

# FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends.

What a year it has been. Despite the ensuing global pandemic, Boys & Girls Clubs of Chicago (BGCC) continued to find creative and innovative ways to serve Chicago's children and teens. And none of it would have been possible without our dedicated and supportive donors.

In the face of ever-evolving circumstances, our youth development leaders never failed our Club members; and neither did our supporters. The perseverance and resiliency of everyone associated with our Clubs is an inspiration to all.

When schools closed, we opened Remote Learning Centers. When cultural institutions closed for field trips, we brought the field trips to Clubs through virtual experiences. And when we welcomed our young people back to our Clubs, we put their safety first by having staff participate in health training to ensure they were knowledgeable of the latest protocols and guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Within this Annual Report, you will see creativity and innovation in action as our Clubs improve and adapt our programming, institute hallmark events (virtually), and provide a safe, healthy, and positive environment for our Youth. From S.T.E.M. experiments to nutritious meals to school supplies, you ensured the children who needed us the most could always depend on our Clubs for support.

Time after time, supporters, Club staff, and a multitude of people stepped up for our children. And while these opportunities came with unique challenges, we are proud of the experiences our children and teens have had this last year despite the uncertainty introduced by the pandemic.

Thank you for making a difference in the lives of our boys and girls and ensuring they have *A Club* for *Life*.



Gratefully,

Mimi LeClair

President and CEO

Boys & Girls Clubs of Chicago

**OUR MISSION:** To enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens.



# **MOMENTS MADE POSSIBLE BY YOU!**

## 93% OF CLUB SENIORS SET TO GRADUATE

Through BGCC's comprehensive programs, our high school seniors received the academic support they needed to graduate high school with a plan for the future. Club members received college acceptance letters to colleges and universities, including, University of Chicago, Howard University, and University of Michigan.

#### THE FUTURE IS BRIGHT

With generous support from Beth and Bruce White, the White Family S.T.A.R. (Success Through Academic Readiness) Program is a new college and career readiness program. This year-long program used a series of lessons and activities to introduce kids to different careers and help them envision their future.

# **VIRTUAL FIELD TRIPS EXPAND IMAGINATIONS**

Club members enjoyed virtual engagements featuring the Lyric Opera of Chicago, The Second City, The Art Institute of Chicago, and the Chicago Architecture Center. Additionally, programs from the Chicago Blackhawks' Hawk Heart program, the Urban Tech Labs S.T.E.M. program, and the Art Institute's Virtual Art program were available to our young people.





# THE POOLS ARE OPEN FOR SPLASHING

BGCC restructured and relaunched the aquatics program at our four Club sites with pools – King, Pedersen-McCormick, Valentine, and True Value – to encourage collaboration and fun while continuing to teach life-saving swim lessons.



# **BGCC'S REMOTE LEARNING CENTERS**

Boys & Girls Clubs of Chicago surveyed parents who had a child attend our Remote Learning Centers\* and this is what they had to say:

89% said the Remote Learning Centers had a positive impact on their child

80% said the Remote Learning Centers made it easier for them to work

 $\sim$  75% said the Remote Learning Centers helped improve their child's grades

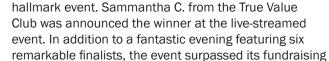
\*Remote Learning Centers support members who need a safe space, reliable internet connectivity, and mentors to help navigate the nuances of remote learning.

# A SAFE PLACE TO LEARN

When local schools moved to virtual learning, BGCC transformed into Remote Learning Centers mirroring the daily schedules of local schools. As a result, BGCC served hundreds of children every day and found that 100% of parents/guardians surveyed said our Remote Learning Centers positively helped their children with their e-learning.

# TECHNOLOGY CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE

BGCC opened its second and third Technology Center of Excellence at the True Value and Pedersen-McCormick Clubs this year. Equipped with 3-D printers, desktop computers, laptops, tablets, smartboards, and robotics, the two new centers will also feature a new STEM curriculum focused on the interests of our Club members.



TAKE A BOW ON THE VIRTUAL STAGE

The Youth of the Year event transitioned to the virtual

stage for 2021, providing a safe platform for this

goal by generating \$1.2M for our kids.









#### **BGCC COFFEE BAG DESIGN CONTEST**

All Club members were encouraged to flex their creative muscles by designing a coffee bag based on their Club experience for a local competition. Trenton was BGCC's winner, and his winning design was on a coffee bag sold at Drink Happy Thoughts coffeehouse in Chicago. In addition, the local media interviewed Trenton, and shared that he plans to study design in college.



#### **BACKPACKS PACKED FOR BACK-TO-SCHOOL**

BGCC provided more than 3,500 backpacks stuffed with notebooks, pencils, crayons, and more to ensure children had the supplies they needed to start the year off right.

This report covers Boys & Girls Clubs of Chicago's fiscal year, from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

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# **FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

### **FY21 OPERATING EXPENSES BREAKOUT**

TOTAL EXPENSES\$	12,387,504
Fundraising	960,734
Management and General	2,319,405
Program Services\$	9,107,365

# **FY21 OPERATING REVENUE BREAKOUT**

Donor Support\$	8,651,215
Government Grants	3,751,995
Investment Income & Perpetual Trusts	263,651
Membership Dues	28,529
Other	206,515
TOTAL REVENUE \$	12.901.905

