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.

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The Club Experience
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The Need in Our State
Every day 219,277 kids in Minnesota leave school with nowhere to go. They risk being unsupervised, unguided and unsafe.

Our Reach
5 Boys & Girls Club Sites in MN & WI Northland
62 Adult Staff
301 Volunteers
6,619 Youth Served
1,363 Registered Members + 5,256 Youth Served Through Community Outreach

Member Demographics
74% Ages 12 and Younger
26% Teens
61% Minority Races or Ethnicities
79% Qualify for Free or Reduced-Price School Lunch
51% Live in Single-Parent Households

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

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

**The Need**
- **ACADEMIC SUCCESS**: 48% of young people in our community fail to graduate from high school on time.\(^2\)
- **HEALTHY LIFESTYLES**: 15% of young people ages 15-18 in our community are overweight or obese.\(^4\)
- **GOOD CHARACTER AND CITIZENSHIP**: 25% of high-school youth in our community were involved in a physical fight in the past year.\(^3\)

**What We Do**
- **ACADEMIC SUCCESS**: 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.
- **HEALTHY LIFESTYLES**: Our kids learn to adopt a healthy diet, practice healthy lifestyle choices, and make a lifelong commitment to fitness.
- **GOOD CHARACTER AND CITIZENSHIP**: Our kids are mentored by adults to be an engaged citizen involved in the community, registered to vote, and modeling strong character.

**Our Impact**
- **ACADEMIC SUCCESS**: Among our teen-aged Club members, 99% expect to graduate from high school, and 79% expect to complete some kind of post-secondary education.
- **HEALTHY LIFESTYLES**: 93% of Club members ages 9 and older report getting at least an hour of physical activity on five or more days per week.
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**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