



Our Mission

To inspire and enable all young people from throughout the Pee Dee Area, especially those who need us most, to become productive, responsible and caring citizens.

2019

IMPACT REPORT



The Club Experience

The Boys & Girls Club fills the gap between school and home. We provide a welcoming, positive environment in which kids and teens have fun, participate in life-changing programs, and build supportive relationships with peers and caring adults.

In Their Own Words

"I have supported the Boys & Girls Club movement for over 35 years. The Boys & Girls Clubs of the Pee Dee have a professional staff that executes on programs for youth in our community that need us the most. The Club has always been a good steward of my time, talents and financial resources. The youth that participate in the Club programs receive the love and guidance of the staff and grow into responsible, productive and caring citizens."

- Tom, Donor

"The Boys & Girls Club provided a fun, safe place for me to be growing up. I came from a troubled background, but was able to persevere because of the staff at the Club. I could talk to staff without judgment and learn in a positive environment. The Club gave me my first job opportunity at age 16. Now, even as a behavioral counselor in School District One, I still enjoy coming back to the Florence Boys & Girls Club in the summer to lead summer camp activities. It is a great place for a kid to just have fun!"

- Kevin, Alumna

"As a working single mother of four children, it is difficult to find a fun, positive and affordable place for my children to go over the summer. The Boys & Girls Club has been a blessing to my family. It has allowed me to work without worrying if my kids are okay this summer. My kids love the staff and the friends they have made there."

- Leah, Parent



The Need in Our Community

Every day 133,788 kids in South Carolina leave school with nowhere to go. They risk being unsupervised, unguided and unsafe.

Our Reach



6
Boys & Girls Club Sites
in the Pee Dee Area



4091 Youth Served = **2159** Registered Members + **1932** Youth Served Through Community Outreach

Member Demographics

74%

Ages 12 and Younger

26%

Teens

91%

Served by no other youth organization

84%

Live Below the Poverty Level

72%

Live in Single-Parent Households

YOUR IMPACT



Academic Success

96% of our teenaged Club members expect to graduate from high school, while 82% expect to complete some kind of postsecondary education. With your help, 35% of our members make their school's honor roll and 99% get promoted each year!



Good Character

Because of you, our youth are learning to give back to their communities. 65% of our teenagers volunteer in their community at least once a year, while 40% volunteer in their community at least once a month. Did you know that only 25% of adults in the U.S. volunteer?



Healthy Lifestyles

Over 250,000 free and nutritious meals are served to youth afterschool and during the summer at 26 sites across the Pee Dee Area. Thank you for meeting the needs of youth by providing access to healthy meals.

MEET TYREESE

Self-described as a “bad kid,” Tyrese, a 17-year-old high school Junior, credits the Boys & Girls Club for turning his life around. Tyrese began attending the Club in 4th grade after moving to Florence. At the time, he was frequently suspended for fighting and getting in trouble in school. He did not care about his grades or feel any need to be engaged in a school setting. As he met new friends in Florence, they told him about the Boys & Girls Club. Tyrese immediately took to the club. Club staff took the time to talk to him and get him involved with club activities and programs. The more involved Tyrese became with the club, the less he was getting in trouble at school. He learned that he did not have to be aggressive or have an attitude, and that conflicts can be resolved in ways other than fighting. Instead of being a follower, Tyrese learned to be a leader, and create his own plan to lead him to success. Tyrese plans to join the National Guard to become a Diesel Mechanic.



MEET BRYANNA, 2019 Pee Dee Youth of the Year

From a young age, Bryanna had to learn to depend on herself. She was moved to foster care at the age of 6, at 9 she moved to South Carolina, where for several years she bounced between multiple foster homes. During this time, Bryanna became withdrawn and reserved. It was not until the age of 14, when she moved into her current foster home, that she started coming to the Club. “I came out of my shell at the Boys & Girls Club,” said Bryanna, “I became more confident as I realized I finally had a support group around me.” She plays basketball and is in the top 5% of her senior class in academics, earning all A's. At the Club, she participates in the Job Readiness Training program, Junior Staff, and other Club activities and programs. She will attend Coastal Carolina University in the Fall and major in Computer Science.



THANKS TO YOU, GREAT FUTURES ARE POSSIBLE!

Because of YOU!

- We touch the lives of over 1,200 youth a day during the school year and over 800 youth a day during the summer.
- In a recent survey, 96% of parents stated the Boys & Girls Club takes great care of their child afterschool.
- Additionally, 97% of parents have stated that their children's homework is completed daily, thanks to the Boys & Girls Club.
- Club member teachers said that 86% of our members who needed to improve their academic performance, did so, and 80% of our members who needed to improve their behavior, did so.
- 90% of our teens report abstaining from alcohol use (compared to 67% nationally); 93% of our teens say they did not smoke in the last 30 days (compared to 89% nationally).
- 85% of members said they think about how other people will be affected by the decisions they make.

GREAT FUTURES START HERE.



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