



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS**  
MINNESOTA ALLIANCE

### Our Mission

Our mission is to enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens.

# 2022 MINNESOTA FACT SHEET



## The Club Experience

Boys & Girls Clubs provide safe places where young people can learn and grow.

During the ongoing COVID-19 epidemic, Boys & Girls Clubs throughout the country partnered with state and local officials to help meet the larger needs of communities to provide childcare for health care professionals and other essential workers, meal and snack services and deliveries, and virtual learning to fill the education gap.

“Don’t focus on everything bad in life, focus on what’s to come. Manifest...”



**Gezelle O.**

2021 Minnesota Youth of the Year



## 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



Location of Club Facilities

**41%** Urban

**13%** Suburban

**46%** Rural

Annual number of Meals/ Snacks Served at no cost

**352,569** Meals

**141,005** Snacks

**22,266** = **17,770** + **4,496**

Youth Served

Registered Members

Youth Served Through Community Outreach

### Club Locations

Multi Club Cities are bolded, Military Bases are italicized

- Bagley
- Bemidji
- Callaway
- Cass Lake
- Clear Lake
- Coleraine
- Deer River
- Detroit Lakes
- Duluth**
- Elk River
- Grand Rapids
- Little Falls
- Mahnomen
- Minneapolis**
- Nett Lake
- Ogema**
- Perham
- Ponemah
- Ponsford
- Red Lake
- Richfield**
- Rochester
- Saint Cloud**
- Saint Joseph
- Saint Paul**
- Sartell**
- Sauk Rapids**
- Tower
- Waite Park
- Walker**
- Waubun
- White Earth
- Zimmerman



## Member Demographics

**64%**

Ages 12 and Younger

**35%**

Teens (13-19)

**53%**

Male

**46%**

Female

**34%**

Live in Single-Parent Households

**67%**

Qualify for Free or Reduced-Price School Lunch

**69%**

Minority Races or Ethnicities

**27%**

Caucasian

**25%**

African-American

**5%**

Hispanic/Latino

**8%**

Multi-racial

**6%**

Asian-American

**23%**

Native American

\* 4% Ethnicity Unknown

## 2020 Club Operating Income



Every dollar invested in the Boys & Girls Clubs returns \$9.60 in current and future earnings and cost-savings to their communities

# COVID Response

When the COVID-19 pandemic eliminated the structure of the traditional in-person school day and access to safe places, meals and more for millions of youth, **Clubs stepped up:**

1. At Club learning centers, 200K+ youth received internet access and technology to support virtual schoolwork.
2. Clubs served 24M+ emergency meals and snacks and provided wellness checks, youth activities and more to 460K families.
3. Through Club relief and crisis funding, Clubs provided 42K families with \$10M+ in economic assistance.

Youth pitched in, too – assembling community care packages, writing letters to frontline workers and sharing in community efforts to recover and look beyond the pandemic to hopeful days ahead.



## Our Agenda for America's Youth

Boys & Girls Clubs of America's Agenda for America's Youth focuses on solutions and policies that will have the greatest impact on the youth of this country, and the fight to strengthen them. America's youth need a voice and with your help, we will close the opportunity gap for all youth in America.

### Out-Of-School Time

Every young person should have access to a high-quality out-of-school time experience.



### What We DO

*Club youth are the leaders, innovators and problem-solvers of tomorrow – developing skills to be change agents in their communities and beyond*

### Our Impact

*Clubs across the country provide over 4 million young people with a safe place, caring adult mentors, fun and friendship, and high-impact youth development programs on a daily basis during critical non-school hours. Club members in 8th, 10th and 12th grades volunteer at significantly higher rates than their peers nationally. \*\**

### Safer Childhoods

Every young person has a right to a safe, positive environment in which to learn and grow.



### What We DO

*Every child has a right to a safe, positive environment in which they can learn and grow.*

### Our Impact

*Boys & Girls Clubs are committed to supporting communities and local Clubs ensure the safety of all youth especially during youth are not in school. **90%** of Club members say they could go to staff for help in a crisis.*

### Health & Wellness

Every young person should be equipped to make healthy decisions resulting in positive social, emotional, and physical well-being.



### What We DO

*When young people live healthy lifestyles, they are able to make decisions that result in their social, emotional and physical well-being.*

### Our Impact

*Our programs help youth engage in positive behaviors that nurture their well-being. Club members learn how to manage stress, demonstrate good teamwork, eat well, and keep physically fit. Club teens are less likely to use drugs or alcohol and more likely to engage in regular physical activity than their peers nationally. \*\**

### Education, Workforce & Leadership

Every young person deserves to be well prepared for life and career.



### What We DO

*When young people perform well academically, they graduate from high school on time, are motivated to learn and have a plan to succeed in today's modern workforce.*

### Our Impact

*Clubs equip youth with the soft and hard skills they need to succeed in the workforce and create access to partnerships for real-life experiences to explore career options. Among youth ages 12 to 17 living in households experiencing low income, Club members report higher grades than youth nationally. \*\**

### Diversity, Equity & Inclusion

Every young person has the right to safe, positive and inclusive environments where everyone can reach their full potential.



### What We DO

*The mission and core beliefs of Boys & Girls Clubs fuel our commitment to promoting safe, positive and inclusive environments for all.*

### Our Impact

*Clubs champion opportunities for the unique challenges and circumstances in communities, while respecting and celebrating their strengths and cultures. **83%** of Club members believe they can make a difference in their community.*

\* America After 3PM

\*\*2020 National Outcomes Report, National Youth Outcomes Initiative, Boys & Girls Clubs of America

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