



BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
OF CHICAGO



A CLUB FOR LIFE

2020 Annual Report



FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends,

2020 brought unimaginable challenges and opportunities to Boys & Girls Clubs of Chicago (BGCC). I can say with certainty that we would not have been as successful without our generous and dedicated supporters.

Especially with the onset of a global pandemic in 2020, I saw the incredible impact that our dedicated youth development professionals have on meeting and exceeding the needs of Chicago's most vulnerable boys and girls.

From the additional hours our Clubs remained opened, serving our youth thousands of healthy meals and snacks when schools could not, to providing virtual programming and at-home Club kits to keep kids engaged, we were able to provide critical resources to ensure not one member was forgotten. We were able to pivot and find creative solutions and resources because of your continued support.

As you will see in our Annual Report, this year also brought exciting new changes and developments for our members thanks to committed support from our community. With major Club renovations, additional resources to encourage STEM and technology learning, and a wide variety of programs, we watched our children and teens flourish.

The continued resiliency of our youth provides hope and excitement about the years ahead, and we are tremendously grateful for all that you do for Chicago's youth. Thank you for ensuring these remarkable young people 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!

A NEW CLUB IN LOGAN SQUARE
BGCC officially launched programming at Funston Elementary School in the summer of 2019. With this new Club in the Logan Square neighborhood, BGCC is committed to continuing to serve the community as it has done so for more than 60 years.

NBA ALL-STARS VISIT THE CLUBS
BGCC's young people got the chance to participate in the 2020 NBA All-Star Weekend hosted in Chicago in February. From clinics attended by basketball greats like LeBron James, Anthony Davis and Sue Bird, to design and science workshops to promote creativity and storytelling, our young people got a front-row seat to the weekend's festivities.

MAJOR GYM RENOVATIONS
In addition to the 2020 NBA All-Star weekend activities, two Clubs also had major renovations and upgrades to their gyms. Thanks to Nike, the King Club received a new gym floor, court design by Virgil Abloh, fully updated locker rooms, and a new trophy case. The Valentine Club also received a new gym floor, newly painted walls, repaired windows, and a new Teen Center, thanks to NRG, Y2K Foundation, and Anthony Davis.



HOLIDAY SHOPPING SPREE SURPRISE
During the holidays, Corporate Board members joined youth from the Carter Club for a surprise shopping spree at Target. Each of the 30+ Club members who participated received a \$200 gift card to purchase holiday gifts, clothing, toys, and other items.



A SPARK FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS
Members of the Chicago Lyric Opera visited the King Club to perform and answer questions about their work in an effort to spark interest in the performing arts among our young people.

TECHNOLOGY CENTER OF EXCELLENCE
BGCC opened its first Technology Center of Excellence at the King Club in November 2019. Equipped with 3-D printers, desktop computers, laptops, tablets, smart boards and robotics, this center features a new curriculum and murals that celebrates the unique contributions of members of the Black community in STEM.



A SAFE HAVEN FOR CPS STUDENTS
For more than two weeks, BGCC served as an essential resource for youth during the teachers' strike when classes weren't in session. The Clubs remained open for an additional 1,100 hours, served 8,030 healthy meals to youth, and provided a safe environment for 1,991 youth.

BGCC'S COVID-19 RESPONSE

- Food distribution programs that have distributed **70,000 meals** to families hit hardest by the pandemic with prepared meals and groceries.
- Over **10,000 wellness check-ins** and referrals for youth and their families to keep them physically and mentally healthy.
- A **Virtual Club** experience filled with activities such as story hour, art workshops, and virtual talent shows, as well as science lessons.
- A **Club for Home kits** – dropped at children's doorsteps – packed with science materials, art supplies, books, and educational games.
- In the summer, BGCC re-opened its doors for **Summer Camp** and a virtual option continued to support youth with a camp experience.

YOUTH OF THE YEAR
BGCC awarded Camila S. the 2020 Youth of the Year. Camilla compelled the judges with her powerful story of struggles she's overcome on the road to pursuing her dream of becoming a surgeon. In addition to an amazing evening featuring six remarkable finalists, BGCC saw a record-breaking year, generating \$1.6 million in fundraising.



REPRESENTING BGCC TO THE MIDWEST
Liannah, a member of the Linda and Bill Gantz Club – and 2019 Youth of the Year Finalist – was named Finish Line's Midwest Youth Ambassador as part of its back-to-school campaign. Liannah was featured on billboards and store signage promoting BGCC throughout 12 states.



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FINANCIAL STATEMENT

FY20 OPERATING EXPENSES BREAKOUT

Program Services	\$ 9,862,985
Management and General	2,111,493
Fundraising	1,492,010
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 13,466,488

FY20 OPERATING REVENUE BREAKOUT

Donor Support	\$ 10,079,738
Government Grants	3,584,987
Investment Income & Perpetual Trusts	338,046
Membership Dues	200,526
Other	152,427
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 14,489,831

