the future.

**BIGGER** – Growing our reach to address unmet needs as we deepen our engagement with current Club members.

**BOLDER** – Expanding our influence to elevate opportunity for all young people.



## OUR MOVEMENT'S SHARED MISSION AND GUIDING PRINCIPLES ARE THE FOUNDATION ON WHICH FUTURE READY WAS BUILT.



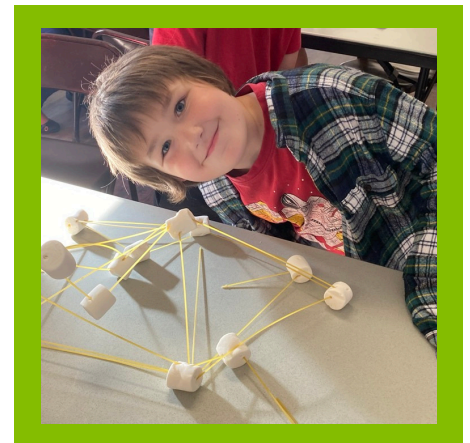
# IMPACT & ACCESSIBILITY



**Accessibility is at the core of our mission.** To give children a chance to be seen, they have to be able to access the high-quality program the Club offers every day. The Club was open in 2025 for kids when they needed us most. Youth in our community had the opportunity to enjoy life-enriching opportunities last year-THANKS TO YOU!

In 2025...

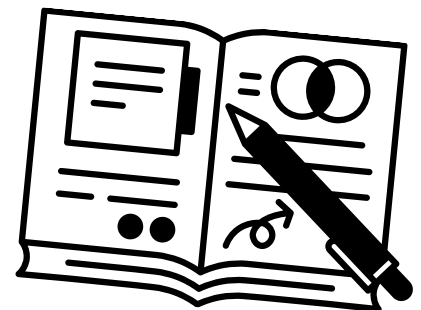
- The Clubs had **3,217** registered members, an increase of 941 members in 2025.
- Between Lincoln Street, Ellettsville, Ferguson Crestmont, Owen County, and Camp Rock, the Clubs served as many as **708** youths per day, an increase of 45 members per day.
- The Club serves kids ages 5-18. Teen members make up those that are 13 and older - **415** teens were served.
- The Clubs served kids from **32** local schools in Monroe & Owen Counties.
- Thanks to organizations like The Community Kitchen, **62,184** meals and snacks were served to members.
- **503** local youth were served while school was out during Fall Break and Spring Break this year.
- **245** more members attended The Club for 100 Days or more in the 2024-2025 school year than in the 2023-2024 school year.



Thanks to the support of local donors, our membership costs remained affordable, even as all other prices increased. The Club keeps costs low for families so ALL kids have access to programs they need every day.

For families who need us most, just **\$20 a year** provides:

- A ride from school to The Club every day after school
- A healthy snack
- Caring adult mentors
- High quality out-of-school programming
- Homework help





# CLUB FAMILIES



The Club is open to all kids and families that want quality out-of-school youth programming. Many families would not have another affordable option if it was not for The Club.

## WHAT ARE OUR FAMILIES SAYING?

**94%** of families say that their child feels safe at The Club.

**97%** of families say that they feel welcome at The Club.

**94%** of families say The Club plays an important role in their family's life.


## WHAT ARE OUR KIDS SAYING?

**96%** of our members say they feel safe at The Club.


**97%** of our members feel that the adults at The Club care about them.

**92%** of Club members are on track to graduate on time from high school.


## PARENT TESTIMONIALS



"[The Club] is an incredible value, both in terms of cost and in terms of what the Club provides. My child benefits from enrichment activities and time to play, and I benefit by being better able to manage my responsibilities while I know that he is in a safe place."



"I value the people and the low, low cost of the Club. There is high-quality programming and staff at the Club and I know that my children will be safe and have fun."



"I really love the relationships my son makes with the staff members at The Club. He likes to talk them a lot and really enjoys the competitions and activities that happen every day. It is a relief to know he has other positive adult models in his life."



# QUALITY PROGRAMS



In 2025, the Club offered more than 100 special programs to spark a child's creativity and get them thinking about their future. These programs are offered at no additional cost to members of the Club. All programs are included in the \$ 20-a-year membership fee. Programs offer a variety of activities that are play-based and teach kids new skills and interests. Club programs may introduce kids to a lifelong passion, a hobby, or even a career interest. Some programs are core Club programs offered at all times, such as Homework Center. Others rotate in and out of the schedule based on member interest, staff expertise, and funding. Programs are based in the Club's core program focus areas—**Academic Success**, **Access to the Arts**, **Healthy Lifestyles**, and **Character & Leadership**. Listed are just some of the programs run in 2025.



## ACADEMIC SUCCESS

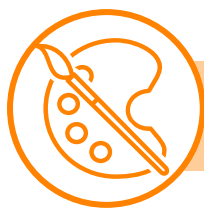
BLAST Off Space Club  
Book Club  
Career Exploration  
Career Presentations  
Chess  
College & Careers  
Computer Club  
Diplomas 2 Degrees

Dungeons & Dragons  
E-Sports  
Financial Literacy  
Lego League Robotics  
Lemonade Day  
Maker Space  
Money Matters  
My.Future  
(Digital Literacy)

Power Hour  
Homework Help  
Read To Succeed  
Reading Buddies  
Silly Science  
STEAM  
STEM  
STEM Scouts

Summer Brain Gain  
Teach IT  
Tutoring

...PLUS MORE!



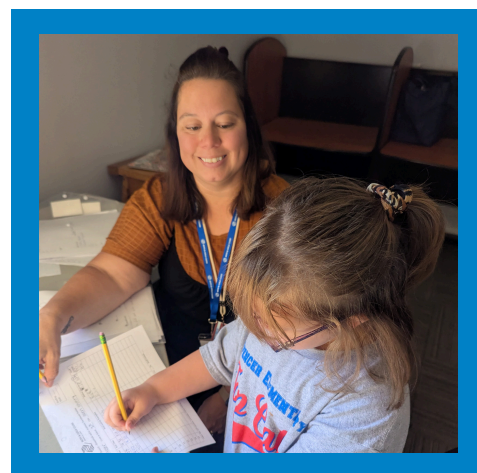
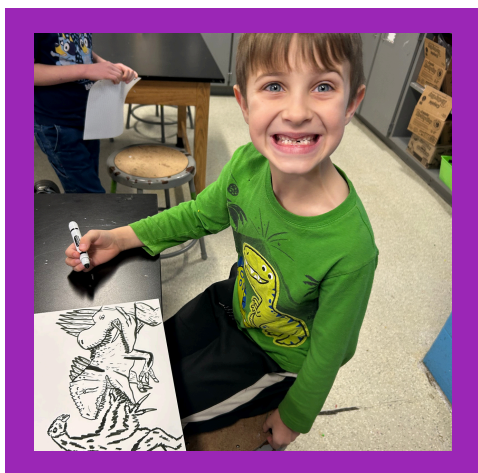
## ACCESS TO THE ARTS

Artist Spotlight  
Astounding Artists  
Beads & Bracelets  
Ceramics

Choir  
Drama  
Drawing  
Music Makers

Photography  
Outdoor Art  
Sewing Club  
WFHB Youth Radio

...PLUS MORE!







## HEALTHY LIFESTYLES

Basketball  
Outdoor Adventure  
Cheerleading  
Club Riders Cycling  
Cooking  
Gardening  
Cutters Soccer  
Dance  
First Tee Golf  
Flag Football

Floor Hockey  
Kickball  
Tower Gardening  
GRO Skateboarding  
Gymnastics  
Healthy Habits  
Smart Moves:  
Emotional  
Learning

SMART Moves:  
Emotional  
Wellness  
Triple Play:  
Daily Challenges  
Healthy Habits  
Social Recreation  
Games Room  
Playworks

Teen Cooking  
Teen Gardening  
Tumbling  
Volleyball  
Wiffle Ball  
Yoga

...PLUS MORE!



## CHARACTER & LEADERSHIP

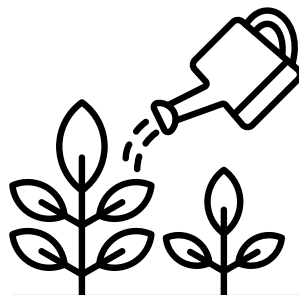
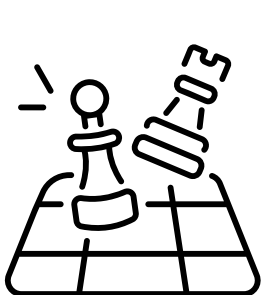
Adventure Club  
Be A Star  
Community Helpers  
Discussion Circles  
SMART Girls  
Keystone Leadership

Member Council  
Mindfulness  
Pancake Breakfast  
Passport to Manhood  
SafeSpace  
Self Care Club

Teens Take the Lead  
Torch Club  
Ultimate Journey  
Work-Based Learning  
Mock Trial  
Culture Club

Youth Helpers  
Youth Changers  
Youth of The Year

...PLUS MORE!



# OWEN COUNTY



## A VISION TO REALIDAD

The Owen County Club set out to expand learning opportunities for its members by launching a Spanish Club designed to introduce a new language in an engaging and meaningful way. To bring this vision to life, the Club partnered with Boston Scientific's Hispanic Organization for Leadership and Achievement (HOLA). The HOLA team immediately recognized the importance of the initiative and committed volunteers to support members as they explored the Spanish language during the Spring of 2025.

The presence of dedicated, Spanish-speaking volunteers transformed the program into a welcoming and inspiring learning environment. Their energy, encouragement, and cultural connection helped members feel comfortable trying something new, building both curiosity and confidence. For many participants, this experience represented a rare opportunity to engage with a second language, expanding exposure beyond what is typically available in their school setting. With the guidance and support of the HOLA volunteers, one of the Club's youngest members, Lillee, age 7, quickly grew more comfortable participating in Spanish Club and began approaching each session with excitement. By the end of the program, she was confidently counting to ten in Spanish, a meaningful milestone that reflected both her growing confidence and the supportive environment created by the volunteers and Club staff.

The Spanish Club reflects the heart of the Club's mission: introducing young people to new opportunities, fostering confidence, and building meaningful connections through community partnership. Through the commitment of dedicated volunteers, this program opened new doors for Owen County youth.

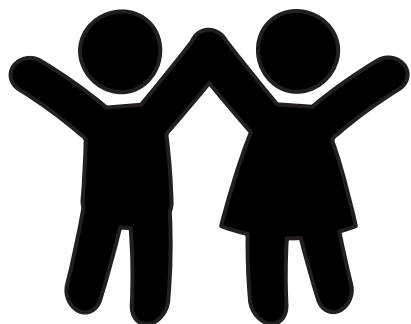


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Boston Scientific Volunteer with Owen County Spanish Club

## OWEN COUNTY BY THE NUMBERS



**TOTAL NUMBER OF  
REGISTERED KIDS**

401

**Serving as many as  
112 members a day**



29%

**SINGLE PARENT FAMILIES**



24%

**HOUSEHOLD INCOME  
\$40K & UNDER**








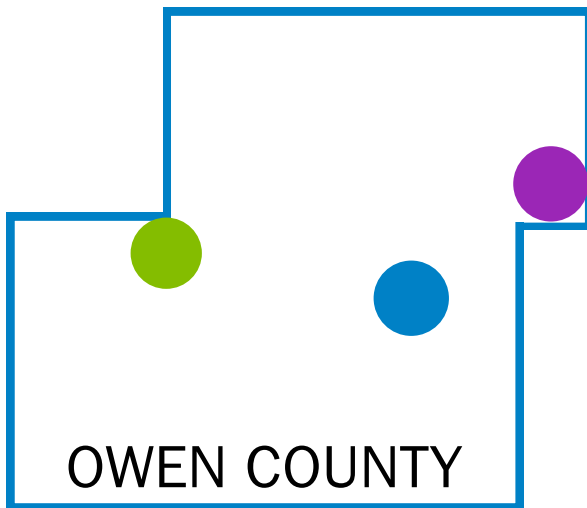
# NONPROFIT OF THE YEAR

The Owen County Club was honored to have been named the 2025 Non-Profit of the Year by the Owen County Chamber of Commerce. This recognition reflects the dedication of our staff, volunteers, Board Members, and—most importantly—the young people we serve. This honor underscores our commitment to making a measurable, positive difference in the lives of local youth in Owen County and beyond. The photo to the right is the Owen County staff receiving the award.



# SCHOOL SITE EXPANSIONS

-  **Owen County Club - Spencer, IN**
-  **Patrickburg Elementary Site - Patrickburg, IN**
-  **Gosport Elementary Site - Gosport, IN**



When we opened the Owen County Club in May 2024, the goal was to serve kids and families across the county, especially those who needed us most even in the most rural areas. In partnership with Spencer-Owen Community School Corporation (SOCS), transportation was provided from Spencer and McCormick’s Creek Elementary Schools to our main location at La Campagne. To reach additional students for whom transportation was not feasible, the Club worked with SOCS to open an on-site Boys & Girls Club location at Gosport Elementary in September 2024. Now in its second year, the Gosport site serves an average of 30 members per day through after-school programming. When school began in August 2025, after-school programming also launched at Patrickburg Elementary, serving an average of 20 members per day.

“THE PROGRAM HAS BEEN A TREMENDOUS BLESSING FOR OUR STUDENTS AND FAMILIES PROVIDING MUCH NEEDED AFTER SCHOOL CARE FOR THE KIDS. STUDENTS LOVE THE BOYS & GIRLS CLUB ACTIVITIES AND PARENTS LOVE THE CONVENIENCE OF HAVING IT RIGHT AT THE SCHOOL.”

**CAROL L. WATSON, PRINCIPAL, GOSPORT ELEMENTARY**

# LINCOLN STREET



## MIXING IT UP

In 2025, the Lincoln Street Club strengthened its commitment to the Boys & Girls Club mission by creating intentional opportunities for young people from across our community to connect, learn, and grow together. Serving youth from 17 different schools, the Club is uniquely positioned to bring together children who may not otherwise meet, creating meaningful connections across neighborhoods, backgrounds, and life experiences.

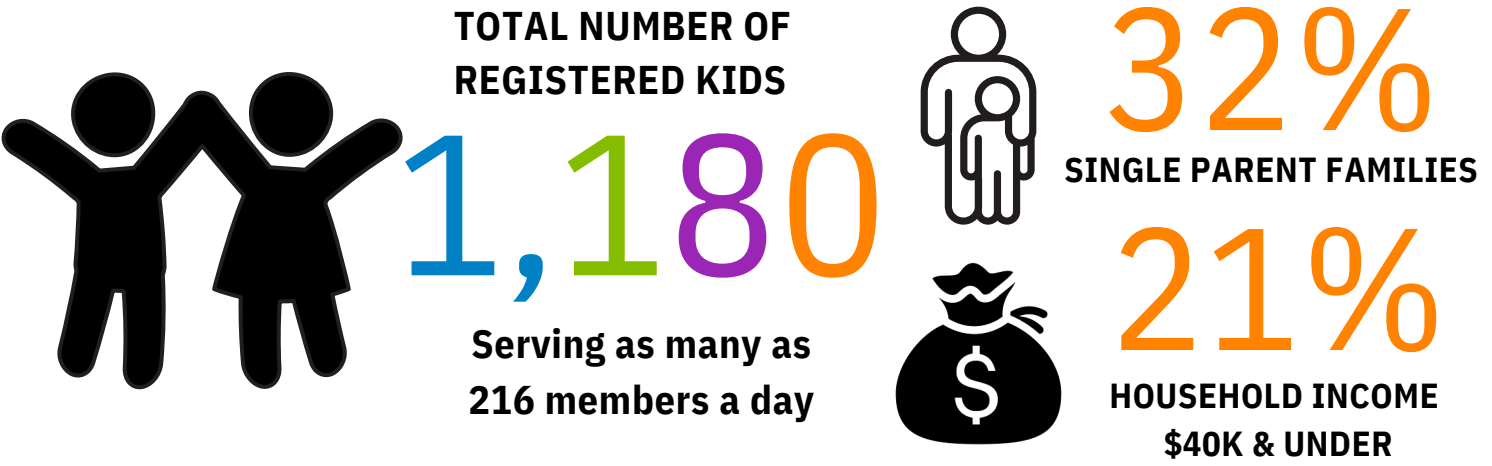
The launch of a mixed-age homeroom model further deepened this impact by fostering belonging, leadership, and positive peer relationships. Older members are encouraged to step into mentorship roles, while younger members benefit from guidance, encouragement, and positive role models. These relationships help build confidence, empathy, and a sense of responsibility toward others.

This approach reflects what the Boys & Girls Club does best: creating environments where young people feel seen, supported, and valued. By intentionally bringing together youth from different schools and age groups, the Club expands perspectives and helps young people develop the social and emotional skills needed to become caring, productive, and responsible citizens.

Looking ahead to 2026, the Lincoln Street Club remains focused on deepening these connections and strengthening partnerships with families, schools, and community partners to ensure every young person, especially those who need us most, has access to a safe, supportive place to belong and thrive.



## LINCOLN STREET BY THE NUMBERS



# FERGUSON CRESTMONT



## CREATING CONNECTION

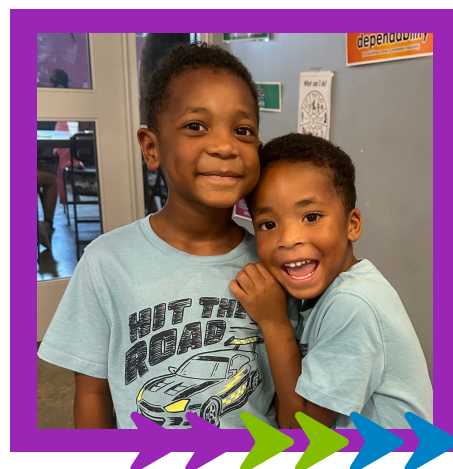
In March 2025, Boys & Girls Club of Bloomington (BGCB) sites administered the Boys & Girls Clubs of America National Youth Outcomes Initiative (NYOI) survey to members ages nine and older. This anonymous, nationally standardized survey captures youth perceptions of their Club experience and guides continuous improvement efforts. Across BGCB sites, staff implement systems and structures to ensure members feel safe, supported, and engaged.

The NYOI survey measures youth perceptions across five core areas: Safety, Academic Success, Healthy Lifestyles, Social and Emotional Development, and Overall Club Experience. For the second consecutive year, BGCB's results exceeded the national average, reflecting continued growth and progress across programs and sites. At the Steve & Connie Ferguson Crestmont Club, 2025 initiatives focused on strengthening consistent, positive relationships between staff and members. Staff were assigned to the same homerooms each day, allowing trust and familiarity to develop and enabling staff to better understand individual members and provide responsive, relationship-centered support.

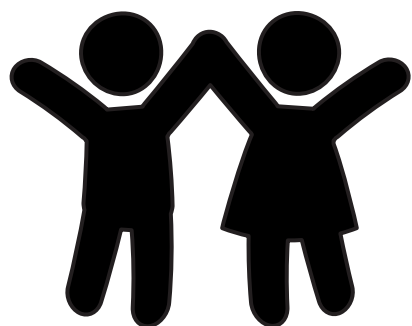
This work is led by Unit Director LaTonya Benson, whose approach to youth development emphasizes consistency, high expectations, and building trusting relationships. While leading the Ferguson Crestmont Unit, LaTonya has also been her son Kahlil Benson's biggest fan, cheering him on as a standout athlete on Indiana University's undefeated Hoosier football team, which made history by winning the National Championship. The Benson family's commitment to community is a true family affair: Kahlil and the team have visited the Club to pass out toys and turkeys at Thanksgiving, connect with members, and serve as mentors, bringing the same spirit of teamwork, encouragement, and leadership from the field into the lives of local youth.

Under LaTonya's leadership, the Unit prioritized creating a culture of belonging, encouragement, and youth voice. Members are invited to share feedback, help shape activities, and take ownership of their Club experience. Over time, youth increasingly asked to extend their time at the Club, and some were reluctant to leave at the end of the day. Enrollment and participation in after-school programming grew steadily, with average daily attendance increasing from 81–93 prior to summer programming to 94–104.

Located in a part of the community where many families rely on the Club as a stable, consistent resource, the Ferguson Crestmont Club plays a critical role in ensuring youth feel supported, valued, and empowered. Through LaTonya's leadership and the dedication of her team, the Club remains a place where young people build resilience, develop confidence, and grow into caring, productive, and responsible citizens.



## FERGUSON CRESTMONT BY THE NUMBERS



**TOTAL NUMBER OF  
REGISTERED KIDS**

**404**

**Serving as many as  
114 members a day**



**64%**

**SINGLE PARENT FAMILIES**



**42%**

**HOUSEHOLD INCOME  
\$40K & UNDER**





# ELLETTSVILLE



## A NEW ERA OF GROWTH

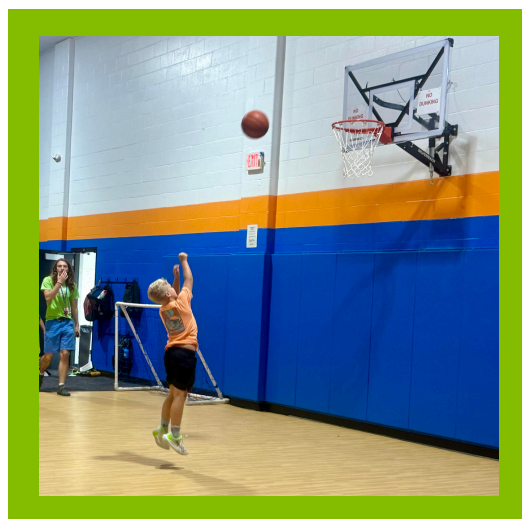
Ellettsville Boys & Girls Club has entered a transformative period of growth, becoming a more vital resource for local families than ever before. Our after-school programming has seen a surge in energy and participation, with upwards of 266 members attending in a single afternoon, more kids than ever before. Even during the summer months, the Club remained a hub of activity, demonstrating that our commitment to providing a safe, engaging environment resonates year-round.

This growth has been supported by remarkable community partners and advocates. Glenn Harris of Harris Services generously helped renovate the gym, creating a space where members can engage in structured sports and high-energy activities. Grant funding from the Lilly Foundation made it possible to complete necessary updates throughout the facility, ensuring a modern, welcoming environment. Curry Auto contributed by purchasing a new bus, significantly increasing our transportation capacity and enabling more youth to safely travel from school to the Club. Additionally, Shelli Yoder played a pivotal role in securing a long-term lease with the Richland-Bean Blossom School Corporation, ensuring the Club has a stable home for years to come.

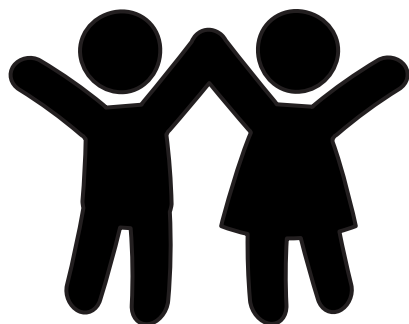
The synergy between these community contributions, our upgraded facilities, and our growing membership underscores a bright future for the Ellettsville Club. With the support of dedicated partners, the Club is more equipped than ever to fulfill its mission.



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUB**  
OF ELLETTSVILLE



## ELLETTSVILLE BY THE NUMBERS



**TOTAL NUMBER OF  
REGISTERED KIDS**

**586**

**Serving as many as  
266 members a day**



**35%**

**SINGLE PARENT FAMILIES**



**19%**

**HOUSEHOLD INCOME  
\$40K & UNDER**



# CAMP ROCK



## WHAT CAMPERS ARE SAYING

**98%** of campers said they made at least one new friend at Camp Rock this summer.

**100%** of campers said they tried something they had never done before at Camp Rock this summer.

**99%** of campers said they felt safe at Camp Rock this summer.

**100%** of campers said it is true that they had fun at Camp Rock this summer.

**97%** of campers said they want to come back to Camp Rock next summer!

96

CAMPERS SERVED  
EACH DAY

70%

OF CAMP ROCK STAFF WERE  
RETURNING STAFF MEMBERS OR  
FORMER CAMPERS

304

TOTAL CAMPERS SERVED  
DURING SUMMER 2025

## 2025 CAMPER QUOTES

"Camp Rock helped me to helped me control my emotions."

"Camp Rock helped me to realize I could try new things."

"My favorite part of Camp Rock is literally just everything. It's something I look forward to all year and miss the second I leave."

"My favorite part of Camp Rock is the best counselors, people and the atmosphere!"

"Camp Rock is helped me to interact with other people who are different from me!"

## CAMP ROCK EXPANSION

In August of 2025, we broke ground on the new Lee & Annie Marchant Cabin at Camp Rock. This building will replace a current building that has been on the property since the 1960s. The extra indoor space will allow for 50 more campers to join Camp Rock weekly making for 500 more campers yearly, starting in the summer of 2027.

Camp Rock is such a special program for our organization and we are thrilled at the opportunity to have more campers experience summer on the lake.



Members of The Building Association of South Central Indiana, Annie Marchant and Boys & Girls Club staff break ground on The Lee & Annie Marchant Cabin.





# SUMMER LEARNING LABS



2025 marked an important summer for The Boys & Girls Clubs of Bloomington: We started our Summer Learning Labs programs! This program was launched by The Mind Trust and United Way of Central Indiana to combat COVID learning loss and funded by Indiana Department of Education.

Summer Learning Labs are a fun, high-quality academic enrichment program designed to support student growth, prevent summer learning loss, and keep students on track for the upcoming school year.

Summer Learning Labs ran for 5 weeks (June 16-July 18) in the summer of 2025 at the Ellettsville, Ferguson Crestmont and Owen County locations. Summer Learning Labs provided FREE programming for all attending members from 7:30 am - 6:00 pm daily.

Summer Learning Labs were held each morning over those 5 weeks and were led by local, certified teachers.

On an average day, members arrived between 7:30 and 9:00 am for breakfast and some free fun time! They then reported to their homerooms and began with a welcome activity with their teachers. All classes read books aloud, worked on phonics, and transitioned to math. Members had plenty of breaks and times for recess.

After lunch at 12:00 pm, members then had the option to join a variety of special programs for the remainder of the day. Afternoon programming consisted of all the usual things that the Boys & Girls Club has to offer during summer programming: field trips, weekly trips to the pool, and plenty of sunshine!



**BGC**

**SUMMER  
LEARNING LABS**

**1,000+**

**HOURS OF ACADEMIC  
ENRICHMENT PROVIDED  
TO MEMBERS THIS  
SUMMER**

**\$133,500**

**SAVED BY CLUB FAMILIES  
THROUGH FREE SUMMER  
LEARNING LAB PROGRAMS**

**267**

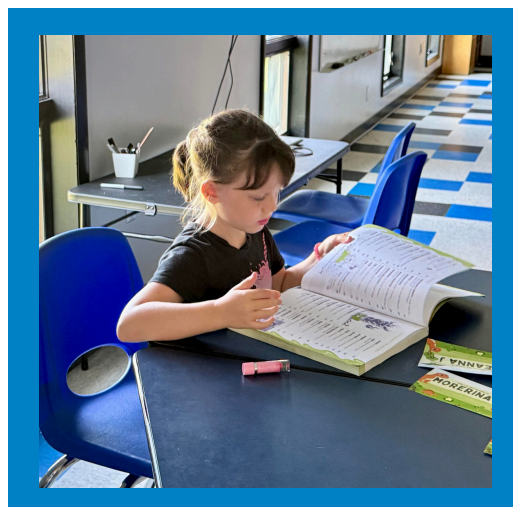
**MEMBERS PARTICIPATED**

**20.8%**

**GROWTH IN ENGLISH-  
LANGUAGE ARTS**

**12.6%**

**GROWTH IN MATH**





# 2025 YOUTH OF THE YEAR



For more than 75 years, the **Youth of the Year** program has honored and celebrated the nation's most inspiring teens and their incredible journeys within The Boys & Girls Clubs of America. Stories of outstanding leadership, service, academic excellence and dedication to living a healthy lifestyle have made Youth of the Year America's premier leadership and recognition program for teens. These amazing young people represent the voice and spirit of hope for America. Inspiring all kids to lead. To succeed. To inspire.

Each year, one exceptional Club member is selected to be an ambassador for Boys & Girls Clubs of Bloomington to represent the organization at the state level. In 2025, **Ariana** was chosen as our representative!



Ariana Ortiz, The Boys & Girls Clubs of Bloomington Youth of The Year representative placed 5<sup>th</sup> in the state of Indiana.

Ariana is 15 years old and attends the Ellettsville Club! She says her favorite thing about The Club is **"being able to have the opportunity to connect on different levels with people and learn things about them that may be different than you and your thoughts."** She has learned from Youth Of The Year that **"no matter what you're talking about there are always going to be supporters and no judgement and people who will be there for you after opening up about your life."**

In April, Ariana went to the Indiana Youth Of The Year competition in Indianapolis. For the first time in organization history, she scored TOP 5 in the state! Ariana received a scholarship for her future education and The Boys & Girls Clubs of Bloomington was so proud to have her as our Youth Of The Year Candidate!



Ariana receiving the award for 5<sup>th</sup> place in the state of Indiana



Ariana speaking at our Eat, Thank, Love event in February 2025



Ariana attending the Indiana Youth of The Year Competition in Indianapolis, Indiana



# 2025 ANNUAL AWARDS



Each April, our Club locations celebrate and recognize members and staff that have gone above and beyond throughout the school year. Recognition is one of the Five Key Elements of Positive Youth Development, and we try to recognize our members in as many ways as possible. Members are voted for by staff at their Club for a variety of awards relating to Academic Success, Healthy Lifestyles, Access to The Arts, and Character & Leadership! We also honored our Youth of the Year candidates, staff and volunteers that have gone above and beyond, and some special staff members. Winners' families are invited to join us in celebrating and decorations and dinner is provided by the Ladies' Auxiliary To The Boys & Girls Clubs of Bloomington.

## **LINDSEY O'BRIEN KESLING MEMORIAL PERFORMING ARTS SCHOLARSHIP**

This award and scholarship is given in memory of Lindsey Kesling for the boy and girl who embody the spirit of joy in performing arts that Lindsey displayed throughout her life. These members will attend performing arts camp or classes to further their passion.

**WINNER:**  
• **JUSTICE HALE**

## **THE BARBARA AND PETE DUNN PERFORMING ARTS AWARD**

This award is given to a Club member who has confidently participated in a performance and should be recognized for outstanding effort.

**WINNERS:**  
• **ANNE PAPPAS**  
• **VANCELLETTA KIGER**  
• **BROOKLYNN ELLIOTT**

## **HOWARD YOUNG AWARD**

This is given in honor of the Club's founder and first President, Howard Young, to a member who has displayed a marked increase in participation in different club activities throughout the year.

**WINNERS:**  
• **JESSICA NGUYEN**  
• **LAREINA WILLIS**  
• **CHANDLER HILLENBURG**

## **GIVING BACK. THE CARL DEAL JR. AWARD**

An award for the young man in the Club who participates in learning, engages in the Club, and always demonstrates his abilities to give back to others.

**WINNERS:**  
• **ELI KINSER**  
• **WILLIAM LYNCH**

## **BOB HARMAN EDUCATION AWARD**

This award is given in memory of the Club's first social worker, Bob Harman, to the member who displays the values of daily hard work and persistence in the Club's tutoring and homework programs.

**WINNERS:**  
• **MIAH TILLEY**  
• **KENNEDY MOBELY**  
• **BRANTLEY HAWKINS**

## **BUSHEY MEMORIAL AWARD**

This award is for the male member who actively participates in our sports program and combines athleticism and sportsmanship to be a true leader to other Club members.

**WINNERS:**  
• **CAMDEN POSEY**  
• **DAMION EBRAHIM**  
• **MASON LUTZ**

## **GINGER RINK MEMORIAL SPORTS ATTITUDE AWARD**

An award given in memory of Ginger Rink for the girl member who embodies the spirit of the sportsmanship that Ginger displayed throughout her life in the Club.

**WINNERS:**  
• **KARIANNA HOGUE**  
• **JOVI WATERFORD**  
• **AVALYN HINES**

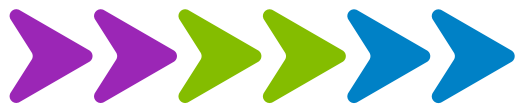
## **STAFF OF THE YEAR AWARD**

This award is given to a staff member who goes above and beyond for not only our members, but the organization as well.

**WINNERS:**  
• **ARINA TROTTER**  
• **TAYLOR TROWBRIDGE**  
• **GIANNA RUSSO**



# COMMUNITY EVENTS



**Community Events** at the Club are FREE to participate in and open to ANYONE who wants to join. They are made possible by sponsors and donors. The Club's mission is to empower ALL youth—and community outreach events allow the Club to extend high-quality programming to youth and families who don't engage in regular out-of-school time programs.



## SPRING FLING

Presented by: *ServiceMASTER*  
Restore

The Spring Fling, a father-figure daughter dance, promotes healthy relationships while providing a moment to create priceless memories. 2025's theme was based off the game of Candyland. The Club provided candy-themed games, activities, a photo booth, karaoke, food, and music and dancing! Over 300 people attended the Spring Fling in 2025!

## HALLOWEEN PARTIES

The Ellettsville, Ferguson Crestmont and Lincoln Street Clubs all host a yearly Community Halloween Party! These events include trunk-or-treats, costume contests, Halloween-themed games, and even haunted rooms created by our teen programs! Our Community Halloween Parties had 525 attendees this year!



## FALL BALL

The Fall Ball is an all-inclusive fall-themed dance that is open to anyone in the community and to families of all shapes and sizes. We wanted to create an event that is open to everyone to dance, create cool fall crafts, and participate in an evening of family fun! This year, over 100 people attended our western-themed Fall Ball, called "The Fall Ball, Y'all!"

Presented by:



OLD NATIONAL





# THANKSGIVING DINNER

Thanksgiving Dinner is open to all Club families. Garnish Catering generously provided a full Thanksgiving meal for more than 115 people in attendance and volunteers from the community came to serve. The annual BINGO tradition continued. All families got to take home board games, puzzles, and other family activities when they won. Every family left with a game to play together at home!

**Meals Provided by:**



## LEMONADE DAY

In 2025, we engaged over 900 youth entrepreneurs for **Lemonade Day**! The foremost objective of Lemonade Day is to empower youth to take ownership of their lives and become productive members of society – the business leaders, social advocates, volunteers, and forward thinking citizens of tomorrow. Lemonade Day strives to teach youth the importance of “Spend Some, Save Some, and Share Some” - teaching kids what to do with the money they earn. The skills kids learn are fundamental to a sustainable local economy and are the essential skills of entrepreneurship. Kids are introduced to new information about business ownership and operation that could spark an interest in entrepreneurship that could impact the rest of their lives.

This year, our **Entrepreneur of the Year** was awarded to **Nick Ingalsbe with Laughing Walrus Lemonade & Tea**, pictured left! Nick displayed incredible growth with his stand this year, even hosting a tasting poll during his preparation to ensure his lemonade was the best. In addition to lemonade and tea, Nick had an assortment of snack options, the cutest mascot, and he even offered to tell a joke to anyone that tipped! Nick’s enthusiasm was contagious, and we can’t wait to see what he comes up with in 2026.



**Presented by:**



# FUNDRAISING EVENTS



Fundraising events are a great way to support Club kids and be inspired by leaders in our community who share their stories. More than 1,000 people attended our fundraisers in 2025 - donating over half of a million dollars to Club kids! Generous corporate donors sponsor tables, local businesses donate food and beverages as well as in-kind items for live auctions and prizes.



The SMART Girls, STRONG Women event is a signature annual gathering that celebrates and invests in the potential of girls served by the Boys & Girls Clubs of Bloomington. SMART Girls is a research-based program of Boys & Girls Clubs of America that supports girls ages 8–18 through health education, confidence-building, positive relationships, and leadership development. Through mentoring and safe, supportive spaces, girls build the skills and self-belief needed to grow into strong, capable leaders.



Keynote Speaker, Vera Jones

This year's event brought together community leaders, partners, and supporters at the Steve & Connie Ferguson Crestmont Club for an inspiring evening focused on empowerment and impact. The program was emceed by **Sherry Dunbar-Kruzan**, a respected community leader and mentor whose commitment to youth development set a powerful tone for the night.



LaTonya Benson receiving the 2025 Ann St. John STRONG Woman Award from Jane St. John & Leslie Abshier.

Keynote speaker **Vera Jones**, an award-winning broadcaster, motivational speaker, and proud Boys & Girls Clubs alumna & hall-of-famer, delivered a compelling message on mentorship, perseverance, and the shared responsibility to lift up the next generation of girls. Her authenticity and storytelling deeply resonated with attendees.

A meaningful highlight of the evening was the presentation of the Ann St. John STRONG Woman Award, recognizing a Club staff member who exemplifies leadership and service. This year's recipient, **LaTonya Benson**, was honored for her lasting impact on Club members, families, and staff.

Thanks to an extraordinary show of community support, the event raised \$107,000 to benefit girls and youth across four Club

locations, made possible in large part through an engaging live auction led by longtime supporter and master auctioneer Paul Wyman. We are deeply grateful to the donors, sponsors, volunteers, and partners who made this night possible.





2025 Emcee Mark Deal



Moderator Don Fisher &  
Featured Speaker Curt Cignetti



Cal Kinman, receiving the 2025 Boys  
To Men Leadership Award



Auctioneer Paul Wyman

The **Boys to Men** event is a signature annual gathering that celebrates and strengthens young men served by the Boys & Girls Clubs of Bloomington. The program emphasizes mentorship, character development, leadership skills, and positive role models, helping boys build confidence, accountability, and a strong sense of purpose.

One of the most memorable moments was welcoming undefeated Indiana University Head Football **Coach Curt Cignetti**, who led his team to a perfect 16–0 season and a **National Football Championship**. His message of discipline, perseverance, and teamwork resonated with both Club members and supporters. The evening was emceed by the **Voice of the Hoosiers, Don Fischer**, whose connection to Indiana athletics brought energy and authenticity to the program.

The evening also included the presentation of the Boys to Men Leadership Award to **Cal Richard Kinman**, Teen Director at the Ellettsville Club. Cal was recognized for his unwavering commitment to mentoring teens, fostering leadership and character, and creating an empowering environment where young people are encouraged to dream big.

The fundraising highlight featured a live auction led by auctioneer Paul Wyman, paired with a moving Fund-a-Need moment that invited guests to sponsor a Club member at the true annual cost of \$750. Thanks to this generosity, the event raised \$250,000.



We are especially grateful this year for Ken Nunn's legacy; **Ken Nunn** seen here raising his paddle for the Boys to Men event passed away peacefully on Christmas Eve, December 24, 2025, surrounded by his family. Ken's life was defined by his commitment to serving others and giving back to the community. He was known not only as a respected attorney and philanthropist but also as someone who made a point of supporting local causes, especially the Boys & Girls Club. His generosity, leadership, and dedication to helping families in Bloomington and beyond will be remembered by all who knew him.



# 100 COOKS WHO CARE

100 Cooks Who Care is an annual event organized by Old National Bank. It gathers 100 of Bloomington's most notable people to retreat into their respective kitchens to concoct their favorite dish. After a careful and loving preparation, the chefs creatively decorate their serving station and don their favorite costume in an effort to entice the crowd of friends, family, and fellow community members to take a nibble of their specialty cuisine.



2025's theme was TV Series! Our staff and board members dressed as their favorite TV characters and created dishes based off of their choice. Four of our staff members and five of our board members participated in the event, which benefitted The Boys & Girls Clubs of Bloomington and Big Brothers Big Sisters of South Central Indiana. \$218,000 was raised at this year's event!



Our CEO Leslie Abshier and VP of Finance & Administration Matt Gargiulo dressed as Schitt's Creek characters at this year's event



Participating board members pose for a photo together



Past CEO Jeff Baldwin dressed as a Sesame Street character to fundraise for 100 Cooks Who Care

## CLUB HEROES GOLF MARATHON

At Rolling Meadows Golf Course, 18 dedicated players took to the course to support the Ellettsville Club, where an average of 250 kids come every day to learn, play, and grow. Thanks to their energy, teamwork, and commitment, these golfers are helping provide programs, mentorship, and opportunities that truly transform the lives of local youth. A huge thank you to everyone who cheered them on and supported the kids they play for!



Ellettsville Club staff & members pose at this year's Club Heroes Golf Marathon

# ONE LOVE EVENT



Terry & Sunshine Eads speak to the crowd during the 2025 One Love Event

On Saturday, August 23, we celebrated the second annual One Love Event, a gathering that embodies unity, inclusion, dignity, and care for every child the Boys & Girls Clubs of Bloomington serve. The One Love Fund ensures that Club youth have access to urgent needs such as clothing, shoes, school supplies, and hygiene items, while also supporting scholarships for alumni pursuing education or entering the workforce.

Thanks to the generosity of our community, this year's event raised \$34,539 for the One Love Needs & Scholarship Fund, directly impacting the lives of Club members in meaningful and personal ways. These contributions provide vital resources that help youth thrive both inside and outside the Club.

We are especially grateful to Terry Eads and her family for making this event possible and for their continued dedication to the mission of the Boys & Girls Clubs. Their leadership and support help ensure that every child feels valued, cared for, and empowered to reach their full potential.

## COOKS FOR KIDS

We are thrilled to introduce Owen County Cooks for Kids, our first annual fundraising event where local community members stepped into the role of “chef” for an unforgettable evening in support of the Owen County Club. Inaugurating the theme Chef’s World Tour, participants brought their creativity, musical inspiration, and enthusiasm to the kitchen, all for the kids in our community.

This lively and heartwarming event was not about culinary perfection, but about joy, teamwork, and the impact of supporting local youth. Thanks to the dedication of our chefs, the evening raised \$34,370 to provide programs, mentorship, and opportunities for Owen County Club members.

- Top Chef: Boston Scientific Corp
- Top Appetizer: Sally Burks-Elmore
- Top Main Dish: Darin’s Team
- Top Soup/Salad: Team HeeHaw
- Top Side Dish: Cook Medical
- Top Dessert: Angie’s Team
- Spirit Award: Bill Browne’s Fleetwood Mac



Brandi Hamilton, our Owen County Community Director and CEO Leslie Abshier getting groovy



Chefs passing out their music-themed dishes to event guests

# CORPORATE PARTNERS



The Boys & Girls Clubs of Bloomington would like to extend a sincere **THANK YOU** to our 2025 Corporate and Civic Partners. The generosity of corporate and community donors helps us close the financial gap that exists in providing services to the community's youth who need us most.

## HERO PARTNERS (\$10,000+)



Glenn & Mary Miller Foundation  
Don Cowden Foundation  
Petro Family Foundation  
Kelley Association of Women MBA's





# CHAMPION PARTNERS (\$5,000 - \$9,999)



Solution Tree



Lindsey O'Brien Kesling  
Wishing Tree Foundation



Rogers Group Investments, Inc.



# MENTOR PARTNERS (\$2,500 - \$4,999)

Babbs Supermarket | Baird | Bloomington Urban Enterprise Association  
Bluestone Tree | Duke Energy | Dr. Ryan Prall | Elmore Companies  
Exchange Club Spencer | Gayle & Bill Cook Center for Entrepreneurship  
German American Bank | Harrell-Fish, Inc. | IU Credit Union | Jahnke  
Jiffy Treet | Markey's Rental & Staging | Meineke of Bloomington | Meineke of Ellettsville  
Monroe County Government | MPI Solar | Raising Cane's | RBB Family Store  
Richard's Small Engine | Sherwin Williams | The Funeral Chapel | The Peoples State Bank  
Town & Country Veterinary Clinic | Vanhorn Tint & Accessories



# A LASTING LEGACY



## ALUMNI & FRIENDS CLUB

In 2026, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Bloomington will celebrate a major milestone—our 70th anniversary. Since 1956, thousands of young people, families, staff, volunteers, and community supporters have experienced opportunity, guidance, and belonging within our doors. This milestone year is not only a time to honor our past but also a moment to look forward with excitement to the next 70 years of inspiring great futures.

As part of this celebration, we invite you to join or renew your membership in the Alumni & Friends Club. The mission of the Club is to provide a meaningful way for alumni and friends to come together as goodwill ambassadors while supporting the Club through fundraising, engagement, and volunteer activities. Membership is open to all former members, parents, staff, volunteers, board members, and supporters—anyone with a connection to the Club.

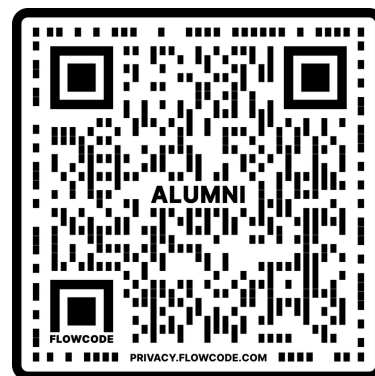
Joining the Alumni & Friends Club allows you to remember the Club’s enduring legacy, reconnect with fellow alumni and friends, and re-engage with programs that serve more than 3,000 local youth each year. Members symbolically “pass the torch” to the next generation by giving back, sharing their stories, and serving as role models for current Club members.

Your support ensures the sustainable future of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Bloomington. Together, we can honor the past, celebrate the present, and build brighter futures for the next 70 years.

**Are you a Club Alumni (past member) that would like to share your story about your Club experience? Reach out to Darcie Casey, [dcasey@bgcbloomington.org](mailto:dcasey@bgcbloomington.org) to share your story!**



**REMEMBER.  
RECONNECT.  
RE-ENGAGE.**



**SCAN HERE TO  
JOIN THE  
ALUMNI & FRIENDS CLUB!**



# HERITAGE CLUB



The Heritage Club honors those who believe the impact of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Bloomington should endure for generations. By including the Club in an estate plan, Heritage Club members make a lasting statement about the values they care about most and the future they want to help shape. Today, 64 members are recognized on our Legacy Wall, each representing a meaningful commitment to kids in our community who need us most. As we celebrate our 70th year, we are inspired to grow that number to 70 members, honoring both our history and our future. Legacy gifts can take many forms, including bequests through a will or trust, and supporters are encouraged to work with their financial or legal advisors when considering their plans. By joining the Heritage Club, you ensure the mission you care about today continues to change lives for decades to come.

ARE WE IN YOUR WILL? PLEASE LET US KNOW SO  
WE CAN ADD YOU TO THE HERITAGE CLUB!

## HERITAGE CLUB MEMBERS:

Anonymous  
Abby Christine Hardin  
Amy Cope  
Amy Marie Fisher  
Anthony William Andersson  
Art & Wilma Hill  
Audra Alyce Lampkins  
Bob & Kathy Cummins  
Brandy Faith Hobbs-Parkinson  
Carissa Lynn Carman  
Charles David Morris  
Chelsie Michelle Parker  
Chris & Leslie Abshier  
Christopher Jon Emge  
Daniel Thomas Harman  
Damaris Gonzalez Rodriguez  
David & Misti Hays

Dianne May  
Elwood Richard  
Erik Stetson Parker  
Frank Burleigh  
Garth Goodlett  
Glenn & Beth Harris  
Haley Whitley  
Hapeesh Rajpal  
James Anthony Kennedy  
James & Joan Ferguson  
Charles & Jamie Morris  
Jay Sharda  
Jean Langbak  
Jeff & Nancy Baldwin  
Jim & Debby Dalfanso  
Joan & Marvin Carmack  
Joanna Lynn Anderson  
John & Eva Buffaloe  
John & Jean Donatiello

John & Joyce Poling  
Joshua Stortzum  
Kelly King  
Kelsey Townsend  
Kelsie Renee Shields  
Kimberly Ann Bates  
Kristin Michelle Litten  
Lacey Jaye Loschen  
Linda S. Howard  
Logan Andrew Smith  
Marley Nimarly Lopez Japa  
Maryellen Ruth May  
Megan Anne Kenna  
Megan Lee Moore  
Michael May & Ann St. John  
Mollie Kaserman  
P. Stewart Holmquest  
Paige Andersson  
Rachel Cartwright

Rebecca Morrow  
Rick & Lisa Weidenbener  
Ron & Carol Remak  
Sally & Tom Amstutz  
Sarah Beth Kenny  
Sarah Sanders  
Sheel Chopra  
Shelby Savannah-Lee Spires  
Steve & Beth Holbrook  
Terry & Jack Eads  
Tim & JoEllen Baldwin  
Tim & Cheri DeBruicker


**THANK YOU FOR  
LEAVING YOUR LEGACY  
WITH THE BOYS &  
GIRLS CLUBS  
OF BLOOMINGTON!**



# GENEREROUS DONORS



The most significant source of funding for the Boys & Girls Clubs of Bloomington is individual donations. YOU stepped up in BIG ways! Indicated below are key statistics that represent our 2025 donor base. Thank you for your generous support...**we cannot succeed without YOU!**



1,375

INDIVIDUAL DONORS

76%

WERE LOCAL DONORS

577

NEW DONORS

258

IN-KIND DONATIONS

\$1,186,788

DONATED BY INDIVIDUALS

156

KIDS ASSISTED WITH HOLIDAY GIFTS



173

COATS DONATED TO MEMBERS IN NEED

775

COMMUNITY MEMBERS HAVE DONATED 5 YEARS OR MORE



771

TOYS DONATED BY THE INDIANA PACERS





Ashley Wesley, Executive Assistant, at the Barbie Convention

## BARBIE CONVENTION

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Bloomington was selected to be the beneficiary of the National Barbie Doll Collectors Convention Annual Silent Auction. Nominated by past Auxiliary member Lori Miller and selected by Mattel, we were honored to receive the proceeds from the auction of many artists' hard work on their one-of-a-kind Barbie creations. The auction raised \$47,830 that will support Club programming.

## STRAWBERRY SHORTCAKE FESTIVAL & 5K

Each year, the The Auxiliary to the Boys & Girls Clubs of Bloomington hosts the Strawberry Spectacular--a combination of the annual Strawberry Shortcake Festival and the Strawberry Shortcake 5K with all proceeds benefitting The Boys & Girls Clubs of Bloomington. In 2025, teens from the Lincoln Street and Crestmont Clubs helped serve more than 4,000 shortcakes and sell 340 kits, 900 hot dogs, and 80 gluten-free shortcakes, generating \$70,000 in support and the 5K drew in 418 participants and doubled revenue from 2024.



Club staff & Auxiliary members at the Strawberry Shortcake Festival



Coach DeVries at the Andrew Davis event.

## ANDREW DAVIS & IU BASKETBALL

On Wednesday, October 29th, Coach Darian DeVries, his wife Ashley, and members of the IU Basketball team were at Andrew Davis Clothiers for a fundraiser for Boys & Girls Clubs of Bloomington! They were present for a meet & greet, photos, and Q&A. This year Andy Mallor and his team helped the Club raise the event's highest total ever - \$40,000 to sponsor 53 children!

## HOLIDAY MARKET

The Ferguson Crestmont Club Holiday Market happens each December & is put on by The Auxiliary to the Boys & Girls Clubs of Bloomington. This event allows members to get to shop for gifts for their families & friends at no cost to them! Gifts are wrapped on site & sent home with them to be gifted! Even Santa himself was around to help make important gift decisions! Thank you to everyone that donated to make our market successful!



Santa helping one of our shoppers



Bikes ready to be claimed at the Bike Giveaway

## KEN NUNN BIKE GIVEAWAY

Every year, for the past for 15 years, the wonderful Ken Nunn has purchased a bike for every single kid in need of a bicycle! On bike giveaway night, families join us in surprising their members with brand new bikes! Ken Nunn & Lee Chapman, thank you for creating wonderful memories for our members, for the holidays and beyond! Thanks to Vicky Nunn, members of Ken's family and staff of Ken Nunn Law Office for attending.

# GRANT FUNDERS



The Club received critical financial support from various **Grant Funders** last year. All grant funding received by the Club is competitive funding that the Club applies to receive. This support provided Club staff in 2025 with the needed resources to better serve the youth of our community. Grants to the Club come from the local community through businesses and foundations. They also come from local, state, and federal government sources. Finally, some grant funding comes from national sources.

Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield  
BGCA Anonymous Donor Childcare Grant  
BGCA (passthrough DOJ - OJP) - OJJDP Grant  
BGCA Safety Improvements Grant  
Blue Cross Blue Shield BGCA - SED Grant  
Bloomington Garden Club  
CenterPoint Energy  
City of Bloomington - Digital Equity Grant  
City of Bloomington - Community Development Block Grant  
City of Bloomington - Jack Hopkins Social Services Grant  
City of Bloomington - Sophia Travis Community Service Grant  
City of Bloomington (Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Commission) - Local Motion Grant  
City of Bloomington - Solar Energy Efficiency Lighting Grant  
Dollar General Youth Literacy  
Easton Foundation Archery Grant  
Glenn & Mary Miller Foundation  
Indiana Alliance of Boys & Girls Clubs - Indiana Kids  
Indiana Department of Education - 21 CCLC  
Indiana Department of Education - Summer Learning Labs (BGCNC passthrough)  
Indiana University Auditorium - Give the Magic Grant  
Indiana Youth Institute  
Lilly Scholars - Lead Forward Community Grant  
Michael Phelps Foundation  
Owen County Community Foundation  
Perry Township  
Psi Iota Xi Philanthropic Sorority  
Smithville Charitable Foundation  
Tri Kappa  
United Way of South Central Indiana  
Unity Foundation - LOK PAP  
Walmart - Spark Good Grant



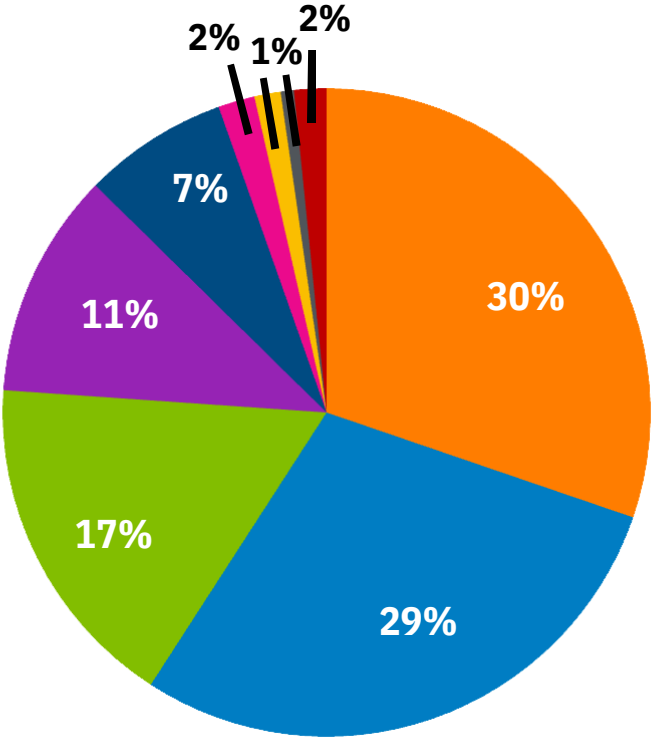
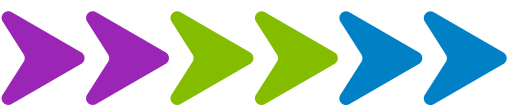
## \$1,186,788

**RECEIVED FROM GRANT  
FUNDERS IN 2025**





# 2025 FINANCIALS



## OPERATING INCOME

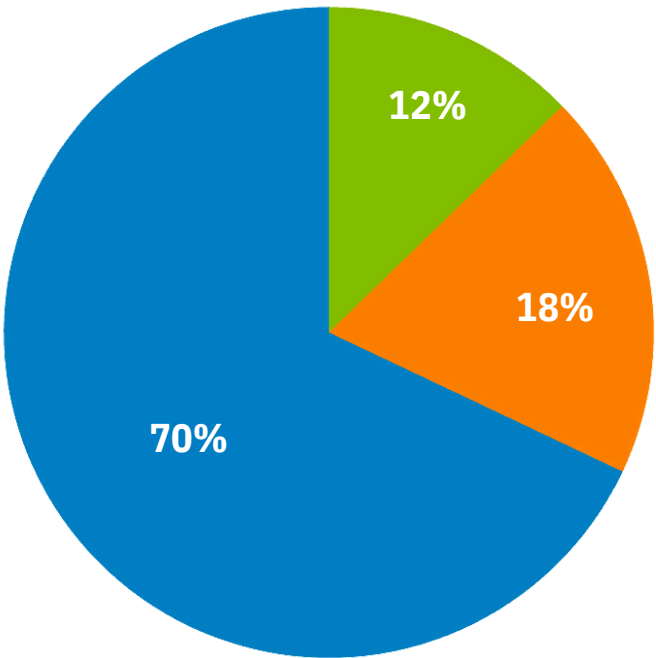
\$1,242,608	INDIVIDUAL DONATIONS
\$1,186,788	GRANT FUNDING
\$697,094	SPECIAL EVENTS
\$462,536	MEMBERSHIP & CAMP FEES
\$297,289	CORPORATE DONATIONS
\$53,892	FACILITY RENTAL FEES
\$75,000	AUXILIARY FUNDING
\$27,133	UNITED WAY FUNDING
\$66,151	OTHER

**\$4,108,491 TOTAL INCOME**

## OPERATING EXPENSES

\$2,849,894	YOUTH PROGRAMS & SERVICES
\$750,519	MANAGEMENT & GENERAL OPERATIONS
\$475,233	FUNDRAISING

**\$4,055,647 TOTAL EXPENSES**



# COMMUNITY PARTNERS



In 2025, Club kids benefitted from the support of several **Community Partners** who generously gave their time, expertise, and staff to ensure members at the Club reached their full potential.

A180 Degrees Consulting  
Alpha Phi Omega  
Alpha Xi Delta  
Anthem  
Auxiliary to the Boys &  
Girls Clubs of Bloomington  
Baked!  
BHSN Athletics  
BHSN Student Athletic Board  
BHSS National Honor Society  
Big Brothers Big Sisters of SCI  
BJs Brewhouse  
Black Student Union  
Bloomington After School Network  
Bloomington Community Orchard  
Bloomington Fire Department  
Bloomington Housing Authority  
Bloomington Parks and Recreation  
Bloomington Police Department  
Bloomington Sunrise Rotary  
Bloomingtons  
Boston Scientific Corporation  
Boy Scouts of America (Hoosier Trails)  
Boy Scouts of America (Troop 110)  
BSC Hola Group  
BuffaLouie's  
Buskirk Chumley Theater  
Butler Winery  
Catholic Charities  
Chi Phi Fraternity  
Chicago's Pizza of Bloomington  
City Church  
City of Bloomington  
City of Bloomington Parks and Recreation  
City of Bloomington Utilities  
Civic Theater  
Classic Bowling Lanes  
Commercial Services  
Community Kitchen  
Compassion to Action Club  
Constellation Stage and Screen  
Cox Scholars Program  
Cub Scouts  
Cutters Soccer  
Delta Zeta  
Donatiellos  
Ellettsville Fire Department  
Ellettsville Police Department  
Engraving & Stamp Center  
FAR Center for Contemporary Arts  
First Tee Golf  
Forgotten Clefs  
Girl Scouts of Central Indiana  
Go Express Travel Services  
GOAL University  
GRO Skateboarding  
Harp Starts  
Harris Services  
Healing Hands  
Hoosier Heights

Hoosier Hills Food Bank  
Hoosier Ticket Project  
Hoosiers for Good  
Hope Builders  
IHOP  
Indian Student Association  
IU African Women in Leadership Organization  
IU Art Museum  
IU Ballroom Dance  
IU Black Men Evolve  
IU Civic Leaders Center  
IU Cox Scholars  
IU Dance Marathon  
IU Dietetics  
IU Dungeons and Dragons  
IU Football Team  
IU Foundation  
IU HLS  
IU Mindfulness Meditation Club  
IU National Pan Hellenic Council  
IU O'Neill School  
IU Panhellenic  
IU Read to Succeed  
IU Royal Encounters  
IU School of Education— Center for Research and Technology  
IU School of Health & Human Services  
IU School of Medicine  
IU School of Social Work  
IU Serve IT  
IU Service Learner  
IU Service Learning IU Student Athletic Board  
IU Student Academy of Nutrition & Dietetics  
IU Student Athlete Advisory Committee  
IU Teach IT  
IU Work Study  
IUB African Student Association  
Ivy Tech Nursing  
Kappa Eta Phi  
Kappa Kappa Psi  
Ken Nunn  
La Campagne  
Lake Lemon Conservancy District  
Lambda Sigma Upsilon  
Lambda Upsilon Lambda  
Larry Todd Septic Tank Service  
Lee & Barb Chapman  
Lilly Scholar Network  
Lindsey O'Brien Kesling  
Mann Plumbing  
Martin Hollow Farm  
MCCSC Student Resource Officers  
MEDLIFE at IU  
Megan Parmenter  
Middle Way House  
Monroe County Community School Corporation +  
MCCSC Transportation  
Monroe County Public Library  
Mother Hubbard's Cupboard  
MPI Solar

Mu Beta Lambda Business Fraternity, Inc.  
National Society of Black Engineers  
Nonprofit Leadership Alliance  
NSWC Crane  
O'Neil Leadership Program  
Owen County Community Foundation  
Owen County Family YMCA  
Owen Valley High School  
PALS  
Pantry 279  
Pizza X  
Playground Opera  
Project Smile  
Purdue Extension  
Red Cross  
Richland Bean Blossom Community School  
Corporation + RBBCSC Transportation  
Riddle Point Rowing Association  
Rolling Meadows Golf Course  
Rotaract  
Royal Encounters  
SALAAM  
Sherwood Oaks Christian Church  
Sigma Gamma Rho  
Spencer Exchange Club  
Spencer First Church of the Nazarene  
Spencer Lions Club  
Spencer Main Street  
Spencer Owen Community School Corporation &  
SOCS Transportation  
Stone Belt Volunteer  
Students for Equity in Public Affairs  
Sycamore Land Trust  
Terry Eads  
The Mill  
The Project School  
The Warehouse  
The Women's Network IU  
United Way of South Central Indiana  
Upland Brewery  
Upward Basketball  
Victoria Getty  
WFHB Bloomington Community Radio  
Wildcare  
Windfall Dancing  
Wonderlab  
You See Me

...PLUS MORE!



# VALUABLE VOLUNTEERS



**Volunteers** give to Club kids in so many ways. They serve as Board Members, advisors, tutors, mentors, and so much more. Kids need adults who see their potential and care for their futures - our valuable volunteers are those people for Club kids each and every day.

## VOLUNTEERS BY THE NUMBERS

198

YOUTH RECEIVED  
ONE-ON-ONE TUTORING

1,850

HOURS OF TUTORING  
PROVIDED TO YOUTH

1,099

TOTAL VOLUNTEERS  
IN 2025

13,486

HOURS WORKED BY  
VOLUNTEERS IN 2025

\$97,773

SAVED BY VOLUNTEER TIME  
WORKED

## VOLUNTEER AWARDS

Each year, our Clubs vote for a volunteer organization to win the Auxiliary Volunteer Group of the Year Award. This award is given to an organization/group that has demonstrated their commitment to the Club through operational support or volunteerism and/or providing enriching opportunities for our members.

### The 2025 Auxiliary Volunteer Group of the Year Award winner is Read To Succeed!

Be Great Award winners are impactful volunteers who, by their commitment to quality, dedication, and care, have distinguished themselves from all other volunteers. These people are very regular volunteers that have served for one year or more and have established themselves as invaluable team members. Be Great Award winners are honored at our Blue Door Society Event each August.

#### 2025 Be Great Award Winners:

- Sammy Connors (Tutoring)
- Wonderlab Science Museum:  
Annie Groves
- Dani Ansaldo (Smart Girls Circle)
- Engraving and Stamp Center
- Get Onboard Active Living (GOAL) U



Be Great Award Winners at The 2025 Blue Door Event





# BOARD OF DIRECTORS



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Our Board of Directors & Leadership staff at the 2025 Annual Board Retreat in French Lick, IN



# CLUB LEADERS

## ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

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## ELLETTSVILLE STAFF

Noah Stevens	Unit Director
Marie Wisely	Program Director
Brooke Satterfield	Program Director
Cal Kinman	Teen Program Director
Autumn Williams	Membership Desk Coordinator

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Jade Parrish	Senior Program Director
Erika Vinson	Program Director
Maddie Hamrick	Teen Program Director
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## LINCOLN STREET STAFF

Justin Williams	Unit Director
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Andi Alvarez	Program Director
Remi Wigginton	Teen Program Director
Allie Bowman	Membership Desk Coordinator

## OWEN COUNTY STAFF

Nicole Lynn	Unit Director
Jessica Patterson	Program Director
Grace Donnelly	Program Director
Leslie Kelley	Membership Desk Coordinator

## CAMP ROCK STAFF

Rachel Dobias-Terrill	Camp Rock Director
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# STAFF HAPPENINGS



## ANNUAL STAFF RETREAT



Each August, all of our full-time staff join together at Camp Rock for our annual staff retreat. We reflect on the summer and share what we learned over the summer program session to help us grow for the upcoming school year.

This year, we had fun doing some team-building and creative problem solving. We worked on our culture and how it impacts our mission in practice every day for kids and families before enjoying some fun time together.

Staff spent the morning of retreat day working reflecting on best practices and lessons learned from our summer programming. We also spent time together discussing our company culture and working toward ways to make it even better.

In the afternoon, staff made lunch together, ate together and then played together! They had the opportunity to enjoy all that Camp Rock has to offer: kayaking, boating, swimming, and more! We also had the chance to enjoy the air conditioning and play card games or board games with one another.

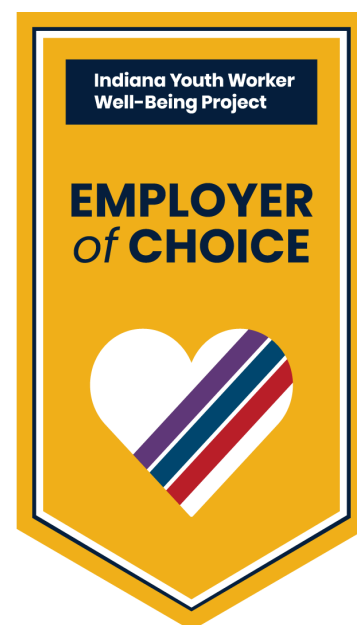
The annual staff retreat is a great opportunity for staff to regroup, refresh, and reset for the school year ahead! This helps us to achieve our core value of Excellence.

## EMPLOYER OF CHOICE

In 2025, The Boys & Girls Clubs of Bloomington was honored to be recognized as an Employer of Choice by the Indiana Youth Institute!

At The Boys & Girls Clubs of Bloomington, we have seen first-hand how supporting our team members by providing no-cost telemedicine and virtual mental health services enables them to better support the young people we serve. Because of that, we are recognized as a Youth Worker Well-Being Project Employer of Choice, a title that highlights the steps we have taken to nurture our staff's well-being and growth.

Employees want to feel heard and taken care of, and we want to recognize the invaluable work of those who show up every day for our community, our families, and our children.







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# WHAT'S NEXT?



2026 marks the 70<sup>th</sup> year of The Boys & Girls Clubs of Bloomington. Since 1956, we've been serving the kids that need us most.

Chartered in 1956, the organization opened at the Lincoln Street location and has since served thousands of children in Bloomington. In 1990, the Crestmont location opened in the Bloomington Housing Authority neighborhood. In 1992, the current name (Boys & Girls Clubs of Bloomington) was adopted as the organization began serving girls. The Clubs saw continued growth, and an Ellettsville unit opened in 2009. With the help of the local community, BGCB expanded our presence in the BHA Crestmont neighborhood with the opening of the Steve & Connie Ferguson Crestmont Club in 2019. The capacity of this Club increased from 40 kids per day in the previous location to 225 kids per day in the new building. In 2018, the Club also renovated and expanded the historic Lincoln Street Club, increasing capacity there from 200 to more than 250 kids per day.



**CELEBRATING 70 YEARS**  
INSPIRING GREAT FUTURES

In May of 2024, the Club expanded into Owen County serving kids in three locations in the community there. In Owen County, we opened a stand-alone facility that serves 60 kids each day and a school-based site at Gosport Elementary School serving 30 kids each day. In 2025, we also opened a school-based site at Patricksburg Elementary School, serving an additional 25 members per day.

In addition to our Club locations, our American Camp Association accredited outdoor facility on Lake Lemon provides summer camp programming to over 300 campers each year. Camp Rock was established in 1970 and has seen facility growth with the additions of the Art & Outdoor Education building in 2011 and the Art & Wilma Hill Boathouse in 2014. Camp Rock is continuing to grow, with plans to rebuild a new facility on the property in 2026.

2026 is a year of celebration! Be on the lookout for exciting announcements, stories, merchandise, events and more as we continue to celebrate 70 years of inspiring great futures!



**SCAN TO SHOP THE 70<sup>TH</sup>  
YEAR MERCH STORE!**





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