OUR MISSION

To inspire and enable all young people, especially those most in need of our services, to realize and develop their full potential as productive, responsible and caring citizens.
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Why Our Clubs Are Important

In our community, poverty and homicide rates are at an all-time high. To disrupt the vicious cycle of poverty and violence, it is critical to provide our at-risk youth with opportunities for a different path in life. By adulthood, it is sadly too late. At the Boys & Girls Clubs of Kentuckiana, this is what we do.

Kentucky and Southern Indiana are tied together as a region that encompasses a large metropolitan area. It consists of a total of 13 counties and a population of over 1.2 million people. There are approximately 145,000 children, ages 18 years and under, living in areas where our Clubs are located. Many of these children lack supervision after the school day ends, we help to bridge the gap - providing a safe space for them and less worry for their parents.

How does Boys & Girls Clubs of Kentuckiana make an impact?

Our future success depends on our youth. For the first time in our history, they are not on track to do as well as their parents in the areas of education, economic stability and personal health. The goal of Boys & Girls Clubs of Kentuckiana is to see that all children are given the tools they need to succeed in an ever-changing world.

Boys & Girls Clubs of Kentuckiana strives to cultivate a generation of leaders and set in place programs to support their overall development. We provide after school programming to nearly 3,500 youth annually and serve more than 78,000 hot meals each year. With your support, Boys & Girls Clubs of Kentuckiana can continue to make an impact.
Boys & Girls Clubs of Kentuckiana (BGCK) has been at the forefront of youth development in our community for over 50 years. BGCK works with young people from disadvantaged economic, social and family backgrounds. Inside our Clubs, children are greeted by name by adult youth professionals in a fun atmosphere. Data from 2016 paints a vivid picture of the communities we serve and the advancements we have made to ensure our mission holds strong. Boys & Girls Clubs of Kentuckiana focuses on three priority outcome areas — Academic Success, Good Character and Leadership and Healthy Lifestyles to establish a foundation for our future leaders.

Giving our children the proper resources to succeed is a badge of honor for our organization. We fill a need by providing after school resources tailored to our children in need. We open our doors and our arms to children ages 6 to 18 to a safe, positive and fun environment. We exist to lead our youth on the path toward a great future.

Children across Kentuckiana will have access to our 8 Clubs in 2018, including legacy and school based sites. Frost-Stuart Middle School, Bullitt Lick Middle School and Meyzeek Middle School in Smoketown and Charlestown Middle School and Clarksville Middle School house our school based sites. Legacy clubs include: Newburg, Shawnee and Parkland.

Kids in Kentuckiana leave school with nowhere to go. They risk being unsupervised, unguided and unsafe. BGCK meets the needs of our children by creating a stable, nurturing environment through positive programming and hot meals to food insecure children. Every day, we see the return on our investment through the enriched lives of our youth.
THIS IS WHO WE ARE
OUR REACH

In 1959, the East End Boys Club, Inc. was incorporated as a non-profit 501(c)3 organization and chartered by Boys Clubs of America. Today our historical partners Metro United Way and the Optimist Club remain active and significant supporters of Boys & Girls Clubs of Kentuckiana.

The popularity of the East End Boys Club saw the expansion of the organization in multiple communities in Louisville and Southern Indiana. The legacy of Boys & Girls Clubs of Kentuckiana began with the chartering of the Shawnee Boys & Girls Club in 1999, the Newburg Boys & Girls Club in 2011 and the Parkland Boys & Girls Club in 2012. Since 2012, we have more than doubled our footprint by expanding from three Clubs to eight in 2018.

A partnership with Jefferson County Public Schools allows Boys & Girls Clubs of Kentuckiana to enter neighborhoods that are currently not being served. The first school-based Club at Frost-Stuart Middle School, which opened in 2017, saw consistent membership enrollment and helped to spur our growth to other areas, including Meyzeek Middle School and Bullitt Lick Middle School in Bullitt County. As we continue to expand in 2018, our footprint will include two Clubs in Clark County, Indiana.
We serve over 3,500 youth per year through our traditional club program, community outreach efforts and our free meal program. The numbers reflected above only include our actual club membership. Youth do not have to be members to come to a community event or receive a free, hot meal at one of our clubs.

61% Male  
39% Female

42% 6-10 years old  
27% 11-13 years old  
31% 14-18 years old

78% African American  
12% Caucasian  
6% Multiracial  
4% Other

74% Living Below the Poverty Line  
89% Free or Reduced Lunch Program

Frost-Stuart: 178 members
Bullitt Lick: 155 members
Meyzeek: 51 members

Indiana: 2 site based clubs opening in 2018
Statistics show that relationships with supportive adults and peers can increase high school graduation rates. Additionally, high school graduates are more likely to be employed, make higher taxable income and aid in job generation. They are also less likely to engage in criminal behavior or require social services. - America’s Promise Alliance

of nearly 3,500 Club members expect to graduate from high school on time.
**Academic Success**

77% of Club members expect to attend a College or University.

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**Good Character & Citizenship**

83% of our Club Teens volunteer in their community on a regular basis.

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**Healthy Lifestyles**

80% of Club members participate in physical activity at least three days a week.
The Need for BGCK to improve

19% of young people in Jefferson County fail to graduate from high school on time

Our Impact

97% of Club members expect to graduate on time

94% of Club members report being at grade level
ACADEMIC SUCCESS

Setting a standard that promotes successful educational milestones, beginning from early childhood, is something our communities strive for daily. In the state of Kentucky, 25% of youth do not graduate and have less than a high school diploma. Adequate academic resources to bridge the gap is an area of need where we are seeing our biggest impact.

The educational resources provided to our youth have become a major topic of discussion as community leaders, businesses and lawmakers begin to address the achievement gap in our state.

At Boys & Girls Clubs of Kentuckiana we work to provide the necessary academic resources to disrupt the cycle of poverty and violence and narrow the achievement gap.
GOOD CHARACTER AND CITIZENSHIP

Young people come to our Clubs to develop physically, socially and academically. Boys & Girls Clubs of Kentuckiana contributes to the success of young people in their community and within their families by creating opportunities for them to become leaders. Our Club membership consists of a large teen population, and programs cater to their needs as they develop into adults.

The Youth of the Year, Keystone Club and Torch Club programs are offered to teens ages 13 to 18. Keystone Club is a small leadership group that elects officers, chooses and establishes activities for Club members and sets plans into motion for implementation.

Torch Club targets youth ages 11 to 13 for community service projects selected by Club elected officials with the help of local business and community leaders.
The Need for BGCK

774 local youth ages 18 and under are detained in Kentucky Juvenile Detention Centers

Data provided by KidsCount.org

Our Impact

83% of Club teens volunteer in their communities
CULTIVATING LEADERS

Teens ages 13 to 18, currently make up one-third of our Club membership and the programs we provide create leaders within the community. In 2017 we began a targeted strategy to grow this population by expanding into Middle Schools with our site-based clubs.

Another effort to grow and retain our teenagers is the Workforce Initiative. Partnering with community and national businesses provides youth with a variety of occupational opportunities and on-the-job training.

The local programs and activities at Boys & Girls Clubs of Kentuckiana are designed to ensure that all Club members graduate from high school on time, are ready for post-secondary education and go on to a professional career. Teen leadership programs offered include: Money Matters, which promotes financial responsibility and independence among Club members ages 13 to 18; Career Development; and Power Hour. These programs encourage Club members of every age to become self-directed learners.
“The staff at the Boys & Girls Club helped me academically. The programs taught me life skills and the importance of taking care of my mind and body.”

- Tatiana, age 15
YOUTH OF THE YEAR

Since 1947, Youth of the Year has been a premier recognition program for Boys & Girls Clubs of America. The Youth of the Year title is a prestigious honor bestowed upon exemplary young people in recognition of leadership, service, academic excellence and dedication to living a healthy lifestyle. The program honors the nation’s most awe-inspiring young people on their path to great futures and encourages all kids to lead, succeed and inspire. The path to becoming National Youth of the Year for BGCA starts at the Club level and moves on to state, regional and finally national competition with youth from all 50 states. This annual program showcases the leaders of the next generation.
“Even though I’ve experienced many hardships in my life and live in a very dangerous neighborhood, the Parkland Boys & Girls Club has always been a place where I felt I belonged. It has helped me grow as a young man and see that there are other options in life.”

- Kentrel Duncan, 2017 Youth of the Year
Teen programs foster personal development, leadership and offer educational opportunities for Club members to further their careers once they reach adult age. It is through these programs that we give our youth the necessary tools needed to build a firm foundation and develop their full potential.
COMMUNITY IMPACT

JUNIOR FIREFIGHTERS PROGRAM

Middletown Fire Department provides an opportunity to a select group of teens as a way to facilitate our career development program and create a recruiting opportunity for the Fire Department. Through the Junior Firefighters Program our teens are provided with personal development skills and on-the-job training skills in the firehouse.

Louisville Firefighter Program-17 is a three year program that, upon completion, provides our teens with the necessary experience to apply for a job with the Fire Department.
The Need for BGCK

15% of the children in our service area experience food insecurity.

Our Impact

Food Insecurity: limited or uncertain availability of nutritionally adequate foods or uncertain ability to acquire these foods in socially acceptable ways. This can lead to obesity, stress and depression.

250 meals are served daily at local Boys & Girls Clubs of Kentuckiana.
HEALTHY LIFESTYLES

The health of a child establishes the foundation for proper development and is an issue in many of the communities that we serve. Poor health contributes to a host of other issues in childhood development which decreases life expectancy in the long run.

Feeding America data indicates that 15% of Jefferson County, Kentucky and Clark County, Indiana youth have food insecurities. On an annual basis, Boys & Girls Clubs of Kentuckiana serve almost 78,900 meals with the goal of providing a healthy, daily hot meal to every member who walks through our doors.

Health and wellness programs improve our Club members’ capacity to engage in positive behaviors to nurture their well-being, set personal goals and grow into self-sufficient adults. Many of our members engage in learning about Healthy Habits through our Running Clubs, Gardening Clubs, and Cooking Clubs. Our Triple Play program is designed to incorporate healthy living and active learning in every part of the Club. From the gym to the learning centers, regular physical activity and improving overall well-being are emphasized.
What if we told you there was a way to turn $1 into nearly $15 worth of benefits for us, our families and our communities?
RETURN ON INVESTMENT

For every $1 invested in Boys & Girls Clubs of Kentuckiana, there is a return in current and future earnings and cost savings. This return on investment is $14.56. The biggest benefits come from Club members’ improved grades and reduced alcohol use and their parents’ earnings. In other words, we are a good investment and provide programs that help kids, their families, and our community.

The U.S. Department of Justice has determined that nearly half of juvenile crimes occur during the evening hours. The Clubs keep members off the street and away from negative influences, instead instilling positive behaviors. The Boys & Girls Clubs of Kentuckiana spends $3.4 million annually on operating costs to provide programs that help kids do better in school, strengthen families and earning power, teach kids crucial life skills and build strong communities.

Thanks to the Clubs’ after-school programs, our nearly 3,500 members have a safe place to go to complete homework and gather with friends—they will be able to graduate high school, and then achieve their life goals. The Boys & Girls Clubs of Kentuckiana are working to make our community a better place by improving the lives of those in it. Investing in the Clubs is a direct investment in our community.

We all benefit from an investment in Boys & Girls Clubs of Kentuckiana!
AWARDS

• Business First Nonprofit of the Year 2012
• Boys & Girls Clubs of America Outstanding Resource Development Award 2012
• Boys & Girls Clubs of America Gateway to Impact Award 2012, 2013
• Cardinal Partner of the Year 2013
• Boys & Girls Clubs of America Youth of the Year for Kentucky 2013, 2014, 2015
• Center for Non-Profit Excellence Art of Governance Award 2015
• Boys & Girls Clubs of American CEO Horizon Awards 2015
• Optimist Club of Louisville Optimist of the Year Award 2015
• U of L Community Partner of the Year Award 2015
• Outstanding Marketing and Communications 2015
• Kentucky Association of Volunteer Administrators Ruth Anderson Award 2015
• Boys & Girls Clubs of America League of Eagles Award 2015, 2016
INVEST IN GREAT FUTURES

Help us provide programs for youth that foster academic success, character and leadership, and healthy lifestyles. Invest in our children and your support will help launch great futures!
WHEN SCHOOL IS OUT, CLUBS ARE IN.

LOUISVILLE -
NEWBURG CLUB
5020 E. Indian Trail
Louisville, KY 40218

PARKLAND CLUB
3200 Greenwood Ave.
Louisville, KY 40211

SHAWNEE CLUB
317 N. 38th St.
Louisville, KY 40212

FROST-STUART MIDDLE SCHOOL
4601 Valley Station Rd.
Louisville, KY 40272

BULLITT LICK MIDDLE SCHOOL
555 W. Blue Lick Rd.
Shepherdsville, KY 40165

MEYZEEK MIDDLE SCHOOL
828 S. Jackson St.
Louisville, KY 40203

INDIANA
CHARLESTOWN MIDDLE SCHOOL
8804 High Jackson Road
Charlestown, IN 47111

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101 Ettel Lane
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