



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUB**  
MINNESOTA ALLIANCE

## 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.



# MINNESOTA'S BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS



*“Youth of the Year signifies Boys & Girls Clubs’ effort to foster a new generation of leaders, fully prepared to live and lead in a diverse, global and integrated world economy.”*

## The Club Experience

Boys & Girls Clubs fill the gap between school and home. We provide welcoming, positive environments in which kids and teens have fun, participate in life-changing programs and experiences, and build supportive relationships with peers and caring adults.



## The Need in Our State

Every day 219,277 kids in Minnesota leave school with nowhere to go<sup>1</sup>. They risk being unsupervised, unguided and unsafe.

### Our Reach



**49**  
Boys & Girls Club Sites  
in Minnesota



**4,961**  
Volunteers

Location of Club Facilities

**33%** Urban

**21%** Suburban

**47%** Rural

Annual number of Meals/  
Snacks Served at no cost

**347,049** Meals

**285,796** Snacks

**52,983**  
Youth Served



**24,896**  
Registered Members

**28,087**  
Youth Served Through  
Community Outreach

## Minnesota Communities

Bagley  
Bemidji  
Callaway  
Cass Lake  
Cold Spring  
Coleraine  
Deer River  
Detroit Lakes  
Duluth  
Elk River  
Grand Rapids  
Little Falls  
Mahnomen  
Minneapolis  
Mahnomen  
Minneapolis  
Nett Lake

Ogema  
Perham  
Red Lake  
Richfield  
Rochester  
Saint Cloud  
Saint  
Joseph  
Saint Paul  
Sartell  
Sauk  
Rapids  
Waite Park  
Walker  
White Earth  
Zimmerman

## Member Demographics

**68%**

Ages 12  
and Younger

**32%**

Teens

**55%**

Male

**45%**

Female

**42%**

Live in  
Single-Parent  
Households

**67%**

Qualify for Free  
or Reduced-  
Price School  
Lunch

**69%**

Minority Races  
or Ethnicities

**31%**

Caucasian

**29%**

African-  
American

**5%**

Hispanic/  
Latino

**9%**

Multi-racial

**4%**

Asian-  
American

**15%**

Native  
American

## Club Operating Income



**\$21,623,122** Total State Income



**26%** From Government Sources  
(Federal, State, Local, and Tribal)

**Every dollar invested** in the Boys & Girls Clubs **returns \$9.60** in current and future earnings and cost-savings to their communities

# Our Agenda for America's Youth

At Boys & Girls Clubs of America we believe who you are, where you're from, or the circumstances that surround you shouldn't determine your access to experiences or opportunities. Our 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



Every young person should have access to a high-quality out-of-school time experience.

### The Need

Nationally, 11.3 million school-age children are home without adult supervision after school.

### What We Do

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 on a daily basis during critical non-school hours.

### Our Impact

**54%** of Club Alumni said the club literally "saved my life".

## Safer Childhoods



Every young person has a right to a safe, positive environment in which to learn and grow.

### The Need

Nationally, 49% of youth grades 4-12 reported being bullied at least once during the past month.

### What We Do

Boys & Girls Clubs are committed to supporting communities and local Clubs ensure the safety of all youth especially during out-of-school time when statistics show youth violence escalates in communities between the hours of 3-7 p.m.

### Our Impact

Older Club Teens are **41%** less likely to get into a physical fight than their peers.

## Health & Wellness



Every young person should be equipped to make healthy decisions resulting in positive social, emotional, and physical well-being.

### The Need

Nationally, 33% of high school students report currently using alcohol and 22% using marijuana in the past 30 days.

### What We Do

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.

### Our Impact

Club 12<sup>th</sup> graders are **26%** more likely to abstain from alcohol than their peers nationally.

## Education, Career Readiness & Leadership Development



Every young person deserves to be well prepared for life and career.

### The Need

18% of young people in Minnesota fail to graduate from high school on time.<sup>2</sup>

### What We Do

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.

### Our Impact

**97%** of Club teens expect to graduate on time and **86%** expect to attend college.

## Equity & Inclusion



Every young person has the right to safe, positive and inclusive environments where everyone can reach their full potential.

### The Need

Nationally, nearly 1 in 5 children live in poverty and 50% live in low-income families.

### What We Do

Clubs champion opportunities for the unique challenges and circumstances in communities, while respecting and celebrating their strengths and cultures.

### Our Impact

**83%** of Club members believe they can make a difference in their community.



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<sup>1</sup> America After 3PM, Afterschool Alliance, <http://afterschoolalliance.org/AA3PM/>  
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