



## 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.

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# 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

*"The BGC serves youth no matter where they live and what their socio-economic condition. While staff pay special attention to those who need help the most, all youth are cared for, loved and nurtured. The programs offered on a daily basis are geared to provide healthy life skills and prepare each child for a better future. That effort results in a better quality of life for all in the community. It is fact that every dollar spent by the B&GC saves our community at least \$7. So supporting the BGC is not only a caring thing to do, it is an act of good citizenship and an excellent return on our investment."*

- Richard, Donor

*"My Club provided me the love and support I was missing in my life. In high school, the club provided me with structure, guidance, and discipline. There, I also experienced my first job, was taken on college visits, and was taught how to perfect oral presentations through the youth of the year program. Now an attorney, I learned lessons at the Club that helped shape me into the person I am today. The mission of the Club is to enable all young people to reach their full potential and save a kid like me. I am forever grateful."*

- Salisha, Alumna

*"The Club has a wonderful and up-beat energy level that helps contribute to how kids perform in school. Being able to attend the Club gives them a safe and caring environment to learn core values and reinforces what children learn in school. Programs are outcome driven and focus on three areas: Academic Success, Good Character and Healthy Lifestyles."*

- Carol, Teacher



## 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



**3505** = **2468** Registered Members + **1037** Youth Served Through Community Outreach  
Youth Served

## Member Demographics

74%

Ages 12 and Younger

26%

Teens

91%

Served by no other youth organization

93%

Receive Free or Reduced Cost School Lunch

77%

Live in Single-Parent Households

# YOUR IMPACT



## Academic Success

97% of our teenaged Club members expect to graduate from high school, while 90% 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. 68% of our teenagers volunteer in their community at least once a year, while 32% volunteer in their community at least once a month. Did you know that only 25% of adults in the U.S. volunteer?



## Healthy Lifestyles

57% of Club members ages 9 and older report getting at least an hour of physical activity five or more days per week. Thank you for helping combat the obesity problem in SC, where 39% of 10-17 year olds are overweight or obese.

**MEET AARON**, a high school junior who started coming to the club 12 years ago. Coming from a single parent home, in his early years he was a shy, introverted child with a learning disability. Although slow in the beginning to participate in club activities, he finally started building relationships with staff, learned to make friends, and became active in our educational and leadership programs. Last year he took his first advanced placement class, and this year made his school's honor roll. Today, he is a junior staff member at the club, leading our STEM activities and mentoring others. He is well on his way to his goal of becoming a high school principal.



*You have given Aaron the opportunity to have a great future!*

**MEET JANICE**, an eighth grader who joined the Club at age 7. Raised by a single mother, Janice eventually had to move in with her elderly grandmother when her mother was incarcerated. Grandma was strict and insisted on hard work and good grades at school. But then Janice's grandmother became ill and died. Once again, Janice was moved, this time to stay with an older sister. Life became a little more hectic and chaotic, and Janice wasn't able to attend the Club very often. Without the regular structure of Club programs and encouragement from Club staff, Janice went from A/B honor roll to barely passing her classes. But now she's back. She's gotten tutoring, mentoring, and is thinking about possible careers. She is on the honor roll again and has a smile on her face.



*You have given Janice the structure she needs to succeed!*

## Because of YOU!

- In a recent survey, 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.
- Over the last four years we have provided mentoring services to 89 youth & teens referred by DJJ, with only two of them re-entering the justice system.
- Each year 60 teens get to explore the real world of work through internships at local businesses.
- More than 400 youth every school day receive specialized tutoring under the guidance of certified teachers.
- 85% of our teens report abstaining from alcohol use (compared to 65% nationally); 93% of our teens say they do not smoke (compared to 84% nationally).
- Every school in Florence County is represented in our membership.

## GREAT FUTURES START HERE.



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