

2021 Impact Report

Our Mission

To inspire and enable youth to realize their greatness



BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
OF THURSTON COUNTY

Our Reach



956 Youth Served

936 Registered Members

20 Youth Served Through

Community Outreach

Member Demographics

75%
Ages 11
and Younger

25%
Ages 12 - 19

40%
People of color
60% Caucasian

51%
Qualify for Free
or Reduced-Price
School Lunch

31 members
experienced
homelessness

CEO Message

Boys & Girls Clubs of Thurston County (BGCTC) is celebrating 20 years of changing kids' lives. Bringing life-changing programs to youth in the communities of Lacey, Olympia, Rochester, Tenino, Tumwater, and Yelm has been the goal since 2001. We have worked hard throughout our 20-year existence to expand our services in neighborhoods and communities that need us the most.

The vision 20 years ago to start a Boys & Girls Club in our area was successful because we had so many dedicated people, people who knew how positive this would be for families, schools and the community and were willing to be involved in the collaborative effort to make it happen. The Boys & Girls Clubs of Thurston County has had a tremendous influence on youth becoming better citizens, improving Clubs members' grades and graduation rates, as well as providing support to families so children could access a safe place after school along with quality mentorship.

Providing support for children and families has never been more vital than it has been the last two years. When schools were closed to in-person instruction on March 16, 2020, our staff stepped in to fill the gap. We kept our doors open all day to serve children of families who truly needed us most. We were able to provide that safe place for children to virtually attend school, continue becoming better citizens, while allowing essential workers to go to work.

The past two years have been unlike any other time in our 20-year history, we have been flexible, we have adapted, we have been a safe place for youth, and we have been there for those who need us most.

We are looking forward to being there for our neighborhoods and communities for the next 20 years!

Sincerely,

Chris M. Woods
CEO

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.



- **Get Good Grades (G3):** Targeted academic tutoring and wraparound support for students facing challenges meeting grade standards.



- **Youth of the Year:** Teen leadership and recognition program focused on service, academic success, strong character, life goals, and public speaking.



- **McKinney Vento Program:** Collaboration with local school districts to offer enhanced Club membership for students experiencing homelessness.
- **Summer Camp:** Safe and fun summer experiences give youth the confidence to learn, explore, grow, and discover their passion.



- **Clubhouse Activities:** Staff monitor, lead, and engage youth in fun projects, games, and programs in a number of areas; Gym, Teen Center, Computer Lab, Education, Art and Games Rooms, Outdoor Fields, and Playgrounds.



Demonstrating Our Positive Impact

Academic Success



- 402 Club kids were supported with their remote learning needs.
- 41 members attending each day received wraparound tutoring services.

Power Hour, G3 (Get Good Grades) Tutoring, and educational programs support members' success in school, prepare them for graduation and inspire a love of learning.

Good Character & Citizenship



- 100% of teens reported they have been in zero fights.
- 83% of members surveyed reported they will stand up for what is right even if their friends don't agree.

Club members learn by example and experience to become thoughtful, kind and responsible. Programs like Keystone, Torch Club, and Youth of the Year encourage community building and service.

Healthy Lifestyles



- 85,110 meals and snacks served in 2021.
- 51% of members reported being physically active 5 or more days a week.
- 92% of members surveyed reported avoiding risky behavior (smoking, alcohol, marijuana, and fighting).

To support members' lifelong health, Clubs offer nutritious snacks and meals, hands-on gardening and cooking classes, games and activities, and curriculum on healthy choices and self-esteem.

How You Can Help



With your generous support, Boys & Girls Clubs of Thurston County will create opportunities to help kids and teens achieve great futures. To make a donation or to learn about other ways you can help, contact Chris Woods, CEO, Boys & Girls Clubs of Thurston County at cwoods@bgctc.org or visit www.bgctc.org to donate online.

