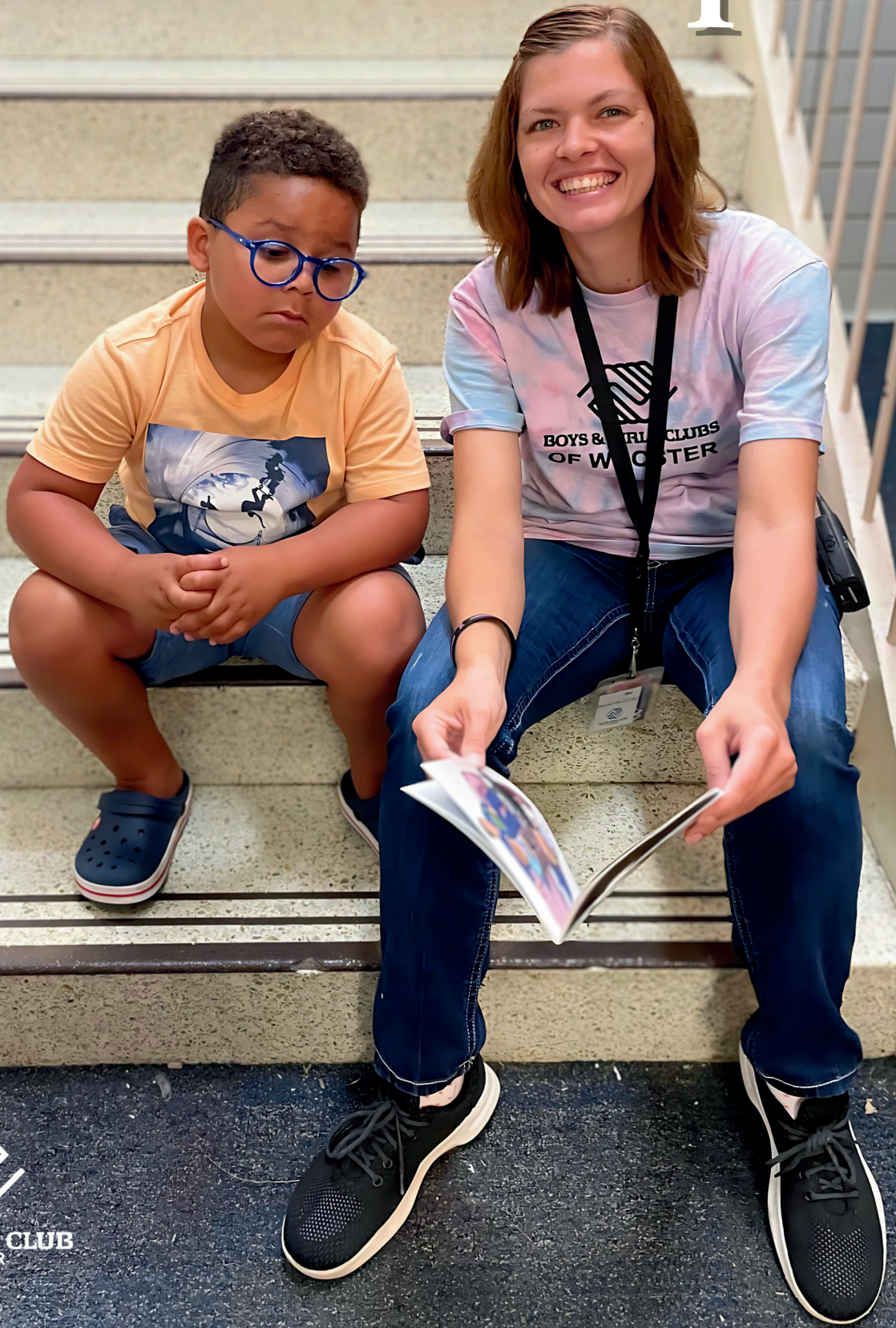


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BOYS & GIRLS CLUB
OF WOOSTER



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Dear Friends,

It is hard to think that another year is done, and as I reflect on 2024, I am reminded of all the great work we have done together. With your help, we had one of the most successful years. It started with attending a Boys & Girls Club of America conference in Chicago entitled “Operation Impact.” This was an initiative from BGCA to get Boys & Girls Club Organizations focused on five elements: national programs, trauma informed, teen impact, life + workforce readiness, and MyClubHub. Out of this initiative, a phrase came to light, **“LEVEL-UP: better, bigger, bolder.”** These two words became our focus as an organization. We wanted to “LEVEL-UP” all that we do.



Our “LEVELING-UP” started with our first annual campaign. We began in February with our board creating a plan and giving their commitment. Then, over the next few months, we began to engage our corporate and individual investors and the community to help reach our goal. With your help and the help of an anonymous match, we were able to exceed our goal. It was your help and of BGCA that set us up for one of our best years.

After our campaign, we began planning our annual golf outing. Once again, we had the biggest golf outing to date. Even though the outing was a success, it was different for us this year. Since becoming the CEO of the Boys & Girls Club of Wooster, two people have headed this event: Mike Ohlsen and the late Larry Smucker. In the spring, the BGCW community lost a good man, and in turn, we changed the name of our golf outing to the “Larry Smucker Memorial Golf Outing.” Larry, THANK YOU for all your support in impacting and changing the lives of the young people of Wayne County.

As we moved into a new school year, it came with a change. As you know, in 2022, we began to serve the elementary schools of Wooster. With the addition of these schools, we began to feel the stress of overseeing multiple sites. At the beginning of 2024, the staff and board discussed moving all our members to our Edgewood location. After numerous months of discussion and research, we came to four conclusions as to why it would be beneficial to move to one location. The four reasons are: 1. quality programs, 2. staff support, 3. community engagement, and 4. our identity.

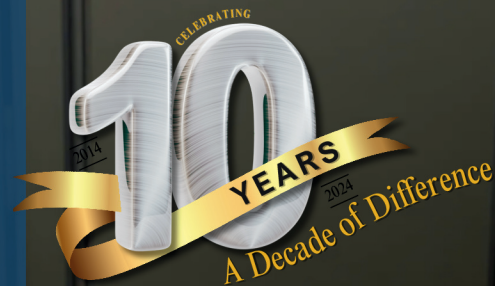
Another change that occurred when we moved to one location was restructuring the staff. We now have specific coordinators who focus on our three program priorities: academic success and enrichment, health and wellness, and character and leadership. Each coordinator helps us provide quality programs.

Our last area of “LEVELING-UP” will come later. Over the next five years, we plan to increase the number of kids we serve. Our goal is to have a minimum of 355 members, a minimum of 200 average daily participants, and a minimum of 50 teen members.

The “Level-Up: better, bigger, bolder” initiative will carry us into 2025. We have a lot on our plate, and much to do, and I am excited to see what we will accomplish. Again, thank you so much for all your support and investment in the lives of youth in our community. Thank you for empowering all young people to reach their full potential as productive, caring, and responsible citizens.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jan Hutcheon".

In 2024, BGCW celebrated ten years in Wooster. It was a year of changes, growth and planning. From new community relationships to bringing on new staff and acts of generosity; our youth, staff and supporters came together to make this year unforgettable. We are proud to highlight these memories and their lasting impact on our youth.



2024 Year IN REVIEW



2014
2015



OUR HiStory

Over 10 YEARS
of serving the youth in Wooster

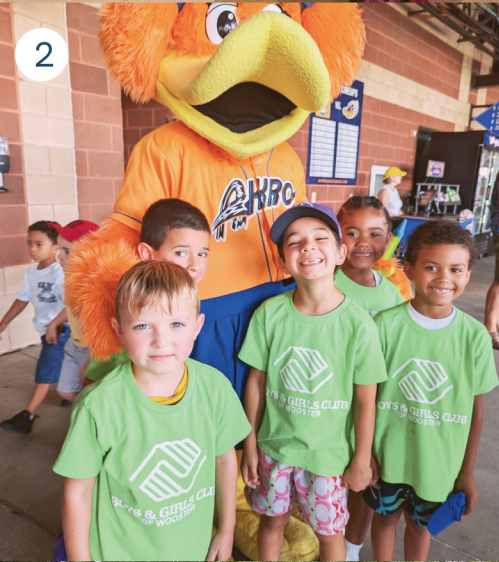


2017
2018
2019





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1. Staff training and professional development are essential elements of our work at BGCW. We provide ongoing opportunities for staff to learn and grow.

2. Club kids spent the day at the ballpark taking in an Akron Rubber Ducks game.

3. Guest speaker, Dan Owolabi joined us at Club and spoke to kids about racial diversity and working together as a team.

4. We worked with the ODNR to host a fishing day event. Through them a grant was awarded so that each kid got to take home a fishing pole.

5. Through a grant from Kohl's, we were able to shop for items for the Club including Squish Mellow Reading Buddies!

6. An ongoing partnership with Wayne Center for the Arts helps give kids ways to express themselves through art.

7. Project CHOP was featured on the Channel 5 evening news!

8. We hosted our annual Progressive Dinner in the spring and diners enjoyed a beautiful evening in downtown Wooster.

9. BGCW was honored with the National MAC Award by Boys & Girls Club of America. Staff were presented the award in Atlanta, Georgia in May.

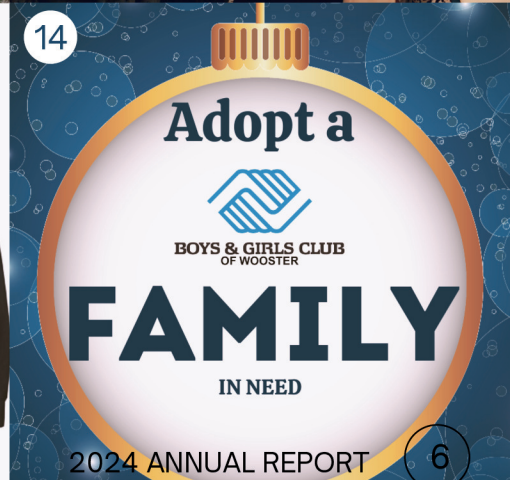
10. Banners celebrating our 10 year anniversary hung throughout the downtown streets.

11. We honored a dear Club friend by changing the name of our annual golf outing to the Larry Smucker Memorial Golf Tournament. We were honored to have many of Larry's family in attendance.

12. BGCW hosted its annual Make A Difference Gala in November. Founders, board members, staff, supports and Club families came together to celebrate all the hard work and success of the year.

13. BGCW launched its first branded apparel store online. The hoodies and t-shirts were a big hit!

14. The annual Adopt-A-Family program supported and provided gifts, supplies and food for needy Club families for the holidays





In 2024, the Boys & Girls Club of Wooster programs thrived thanks to the incredible partnerships we have with local organizations and businesses. Each of these collaborations has made a meaningful impact on our Club and the youth we serve. Together, we created a stronger, more vibrant community. Here's a look back at some of the highlights that showcase the power of collaboration:

Wayne Center for the Arts brought creativity and inspiration to our Club kids with their weekly art programs. Year-round, they provided opportunities for children to explore their artistic talents and build self-confidence.

Panda Express shared their generosity by providing over 300 meals for our kids during summer camp and our holiday party, ensuring no child went hungry during these special moments.

The College of Wooster Athletics Dept. played a vital role in introducing our children to new sports. Through sports camps, kids had the chance to learn and play lacrosse, basketball, and more—opportunities they might not have had otherwise. Additionally, education majors from the college offered invaluable homework help and tutoring, ensuring academic support was always within reach.

Ohio State University Entomology Department delighted Club kids with a hands-on visit from their Bug Zoo. The experience of interacting with unique insects brought curiosity, squeals and wonder, leaving a lasting impression.

Buffalo Wild Wings in Wooster hosted monthly fundraisers to benefit our programs and played a significant role in our Adopt-A-Family initiative during the holidays, spreading joy to families in need.

Bogner Construction Co. fueled creativity and engineering skills by donating Lego and Erector building sets, which provided countless hours of constructive fun and learning.

The Power of Partnerships



Friends of the Wooster Library enriched our reading program by donating nearly 100 children’s books, helping to create a love for reading and filling our shelves with engaging stories.

Anazao offered vital support through on-site counselors who guided our children through emotional challenges, ensuring they had the tools to thrive emotionally and socially.

Local Roots ensured our kids received nutritious, locally sourced meals after school. Their commitment to providing wholesome food contributed to the health and well-being of every child.

The Elks Lodge #1346, in partnership with Wooster City Police, equipped our kids with bikes and

bike safety training, empowering them with independence and practical skills.

BellStores kept our field trips rolling with gas gift cards that powered our vans, making memorable adventures possible for our children.

Frito-Lay consistently supplied hundreds of snacks every month, keeping our kids fueled and ready to engage in Club activities.

Aspen Racquet Club sparked the joy of tennis to our kids, teaching lessons that fostered physical activity, discipline, and teamwork.

Starbucks kicked off the school year by running a backpack drive, providing essential supplies that set our kids up for academic success and coffee for our staff.

Together, these partnerships demonstrate the extraordinary impact that comes from a shared commitment to our community. Each organization, with its unique contribution, helped us nurture, inspire, and support the youth of Wooster. We are deeply grateful for the collaboration and generosity shown in 2024, and we look forward to continuing these vital partnerships in the years to come. Here’s to building great futures, together!



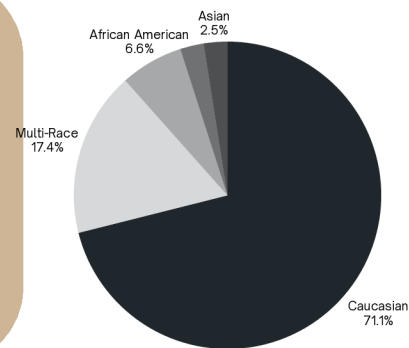
COMMUNITY CONNECTION



BGCW BY THE Numbers

BGCW

SERVES YOUTH IN GRADES K-7 WITH AN AVERAGE DAILY PARTICIPATION OF **130**



FREE/REDUCED ELIGIBLE

51%

Affordability for families

Club enrollment fees are tiered at \$25, \$15, and free based on income level with 51% of members qualifying for financial assistance

Health & Wellness:

A GAME PLAN FOR THE MIND, BODY AND SOUL

Designed to incorporate healthy living and active learning in every part of the Club experience. Programs emphasize good nutrition, regular physical activity and improving overall well-being.



HOURS SPENT
BEING
PHYSICALLY
ACTIVE:

365

Our mission centers around nurturing the enormous potential inside every young person.

Academic & Enrichment:

EMPOWERING FUTURE- READY GRADUATES

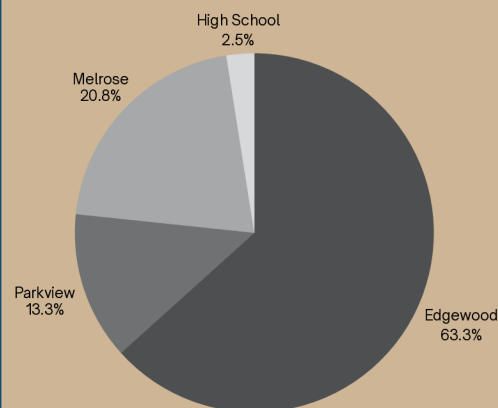
HOURS SPENT
HELPING
W/HOMEWORK:

95

Afterschool academic support helps kids stay on track throughout the school year, while fun and engaging summer programming combats summer learning loss in areas like math and reading.



SERVING YOUTH ACROSS THE DISTRICT:



Percentage of enrollment by school served

A Look Inside

Ever wonder what a typical day at Club looks like? One misconception we hear often is that BGCW is just a “babysitter”. Each day is structured and intentional; Club programs are designed to empower youth to excel in school, become good citizens and lead healthy, productive lives:

KEY HIGHLIGHTS BY GRADE LEVEL:

- K-1st & 2nd-4th Grades: Activities tailored to learning, creativity, and fun.
- 5th-7th Grades: Leadership, team-building, and enrichment activities.
- 6th-7th Grades: Specialized focus on skill-building and collaboration.

DAILY ROUTINE

2:18 – 2:35 PM: Arrival & Brain Break
Members arrive, sign in, and settle in with a quick, structured break to refresh and reset for the afternoon. This includes free-choice activities or quiet time.

2:35 – 3:30 PM: Dinner & Announcements
All members enjoy a healthy, balanced meal together in the cafeteria. Staff share important announcements and members sign up for their preferred activities.

3:30 – 4:30 PM: Focused Programming
Members participate in targeted activities based on the day’s theme (e.g., Academic Success, Health & Wellness, or Leadership).

4:30 – 5:30 PM: Recreation & Enrichment
Members enjoy recreational time in the gym, club room, or other program spaces. This is a chance to move, play, and connect with peers while fostering teamwork and social skills.

5:30 – 6:00 PM: Snack & Chill Time
Members wind down with a snack and relax with activities like video games or calm recreational activities. This transition helps prepare them for pickup and ensures a positive end to their day.

MEALS SERVED IN 2024

8,907



- Fresh, local sourced whole foods are served to youth daily
- Roundtable discussions are conducted monthly to get input from youth about the food they’re served

REAL LIFE SKILLS

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- Programs like Money Matters teach real world financial decision-making skills through fun, engaging digital tools and games
- Torch Club is a “club within the Club,” that develops and strengthens leadership skills



BOOKS IN THE CLUB

600+



- Reading books empowers kids to imagine what’s possible
- In school, reading is an assignment; at Club there is no curriculum or checklist for reading. Kids choose the kinds of books they want to read and set off on their own adventures between the pages!



STAFF Spotlight

Hannah took on the role of Academic Success and Enrichment Coordinator for grades K-7 in August 2024 after working as an Elementary Director. She has been with Boys and Girls Club of Wooster since January 2024. She brings classroom experience to her role and employs research based practices, trauma responsive education, and social-emotional development at the Club.

of
Staff
21

CLUB DIRECTOR

Bri Finck

COORDINATORS

*Hannah Morber
Cameron McCarty
Kelly Murphy*

PROGRAM STAFF

*Shannon Bower
Loriz Diaz
Chrissy Bialecki
Logan Burke
Madisyn Harper
Caitlin Martin
Cortnee McVay
Amanda McVay-White
Abbie Miller
Camryn Nelson*



ADMIN Staff

l - r: Ericka, Jenni, Caitlin, Jon, Liam

Volunteers



Without volunteer, partner, donor and board support, Wooster's youth would be left on their own afterschool and during the summer. When kids have Club and Club has you, there's no limit to what we can do.

VOLUNTEER STATS

Number of Volunteers

50

OF HOURS
VOLUNTEERS
HAVE SPENT HELPING
AT CLUB

230

of
Board
Members

14

Volunteering at a Boys & Girls Club is a great way to help teach young people valuable life lessons and learn something about yourself in return.

Volunteers:

- *Help with Homework*
- *Play Board Games*
- *Build Healthy Relationships*
- *Are a Positive Adult Presence & Role Model*



Interested in volunteering?

Email: volunteer@bgcwooster.org for more information.

Lead a special program: Photography, robotics, sewing, life skills, book club, etc..

Provide Homework Help: Even if you don't know how to do the math, you can figure it out together!

Mentoring: Hanging out & interacting with youth, playing games, building relationships, etc



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100% BOARD GIVING



BOARD Spotlight

“Our family mission statement is to remove barriers that hinder children from becoming valuable members of society. These barriers include substance use, challenging home environments, low self-esteem, poverty, and learning or physical disabilities. We have witnessed the successes of The Boys & Girls Club of Sarasota, where my brother Tom served as past Board Chair. We were impressed by the positive outcomes achieved there and hoped to see similar successes replicated in Wooster. This passion drives our commitment to donating to the Boys & Girls Club of Wooster and Steve serving on its Board. Observing significant improvements in students' grades and self-esteem resonates deeply with our family mission”.



STEVE & CHERYL SHAPIRO



JULIE ERTL

“This is my fourth year on the board, and I’m so grateful for the opportunity to serve and invest in the youth in our community. I initially joined the board thinking I would serve as a liaison between Boys & Girls Club of Wooster and Wooster City Schools, but it has become so much more for me. I have never felt more fulfilled in an endeavor as I do with this organization and that is saying a lot because I am passionate about my work as a School Counselor as well. I want my students to know that I believe in them and their futures, and it’s not only while they are within the walls of Edgewood Middle School but in their daily lives when they leave here. To me, there is no greater investment than in the youth of our community and I love that Boys and Girls Club of Wooster not only gives them a place to belong outside of school but also values their education while giving them diverse experiences in all aspects of being a productive, caring, and responsible citizen of our community. When I see the staff working with our youth, they are awe inspiring with their dedication and empathy for these students, we are so very grateful for them and all they do! I am truly honored to be a part of an organization that cares so much about our youth and is making differences in their lives daily”.

RECOGNITION OF Donors



We are grateful for our generous donors and community for supporting our Mission.

The support you give throughout the year has a significant impact on our youths' achievements and their ability to reach their full potential. Your

investment in the potential of the youth attending our Club helps to create unique learning opportunities and leads them toward

a pathway of success. There are many ways to support Boys & Girls Club of Wooster, and we are grateful for each and every gift.

DONATION STATS

Number of Donors

401

Average Donation

\$381.84

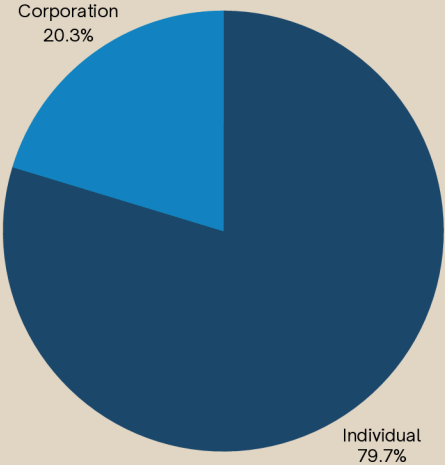
NUMBER OF FUNDRAISING EVENTS PER YEAR

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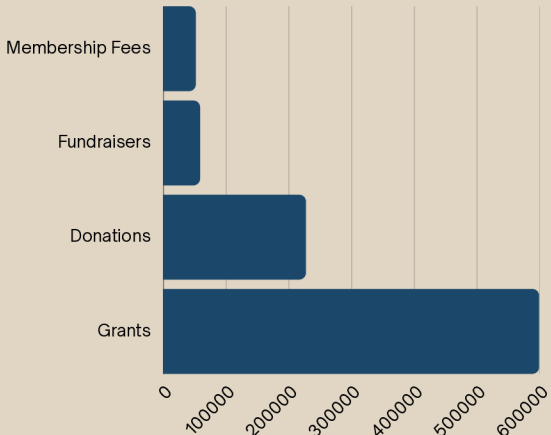
- Progressive Dinner
- Golf Tournament
- MAD Gala

Cost per youth served: **\$7,755**
(Annually)

Donor Mix



Revenue Streams



2024 marked BGCW's first ever annual campaign. Staff and board members worked together to engage with our donors and spread the word. One very generous donor even stepped up and offered a \$100,000 campaign match! It was an exciting and successful campaign thanks to everyone who contributed!



GREAT FUTURES ANNUAL CAMPAIGN



EVERY DOLLAR DOUBLES!

FUNDS RAISED ARE MATCHED UP TO \$100,000!

DONATE TODAY!



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DONOR Spotlight

“When Judy and I are asked why we support the Boys & Girls Club of Wooster, the answer is simple—we believe in its mission and have seen its positive impact on the youth in our community. Our initial support for the club came from a request by Mike Mann. Having known Mike from his time as the principal of Lincoln Way Elementary School, we were familiar with his dedication to serving less advantaged children in our community and his ability to engage with their families. When Mike shared his vision for bringing a Boys & Girls Club to Wooster, we wanted to provide the support to help make this happen.

At the time, we were aware of the positive impact the Boys & Girls Club of Orrville was having on the children of that community. We wanted to help Mike bring those same opportunities to Wooster, and our journey with the club began. Since opening in 2014, the Wooster Club has provided a safe and welcoming space for over 1,000 young people, giving them opportunities to learn, grow, and feel supported.

Our commitment to the club has only deepened over the years. The philanthropy committee at Seaman Corporation carefully evaluates community needs and consistently recommends continued support for the club because of the excellent services it provides through after-school and summer programs. The club helps the youth with academics, social development, and enrichment activities they might not otherwise have access to.

In addition to our philanthropic support, our connection with the club has grown in other meaningful ways. Through our Aspen Racquet Club, we’ve been able to extend tennis and pickleball opportunities to Boys & Girls Club members through the scholarship programs. These scholarships provide access to sports that many of these kids may not have had the chance to experience otherwise. It’s been wonderful to see them engage with the racquet sport, build new skills, and enjoy the sense of teamwork and accomplishment that comes with it.

Personally, my connection to the Boys & Girls Club goes back even further. As a child, I attended summer camp in Millersburg, sponsored by the Boys & Girls Club of Massillon. I still have fond memories of those days, and I understand how impactful these programs can be in shaping a child’s confidence and aspirations. For Judy and me, supporting the Boys & Girls Club is about investing in the future of our community. The club provides a space where young children feel valued, supported, and inspired to reach their full potential. We’re proud to be part of that mission and look forward to continuing our support as the club grows and serves even more youth in the years ahead”.

Dick & Judy Seaman



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Alpine Heating & Cooling
Apple Creek Bank
Barbara Knapic Law
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Bosco's Pizza Kitchen
Buffalo Wild Wings, Wooster
CIX
Classic Imports, Inc.
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Critchfield, Critchfield & Johnston
Dr. Jack Kristofco
Expert Ts
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First Presbyterian Church
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PRC-Salttillo
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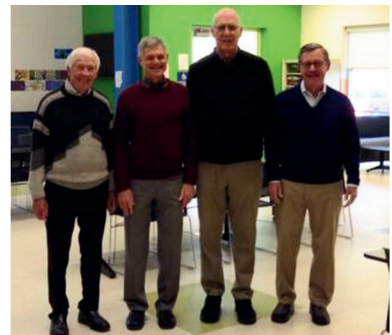
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Laura B Frick Charitable Trust
Orren & Polly Weitzel Fund
Ralph R. & Grace B. Jones Foundation
Sayer Foundation
Gessner Family Foundation
Ted and Ann Bogner Charitable Fund
Wayne County Community Foundation
Wooster Hydrostatics Fund



A Legacy That Lives On

At the 2024 BGCA National Convention in Atlanta, Georgia, James and Joan Robertson were inducted into The Heritage Club. The Heritage Club is a prestigious donor recognition society honoring those who have included Boys & Girls Clubs of Wooster in their estate plan. Jim Robertson was pivotal in the founding of BGCW and through his generosity, has made a profound and lasting impact on the future of Wooster's youth.



L-R: Jim Robertson, Mike Mann, Chuck Cooper, John Moritz

BUILDING A BRIGHTER FUTURE:

The Impact of Legacy Giving

With legacy giving, you maintain full control over your assets, directing contributions to causes that matter most to you. By designating where your gift will go, you can be assured that your legacy will reflect your personal beliefs and continue to make a difference in the Wooster community.

What is Legacy Giving?

Legacy giving refers to charitable donations that are arranged during a donor's lifetime but are typically allocated at a future date, often through a will or trust or other estate planning methods. Legacy giving benefits both you and our youth.

Types of Legacy Gifts

There are several ways to make a legacy gift, depending on your personal and financial circumstances. Some of the most common types include:

Bequests

A bequest is a gift made through your will or trust.

Beneficiary Designations

You can name BGCW as a beneficiary of your life insurance policy or retirement account.

Gifts of Appreciated Assets

Donating stocks, real estate or other appreciated assets avoids capital gains taxes while supporting BGCW.

How Do I Make a Legacy Gift?

We encourage you to speak with your financial advisor, accountant or attorney to discuss your options and determine the best type of legacy gift for your situation.

Why Legacy Giving Matters

Legacy giving is a significant source of BGCW's revenue and contributions to its long term sustainability. These gifts allow us to continue serving Wooster's youth, innovative programs, maintain facilities and provide resources that impact the lives of the members and families we serve.

How Legacy Giving Benefits You

Legacy giving not only benefits our youth, but it can also offer financial advantages for you. Many planned gifts provide significant tax benefits, including real estate taxes and capital gains tax avoidance.

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By including BGCW in your estate plans, you can ensure that your legacy of generosity continues to make a difference for years to come.

SUPPORT & DONATE

Help Us Grow



When you donate to BGCW, you are helping us fulfill our mission by empowering Wooster’s youth to reach their full potential. Your support allows us to provide high quality programs, life-enriching experiences that open doors for youth to thrive as caring, productive, responsible citizens.

There are many ways to give, and you can find a full list on our website. Here are a few that might interest you:

Mail a Check

If you would like to mail a check or money order, you can use the remittance envelope that is provided in this annual report and send to:

Boys & Girls Club of Wooster
124 North Walnut Street
Wooster, Ohio 44691

Donate Online

Make a secure gift online using this QR code or by visiting bgcwooster.org by using a credit card, bank transfer, PayPal, Venmo, Apple Pay or Google Pay. You’ll receive an immediate confirmation of receipt of your gift.



Recurring Gifts

Setting up a monthly recurring donation helps ensure our youth receive quality programs every day. With a simple one-time setup, you can conveniently provide an automatic recurring gift by visiting the donation page on our website.

Donor-Advised Funds (DAF)

When you open a DAF, you are creating a separate entity with the sole purpose of using the assets to support qualified charities. Making a gift through your DAF is an easy way to support our mission. This option provides an immediate tax benefit and allows you to recommend grant funds to support BGCW by contacting the financial institution or foundation that manages your DAF

Matching Gifts

Many corporations also have matching gift programs that will match charitable donations given by their employees to BGCW. Check with your employer to see if they provide a match that could double your contribution.

Gifts of Stocks & Bonds

Donating appreciated securities, including stocks or bonds, is an easy and tax-effective way for you to make a gift. Please contact us for instructions on how you can transfer stock or bonds from your brokerage or investment account to BGCW.



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