BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
OF BELLEVUE

2023 Community Report

Boys & Girls Clubs of Bellevue

Dear friends,

2023 was a pivotal year for Boys & Girls Clubs of Bellevue as we served more youth in more locations with more services than ever before. We are both proud and humbled by the Club's resilience and our community's response as BGCB stepped up to address the evolving needs of Bellevue Families amid economic challenges.

As demand for our services rises, we continue to provide a vital lifeline of support to families. Regardless of a family's background, Boys & Girls Clubs of Bellevue provides kids with access to safe space outside of school hours, caring adults, healthy food, and space to dream. Our innovative, outcome-driven programs in academics, health, and leadership have equipped our members for today's challenges and a future with endless possibilities.

Thanks to your support in 2023, we:

- Served 16,311 youth ages 3-19 at our 18 Clubhouses, an increase of 34% from last year, maintaining a safe environment where 95% of afterschool program youth feel secure, and an impressive 92% believe our staff is invested in their success
- Provided over half of our afterschool program families scholarships, underlining the escalating demand for our $1.6 million scholarship budget in 2023, a testament to our dedication to accessible opportunity
- Opened the Lake Hills Clubhouse, a safe haven for young people in East Bellevue

Our mission to inspire and enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, and responsible citizens is more relevant than ever. The stories of transformation and success that unfold every day within our walls are a testament to the power of community and the difference we can make when we come together.

As we look to the future, we are mindful of the challenges ahead. The need for our programs continues to grow, and with it, the need for your support. Your generosity ensures that no family is turned away due to financial constraints and that every child in Bellevue has access to the opportunities they deserve.

Thank you for your continued support and belief in our cause. Here's to another year of making a difference in the lives of our youth.

With gratitude,

Tim Motts
President & CEO

Jane Boulware
Chair, Board of Directors

Everyone deserves a place to *feel safe*

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

Boys & Girls Clubs of Bellevue is committed to providing safe places for Bellevue's youth when they are not in school. Targeting the neighborhoods that need us most, the Eastside's children and teens have access to life-enhancing programming focused on academics, health, and leadership.

16,311

YOUTH SERVED - AGES 3-19
of which 3,861 are registered members

18

CLUBHOUSES
located across Bellevue

348

PROGRAMS

Great Futures Start Here

YOUNG PEOPLE WHO NEED US MOST	+	CLUB EXPERIENCE	= PRIORITY OUTCOMES

Proven elements for positive youth development

ACADEMIC SUCCESS
Graduate from high school ready for college, trade school, military, or employment

High-yield activities

HEALTHY LIFESTYLES
Adopt a healthy diet, practice healthy lifestyle choices, and make a lifelong commitment to fitness

Targeted programs

GOOD CHARACTER & CITIZENSHIP
Be an engaged citizen involved in the community, register to vote, and model strong character

"What I love about this new building is that it was

designed by the kids who will use it.

They spent hours hearing what they wanted, spots for tech and homework, and also a place for free play."

Washington State Representative Tana Senn

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Revitalizing Great Futures

A new chapter in Lake Hills

In October, a dream became a reality as we unveiled the newly transformed Lake Hills Clubhouse. With a dedicated budget of $3 million and the support of a vibrant community, this space strategically located in East Bellevue has blossomed into a sanctuary for middle and high school students from across nine Bellevue schools.

At the heart of the Clubhouse lies state-of-the-art facilities: a soundproof recording studio for aspiring musicians, a cutting-edge Best Buy Tech Center for budding innovators, a vibrant sports court for future athletes, and a welcoming pool table area for those seeking camaraderie. Designed to accommodate up to 135 youths daily, this modern haven is more than just a building; it's a dynamic space fostering inclusivity, personal growth, and nurturing positive mental well-being.

The grand opening far surpassed a traditional ribbon-cutting; staff also used the event as an opportunity to showcase student artwork and celebrate community. Simultaneously, we hosted a coat and shoe drive, reinforcing our dedication to community outreach and support.

Though our Clubhouse shines brightly as a symbol of empowerment and promise, our journey is far from complete. With $620k remaining to fulfill our vision, we refused to wait for full funding to start making a difference for the children and families of East Bellevue, spanning nine local schools.

Join us in crafting the destiny of East Bellevue. Scan the QR code to donate and become a part of our inspiring journey. Together, we'll continue to nurture and empower our youth, proving that with the unwavering support of our community, there are no limits to what we can achieve.

79%

HELP US REACH 100% OF OUR GOAL!

Spotlight on Sportsmanship

Recognizing Hidden Valley's Stars

At Hidden Valley, recognition and motivation go hand in hand. The "Player of the Week" initiative celebrates skills and the spirit of sportsmanship and improvement. Coaches nominate a player each week, highlighting their achievements and positive attitude. The chosen player receives a certificate, a Nike towel, and recognition on TV screens and social media platforms.

This practice boosts morale and fosters a sense of community and pride among the young athletes. It's a testament to how Boys & Girls Clubs of Bellevue values and uplifts every individual, nurturing their journey towards becoming well-rounded adults.

Fostering Wellness

Building Healthy Habits for Life

Picture the Club on a bustling weekday: kids dash towards the gym, their faces alight with anticipation for the day's activities. Here, they engage in various sports, each game or match teaching more than just physical skills. They learn about teamwork, discipline, and the importance of staying active, lessons that lay the groundwork for lifelong fitness and health.

Beyond physical activity, our Clubs strongly emphasize nutrition and well-being. Interactive workshops demystify healthy eating, making nutrition an exciting and accessible topic for all ages. In the Club's kitchen, young members eagerly participate in preparing wholesome snacks, learning valuable skills and the joys of healthy eating.

But the journey to wellness at Boys & Girls Clubs of Bellevue encompasses more than just physical health. It's about nurturing the whole child. Through arts, education, and leadership programs, the Clubs provide a safe space for emotional and social development. Here, children and teens find their voices, build confidence, and create lasting friendships under the guidance of caring mentors.

As each day wraps up, the echoes of laughter and learning fill the air. For the youth of Bellevue, Boys & Girls Clubs are not just an afterschool stop; they are a vital part of their journey to a balanced and healthy life. In these Clubs, every child is welcomed with open arms and given the opportunity to thrive in a supportive, enriching environment.

Creating equal access

Over 150,000 healthy snacks served

A crucial aspect of fostering healthy lifestyles is ensuring children have access to nutritious food. Boys & Girls Clubs of Bellevue takes this responsibility seriously, as evidenced by the staggering number of healthy snacks served - an impressive array including over ten thousand pounds of fresh fruit and wholesome snacks like string cheese and yogurt.

- **2,067 pounds of bananas**
- **5,020 pounds of clementines**
- **2,012 pounds of apples**
- **1,743 pounds of grapes**
- **18,780 sticks of string cheese**
- **19,680 tubes of yogurt**
- **15,870 bags of whole-grain chips**

Growth at Sherwood Forest

A Story of Seeds and Synergy

Our Sherwood Forest Clubhouse garden has become a nurturing ground for more than just plants; it's where the seeds of knowledge, responsibility, and teamwork are sown into young minds. Every Friday, the Interlake High School Horticulture Club joins hands with our members, guiding them through the cycles of gardening. From the delicate task of planting flowers in spring to the diligent preparation of soil in winter, these sessions, coordinated by the enthusiastic Site Director Midori, are about much more than horticulture—they're lessons in life, growth, and the beauty of nature's rhythms.

The garden at Sherwood Forest Clubhouse flourishes, a vivid reflection of the care and dedication invested by its young gardeners. Through this program, they witness the transformation of seeds into blossoms but also experience their growth, rooted in the joy of nurturing life and harvesting the fruits of collective effort.

Opening Doors to Higher Education

In April 2023, a group of eager teens embarked on an inspiring journey to the University of Washington (UW). Guided by the Clubhouse 2 Careers Pathways Facilitator, Jordan Harrington—a proud UW alum—the tour wasn't just a walk through the campus; it was a bridge to the future for these young minds.

From the iconic Husky Stadium to the blossoming Cherry Blossoms at The Quad, the teens' eyes were opened to a world of possibilities. Their astonishment at the campus's vastness mirrored the expanding horizons of their academic and career aspirations. The impact of this day extends beyond the immediate awe—it plants the seeds of ambition, nurtures the drive for academic success, and reinforces the belief that their goals are attainable.

2023 Youth of the Year

Zak has been a Club member for nearly 10 years

We proudly announced Zak as our 2023 Youth of the Year. This remarkable achievement highlights Zak's dedication and the tireless efforts of Unit Director Carlos Zepeda and the Teen Center staff. Zak's journey, among 13 nominees from across the state, culminated in an eventful visit to Olympia and Seattle. His experience included a prestigious breakfast at the Governor's mansion and participation in a panel interview leading up to the awe-inspiring Youth of the Year awards ceremony. Here, Zak and his peers shared their inspiring stories with an audience of hundreds, symbolizing the transformative impact of BGCB.

Zak first entered our doors in 2015 at our Spiritwood Manor Clubhouse, and today, he actively participates in the Lake Hills Teen Center. As a high school senior last year and an exceptional basketball player, Zak has achieved significant accolades, including breaking the scoring record at Sammamish High School and being named a KingCo 2A MVP. More than his athletic prowess, Zak is cherished for his community spirit. His contributions during the pandemic, assisting in meal distribution and conducting basketball camps for younger children, were invaluable. His Youth of the Year honor is a testament to his unwavering commitment to his personal growth and serving others.

BGCB's mission to nurture and develop young minds finds a shining example in Zak, now a freshman at Bellevue College. The organization welcomes thousands of children like Zak daily, offering diverse programs ranging from academic support to sports. Zak's story is a beacon of hope and inspiration, underscoring the impact of BGCB's dedicated staff in creating a nurturing environment where children can thrive and realize their full potential.

Empowering Future Leaders

The impact of community engagement

In 2023, Boys & Girls Clubs of Bellevue has been a catalyst for developing young leaders through their innovative and community-focused programs. Two standout initiatives, the Newport Heights Volunteering Club and Cherry Crest's Million Members program, have demonstrated how youth can actively contribute to their communities while developing essential leadership skills.

Newport Heights Volunteering Club

The Newport Heights Volunteering Club, comprising ten dedicated members, meets weekly to brainstorm and execute various community projects. From organizing litter clean-ups to crafting thank-you letters for teachers and making decorations for family nights, these young leaders have shown remarkable initiative. Their community service engagement beautified their surroundings and instilled a sense of responsibility and teamwork.

Cherry Crest Million Members

At Cherry Crest, the Million Members Club undertook several heartwarming community services. A notable project was distributing hot chocolate to Club families, turning a simple act into a meaningful community service. This initiative, coupled with making first-aid kits and litter collection, taught the participants the value of direct service and the impact of small acts on community wellbeing.

These programs underscore the importance of youth involvement in community service. They highlight how hands-on experiences in leadership and civic engagement can shape responsible, caring citizens ready to contribute positively to society.

2023 Champion of Youth Award

Honoring the Bacon Family Foundation

For more than a decade, the Bacon Family Foundation has played a crucial role in supporting and advancing our mission. The Foundation's support has enabled the provision of scholarship awards for families requiring financial assistance, fortified our dropout prevention initiative, Be Great Graduate, and most recently, made possible the renovation of the Downtown Clubhouse Gymnasium.

The Bacon Family Foundation's enduring support has bolstered our capacity to serve and affirmed their status as true champions for our community. Their contribution goes beyond financial support; it embodies a deep commitment to nurturing the potential of every child and teen we serve, ensuring they have a safe, supportive environment to grow, learn, and thrive. This award is a celebration of the Foundation's remarkable impact, and a thank you for their continued partnership in our mission to shape the futures of the young individuals in our care.

2023 Partner of the Year

Bungie was honored at our Friends Breakfast

Bungie, led by BGCB board member and CEO Pete Parsons, received our 2023 Partner of the Year Award, spotlighting their remarkable partnership and support. Influenced by Pete's journey from Club kid to leader, this collaboration underscores the Club's profound community impact. In the face of COVID-19 challenges, Bungie's swift support through the Club's 2020 COVID-19 Relief Fund was crucial, helping keep our doors open and services running for those most in need.

Christine Edwards, Bungie's Senior Foundation Manager, played a pivotal role in this partnership, enhancing our pandemic response with her dedication and strategic insight. This relationship extends beyond financial help, reflecting a deep commitment to our mission and the youth we serve. Bungie's ongoing support showcases the power of collaboration in fostering positive community change, highlighting the essential role of partnerships in our shared success.

BUNGIE
FOUNDATION

Best Buy Teen Tech Center

Unparalleled access to cutting-edge technology

The Lake Hills Clubhouse proudly showcases the continued success of the only Best Buy Teen Tech Center in Washington state. This dynamic and creative learning environment provides teens equitable access to cutting-edge technology fostering creativity through hands-on activities such as T-shirt designing, music creation, Raspberry Pi coding, photography, and 3D printing. Situated at the forefront of our commitment to empowering youth, the Best Buy Teen Tech Center aligns seamlessly with our mission to prepare teen minds for great futures of endless opportunities.

The heartbeat of creativity resonates through this magnetic space, where aspiring musicians explore the world of sound, and virtual reality experiences broaden horizons. As a crucial component of Boys & Girls Clubs of Bellevue's dedication to academic success and leadership, the Best Buy Teen Tech Center continues to bridge the digital divide, offering tech education opportunities and building confidence among all teens.

As we highlight the achievements and growth of the Best Buy Teen Tech Center at Lake Hills Clubhouse, it stands as a cornerstone for empowerment, providing essential tools and mentoring to shape the next generation of tech-savvy leaders. The ongoing success of the Teen Tech Center combined with the new faces that show up every week underscore our commitment to making a lasting impact on the lives of the youth we serve.

BEST BUY
TEEN TECH CENTER

BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF BELLEVUE

MORE KIDS MORE OFTEN

We are dedicated to going above and beyond to support those who rely on us most, striving to make a meaningful difference in their lives. Your support makes that possible

SERVING 2.2X MORE

MEMBERS IN 2023 THAN 2022

(ACROSS AFTERSCHOOL & TEEN PROGRAMS)

OVER 16,200 YOUTH SERVED

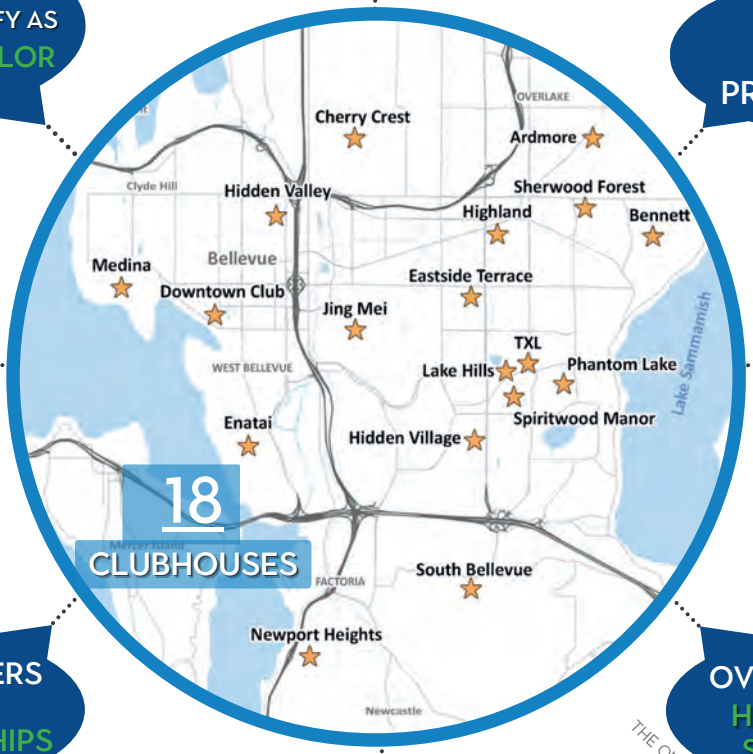
MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

OUR WELLNESS CENTER OFFERS 1:1 COUNSELING, BEHAVIOR SUPPORT, SUPPORT FOR HOMELESS YOUTH, AND MORE

OVER 75% OF MEMBERS IDENTIFY AS PERSONS OF COLOR

35+ TEEN PROGRAMS

AVAILABLE AT NO COST



$1.6M SCHOLARSHIPS PROVIDED

50% MORE THAN EVER

ATHLETICS
13 SPORTS
800 DAILY ATTENDANCE

58% MEMBERS RECEIVE SCHOLARSHIPS

EXCLUDING ATHLETICS

OVER 150,000 HEALTHY SNACKS

THE ONLY FOOD AFTER SCHOOL FOR SOME YOUTH

3 KING COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY SITES

SERVING ALL RESIDENTS AT NO COST

OVER 50% QUALIFY

FOR FREE & REDUCED LUNCH, MORE THAN 2X THE 23% OF BELLEVUE SCHOOL DISTRICT

(EXCLUDING ATHLETICS)

100% of TEENS

SAY THEY CAN WORK WITH PEOPLE WHO ARE DIFFERENT THAN THEM

GREAT FUTURES START **HERE.**

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Remembering Abdoul Amar

We remember Abdoul Amar, affectionately known by members as Mr. Amar, with profound respect and admiration. His legacy within our Club family is marked by profound kindness, unwavering dedication, and an innate ability to uplift everyone around him. Though we deeply mourn his passing, we also celebrate his impact as a Site Director and the mark he leaves on our hearts and our mission. Mr. Amar's genuine interest in the lives of those he worked with and his exceptional leadership qualities illuminated the paths of many, fostering a community bound by mutual respect and care.

His contributions enriched our collective spirit with his remarkable compassion and integrity. In honoring Mr. Amar, we reflect on the joy and inspiration he brought into our lives, a testament to his powerful legacy. His presence will be greatly missed, yet his influence will continue to inspire us in our work and how we carry forward his spirit of kindness and commitment to making a difference.

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REVENUE	
CONTRIBUTIONS	
Individuals	$530,375
Foundations & Corporations	$1,518,115
Government Agencies	$1,149,631
Events (net)	$1,142,791
PROGRAM REVENUE	
Membership dues	$106,913
Youth Programs Fees	$2,800,954
Rentals Fees & In-kind Gifts	$322,053
Investments & Interest	$9,895
TOTAL REVENUE	$7,580,727
EXPENSES	
Youth Program Services	$6,213,974
Management	$791,848
Fundraising	$912,664
Capital Campaign	--
TOTAL EXPENSES	$7,918,485

TOTAL ASSETS	$24,720,619
TOTAL LIABILITIES	$1,774,414
NET ASSETS	$22,946,205

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