

### **Our Mission**

Our mission is to enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens.

# **2024 MINNESOTA FACT SHEET**



### The Club Experience

Boys & Girls Clubs provide safe places where young people can learn and grow.

During the COVID-19 epidemic, Boys & Girls Clubs throughout the country partnered with state and local officials to help meet the larger needs of communities to provide childcare for health care professionals and other essential workers, meal and snack services and deliveries, and virtual learning to fill the education gap.

<sup>66</sup> I will use the leadership skills I gained at my Club to help others in my future career as a Pediatric RN.



**Baylie C.** 2024 Minnesota Youth of the Year

### The Need in Our State

BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS MINNESOTA ALLIANCE

Every day 219,277 kids in Minnesota leave school with nowhere to go\*. They risk being unsupervised, unguided and unsafe.



Club Locations Multi Club Cities are bolded, Military Bases are italicized

Bagley Bemidii Black Duck Cass Lake Clear Lake Coleraine Deer River **Detroit Lakes** Duluth Elk River Grand Rapids Hibbing Little Falls Mahnomen Minneapolis Mound Nett Lake Ogema Perham Ponemah

Ponsford Red Lake Richfield Rochester Saint Cloud Saint Joseph Saint Paul Sartell Sauk Rapids St. Cloud Tower Waite Park Walker Waubun White Earth

Every dollar invested in the Boys & Girls Clubs in MN returns \$12.60 in current and future earnings and cost-savings to their communities.

### Advocating for America's Youth

Every kid in America deserves access and opportunities that support them in reaching their full potential. But all too often, kids face systemic barriers to their success.

Our advocacy ensures youth voices are heard in their local communities and at the state and federal level as we champion policies and solutions that will have the greatest impact on the youth of this country. Boys & Girls Clubs of America is committed to bringing Club kids and staff to the table to ensure safety, digital access, meals and more are priorities at the state and national level.



## **Our Agenda for America's Youth**

Boys & Girls Clubs of America's Agenda for America's Youth focuses on solutions and policies that will have the greatest impact on the youth of this country, and the fight to strengthen them. America's youth need a voice and with your help, we will close the opportunity gap for all youth in America.

Out-Of-School Time	What We DO	Our Impact
Every young person should Have access to a high-quality out-of-school time experience.	Club youth are the leaders, innovators and problem-solvers of tomorrow – developing skills to be change agents in their communities and beyond	Clubs across the country provide over 4 million young people with a safe place, caring adult mentors, fun and friendship, and high-impact youth development programs or a daily basis during critical non-school hours. Club members in 8th, 10th and 12th grades volunteer at significantly higher rates than their peers nationally. **
Safer Childhoods Every young person has a right to a safe, positive environment in which to learn and grow.	What We DO Every child has a right to a safe, positive environment in which they can learn and grow.	<b>Our Impact</b> Boys & Girls Clubs are committed to supporting communities and local Clubs ensure the safety of all youth especially during youth are not in school. 90% of Club members say they could go to staff for help in a crisis.
Health & Wellness Every young person should be equipped to make healthy decisions resulting in positive social, emotional, and physical well-being.	What We DO When young people live healthy lifestyles, they are able to make decisions that result in their social, emotional and physical well-being.	Our Impact Our programs help youth engage in positive behaviors that nurture their well-being. Club members learn how to manage stress, demonstrate good teamwork, eat well, and keep physically fit. Club teens are less likely to use drugs or alcohol and more likely to engage in regular physical activity than their peers nationally. **
Education, Workforce & Leadership Every young person deserves to be well prepared for life and career.	What We DO When young people perform well academically, they graduate from high school on time, are motivated to learn and have a plan to succeed in today's modern workforce.	Our Impact Clubs equip youth with the soft and hard skills they need to succeed in the workforce and create access to partnerships for real-life experiences to explore career options. Among youth ages 12 to 17 living in households experiencing low income, Club members report higher grades than youth nationally.**
<b>Diversity, Equity &amp;</b> <b>Inclusion</b> Every young person has the right to safe, positive and inclusive environments where everyone can reach their full potential.	What We DO The mission and core beliefs of Boys & Girls Clubs fuel our commitment to promoting safe, positive and inclusive environments for all.	Our Impact Clubs champion opportunities for the unique challenges and circumstances in communities, while respecting and celebrating their strengths and cultures. 83% of Club members believe they can make a difference in their community.