



Our Mission

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

2016

IMPACT REPORT



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 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.¹ They risk being unsupervised, unguided and unsafe.

Our Reach



5
Boys & Girls Club Sites
in MN & WI Northland



6,619 = **1,363** Registered Members + **5,256** Youth Served Through Community Outreach
Youth Served

Member Demographics



“Boys & Girls Club served as a home away from home for me.”

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Makayla Pearson Youth of the Year

Growing up, Makayla faced many transitions, including her parents' divorce and adjusting to two households. Now, having been a member of the Boys & Girls Clubs for 9 years, she sees how the Club was there for her during the difficult times.

“Even if it way doing homework or helping to pick up and tie skates at the ice skating rink, it was those little things that kept my mind away from issues at home,” Makayla says.

At the Club, Makayla served as president of the Torch Club, where she implemented a mentoring program between the teens and kids at the Club. This experience made her realize that she would like to become a child therapist upon graduating from high school.

Makayla is a freshman at Denfeld High School. In 2016, she was honored as the Boys & Girls Clubs' "Youth of the Year."



Demonstrating Our Positive Impact



ACADEMIC SUCCESS

The Need

48% of young people in our community fail to graduate from high school on time.²

What We Do

Our kids receive homework help, tutoring, and educational enrichment programs to prepare them to graduate from high school ready for college, trade school, military service, or employment.

Our Impact

Among our teen-aged Club members, **99%** expect to graduate from high school, and **79%** expect to complete some kind of post-secondary education.

The Need

25% of high-school youth in our community were involved in a physical fight in the past year.³

What We Do

Our kids are mentored by adults to be an engaged citizen involved in the community, registered to vote, and modeling strong character.

Our Impact

93% of Club teen members volunteer in their community at least once per year, while **81%** volunteer in their community at least once per month.



GOOD CHARACTER AND CITIZENSHIP



HEALTHY LIFESTYLES

The Need

15% of young people ages 15-18 in our community are overweight or obese.⁴

What We Do

Our kids learn to adopt a healthy diet, practice healthy lifestyle choices, and make a lifelong commitment to fitness.

Our Impact

93% of Club members ages 9 and older report getting at least an hour of physical activity on five or more days per week.

How You Can Help



With your generous support, Boys & Girls Clubs of the Northland will create opportunities to help more kids and teens achieve great futures. To make a donation or to learn about other ways you can help, contact **Todd M. Johnson, CEO, Boys & Girls Clubs of the Northland, 218.727.1549**. bgcnorth.org/donate

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

² MN Report Card, Free/Reduced Priced Lunch, rc.education.state.mn.us

³ BGCA National Youth Outcomes Initiative

⁴ Minnesota Department of Health