



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS**  
OF GRAND RAPIDS AND  
GREENWAY

## GREAT FUTURES START HERE Founders' Campaign

We know that trusted, caring adults and a safe place to go after school can transform a child's life. Through a combination of careful financial stewardship, passionate staff and volunteers and a compelling mission, the communities of Grand Rapids and Greenway are generating the resources to serve more and more kids in an ever-changing landscape. Both board and staff are fully committed to raising the funds necessary to change the future for hundreds of kids in our area. Every child deserves a great future – with a safe place to go and the support to successfully progress through school and graduate with a viable plan. With your support, this is not a possibility, but a certainty.

### LIMITED ACCESS FOR OUT OF SCHOOL TIME –

- 1 of 3 youth reported no weekly participation in OST
- 3 of 4 youth in area found it challenging to participate in community activities due to cost or transportation barriers.
- In Greenway, 90% of families reported lack of affordable programming for youth as a major barrier to out of school time activities.
- Hungry children have lower math scores. They are also more likely to repeat a grade, come to school late, or miss it entirely, according to the *Journal of the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychology*.

### THE POSITIVE PLACE FOR KIDS -

- Open every day after school 3:30pm-8:00pm and 10:30 am-5:30pm during the summer.
- Partnership with other out of school programs for a seamless transition to and from the Club.
- Healthy snacks and meals served daily.
- Innovative and evidence based programming scheduled continuously throughout the year.

### PRIORITY OUTCOMES

#### ACADEMIC SUCCESS

*Be on Track to Graduate*

#### GOOD CHARACTER

*ENCOURAGED TO VOLUNTEER AT LEAST ONCE A MONTH IN OUR COMMUNITY*

#### HEALTHY LIFESTYLES

*OPPORTUNITIES TO BE PHYSICALLY ACTIVE 5 DAYS A WEEK*

### What's it all about?

- MEMBERSHIP IS \$10/YEAR and *no child is turned away due to inability to pay.*
- POWER HOUR – homework & tutoring, education skills programs
- CAREER LAUNCH – preparing teens with job-search skills
- SMART MOVES – skills, mastery & resistance training to help young people resist *alcohol*
- TRIPLE PLAY—to increase knowledge of healthy habits, good nutrition and physical fitness
- YOUTH FOR UNITY – a foundation of activities that will help youth promote and celebrate diversity & combat prejudice, bigotry and discrimination

### What Can You Do?

***Our youth need our support, now more than ever.***

By making a contribution to Boys & Girls Club, you will help a local student become more successful in our community by providing a child with the opportunity to participate in program that mold them into successful citizens of our community. You will make a difference in a child's life—one child at a time—who otherwise may not have the opportunities Boys & Girls Club provides.