WHO WE ARE

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Acadiana is a 52-year-old organization running after-school and summer programs for youth ages 6-18 in 6 parishes. Our mission is "to empower all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as caring, productive, responsible citizens." Boys & Girls Clubs provide safe places where young people can learn and grow. We believe every kid and teen deserves access to experiences and opportunities that change their lives for the better. Through caring mentors, innovative programming, and an unwavering commitment to safety, Clubs across our area do whatever it takes to support youth on their path to a great future.

BY THE NUMBERS

2,878 YOUTH SERVED

54% Males I 46% Females

64% Raised in Single Homes

67% Household earns less than $30,000

520 FAMILIES SERVED:

42,600 MEALS SERVED:

75% Under 12 I 25% 13+

MESSAGES FROM RHYAN & BEN

Dear Friends of the Club,

In 2022, Boys & Girls Clubs of Acadiana reached farther and made a deeper impact in the lives of youth who need us most. 2,878 young people had access to safe spaces, meals, mentors, and programs that help guide them to a brighter future. Your commitment to building strong communities enabled us to grow our footprint and serve a whole new area in need of after school and summer programming. In March of 2022, the Natchitoches Boys & Girls Club opened its doors at the Ben D. Johnson Auditorium, making it our 7th Club in 6 parishes. Our organization’s goal was to serve more youth while enhancing safety and quality. We achieved those goals and more with your support.

A big thank you to our amazing Board of Directors for their leadership, engagement, and commitment to the mission. The impact that is being made in the lives of our youth are due to the incredible work put in by the BGCA staff. They continue to stretch themselves in order to provide opportunities for our members to learn and grow. We are not able to do any of this without the generous support of, you, our donors in each of our communities. Rest assured that your investment in Boys & Girls Clubs of Acadiana is creating our next generation of caring, productive, responsible citizens.

2023 will bring forth new opportunities to serve more youth, we hope you will join us!

Rhyan Wheeler, President & CEO

At the Boys & Girls Clubs of Acadiana, the past year was another exceptional year focused on the continued growth, sustainability, and safety of our club experience for the youth that we serve. The organization was able to expand into North Louisiana with the opening of a new club in Natchitoches, Louisiana at the Ben D. Johnson Center in early February of 2022. The support from the area’s elected officials, local businesses, and the community will ensure the investments in our youth continues to pay dividends for many years to come.

For the second year in a row the Boys & Girls Clubs of Acadiana also made the national spotlight with the help of Author and Philanthropist McKenzie Scott. Her $1.6 Million-dollar donation to the Boys & Girls Club of Acadiana will fund further expansion to serve more of Louisiana’s youth and ensure that the Club’s mission of empowering all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, and responsible citizens will continue.

Boys & Girls Club of Acadiana was led by CEO Rhyan Wheeler and her staff that put in countless hours and dedication to help build great futures. The entire staff from top down attended numerous training sessions including CPI (Crisis Prevention Intervention), CPR, and helped develop an Emergency Operations Plan focused on youth safety. The safety of the youth we serve is a top priority of all the staff and Board of Directors associated with the Boys & Girls Clubs of Acadiana.

On behalf of the Board of Directors and myself we would like to thank McKenzie Scott, as well as all the donors, sponsors, and partners who continue to support the Boys & Girls Clubs of Acadiana. Boys & Girls Clubs of Acadiana continues to be on an upward trajectory being able to serve more youth with another expansion into the New Iberia Community, opening a second club at the New Iberia West End Club in July 2023. We look forward to continuing to build great futures and what is ahead for another successful year in 2023!

Ben Lognion, Chief Volunteer Officer
Providing Growth with Club Programs

PASSPORT TO MANHOOD encourages boys age 8 to 14 to develop and mature into young men. Passport to Manhood represents a targeted effort to engage young boys in discussions and activities that reinforce character, leadership and positive behavior. Each participant receives a “passport” to underscore the notion that he is on a personal journey of maturation and growth. Each of the program’s 14 sessions use interactive activities to focus on a specific aspect of character and manhood. It also includes a service project where boys learn the importance of giving back to the community.

SMART GIRLS is a small-group health, fitness, prevention/education and self-esteem enhancement program designed to meet the developmental needs of girls in three age groups, spanning ages 8 to 18. Through dynamic sessions, participatory activities, field trips and mentoring opportunities with adult women, Club girls explore their own journey of maturation and growth. Each of the program’s 14 sessions use interactive activities to focus on a specific aspect of character and societal attitudes and values as they build skills for eating right, staying physically fit, getting good health care and developing positive relationships (with self and others), and responsible decision-making.

PROJECT LEARN is a hands-on, activity-based STEM curriculum which connects youth aged 8 to 12 to science themes they encounter regularly. Special attention is paid to connections of theory and application and the common interactions members have with these scientific principles. DIY STEM currently includes five modules: Energy and Electricity, Engineering Design, Food Chemistry, Science of Sports: Football, and Design, Food Chemistry, Science of Sports: Football.

Summer Brain Gain helps prevent youth from falling behind and losing academic skills while school is out. It is comprised of one-week modules with fun, themed activities for elementary school, middle school and high school students that are aligned with common core anchor standards. As a result, kids develop higher-order thinking skills through the Summer Brain Gain modules while staying on track for the coming school year.

Power Hour: Making Minutes Count helps Club members ages 6-15 retain academic success by providing homework help, tutoring and high-yield learning activities and encouraging members to become self-directed learners. Dedicated youth development professionals and volunteers supervise each session and help youth members complete their assignments for the day.

Throughout my time at the Boys & Girls Club, I have become smarter and more capable of solving anything I put my mind to. The staff has shown me how to set goals for myself and identify what really matters to me. The club has shown me that although I have ups and downs, there is nothing that can stop me.” — Granberry Member, Jaliah C.

character & leadership

Healthy Lifestyle

TRIPLE PLAY is a dynamic wellness program that is designed to help youth create opportunities to take charge of their personal health and wellness.

• Healthy Habits (Mind): Addresses the ways an individual’s health behaviors are influenced by personal beliefs and exposure to positive and negative messages.
  - the intrinsic enthusiasm for physical activity for members to be physically active for life
  - the knowledge of the ability to play sports or enjoy other physical activities

• Daily Challenges (Body): Intentional focus on physical literacy: Ability - Increasing capability in basic movement skills and overall fitness; Confidence - the knowledge of the ability to play sports or enjoy other physical activities and Motivation - the intrinsic enthusiasm for physical activity for members to be physically active for life

• Social Recreation (Soul): Emphasis on social and emotional development, or the social, cognitive, and behavioral skills that youth need to be healthy and productive. There is an explicit focus on emotional regulation, healthy relationships (with self and others), and responsible decision-making.

Academic Success

Summer Brain Gain

Power Hour: Making Minutes Count

Academic Success

Triple Play

Healthy Lifestyle

Passport to Manhood

Smart Girls

Project Learn

Diy stem

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 предлагаемый вопрос на основе изображения документа:

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4. **PROJECT LEARN**
   - PROJECT LEARN reinforces the academic enrichment and school engagement of young people during the time they spend at the Club. Students do much better in school when they spend their non-school hours engaged in fun, but academically beneficial, activities. Through Project Learn, Club staff use all the areas and programs in the Club to create opportunities for these high-yield learning activities, including leisure reading, writing activities, discussions with knowledgeable adults, helping others, homework help, tutoring and games that develop young people’s cognitive skills. Project Learn also emphasizes parent involvement as well as collaboration between Club and school professionals.

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THE ANATOMY
OUR CLUB KID

ACADEMIC SUCCESS
On track to graduate from high school.

POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS
Built on trust and support.

HEALTHY HABITS
Life-long healthy decision-making.

GOOD CHARACTER
Responsibility through mentorship.

VOLUNTEER-MINDED
Active in community service.

EMPOWERED
Through effective programs.

HAPPY
Strong self-confidence.

AUTHENTICITY
Safe to be themselves in a positive environment.

GROUNDED
By fundamentals and good citizenship.

EQUIPPED
Tools needed for success.

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A NEW CLUB LOCATION!

Boys & Girls Clubs of Acadiana opened a club for the Natchitoches youth in March 2022 in the Ben O. Johnson Auditorium. With the closure of the Boys & Girls Club of El Camino Real in 2018, the need for youth development programs for the youth was at a full time need. The re-establishment of a Boys & Girls Clubs has filled the void with robust after-school and summer activities for Natchitoches’ youth.

NEW IBERIA COX INNOVATION LAB

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Acadiana celebrated the launch of a new technology-filled Innovation Lab at its New Iberia Club, made possible by a $20,000 grant from the James M. Cox Foundation. The donation is part of a greater $160,000 gift from The James M. Cox Foundation to create new Cox Innovation Labs across the nation, develop STEM programming and provide training for the Boys & Girls Club staff. The Innovation Labs are the cornerstone of the Boys & Girls Clubs of America Club Tech program, which provides students access to curriculum to advance their computer literacy skills. These Innovation Labs also help bridge the digital divide for children without access to a computer or internet connection at home.

COUNTRY CONCERT

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Acadiana held their Second Annual Country Concert on October 12th with Opening Act, Coteau Grove, and Special Guest, Shennandoah. Family and friends gathered for a night of music, laughs, and memories made making a difference for the youth in our community.

2022 CLUB HIGHLIGHTS

CELEBRITY WAITER

After a 2-year hiatus, it was wonderful to gather a community together for a common goal and mission to support the Rodneby Simon Unit of Boys & Girls Clubs of Acadiana, Celebrity Waiters, UJ Lafayette Ragin’ Cajuns Baseball, UL Lafayette Ragin’ Jazz, & Kiwanis Abbeville, served meals as the live and silent auction commenced. We send a special thanks to the Quality Sports Authority for hosting the event, Ryan Abshire for great entertainment, Gabie Marchaux and Mike Couvillon for auctioneering, Photo Bomb Dot Com, LLC, to make this event happen.
The Club has helped me have a place to go to every day where I feel like I belong but also gives me a place to go where I am surrounded by positive male role models, which is especially important to me since I have grown up without a father.

— Vermilion Member, McKinsey N.

Leadership Staff

**PRESIDENT & CEO** Rhyan Wheeler

**VP OF ADMINISTRATION** Fawn Hernandez

**DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS** Tamara Anthony

**DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT** Brian Ford

**GRANTS MANAGER** Amy Hauser

**AREA MANAGER** Elise Morrison

**RECRUITMENT & ENGAGEMENT MANAGER** Kaitlyn Collins

**EVENTS & MARKETING MANAGER** Samantha Lagier

**ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT** Wanda Johnson

**FAMILY ENGAGEMENT COORDINATOR** Donni Carter

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Angie Doyle — BurgerSmith

Lynwood Creswell — Retired

Abigail Payne — Northwestern Mutual

Jason Patout — Gulf Coast Bank

Hannah Johnson — KLJ

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Vanner Erikson — Northwestern State University

Tonya Bolden Ball — Ochsner Lafayette General

Voce Saitta — Colomb & Saitta

CHIEF VOLUNTEER OFFICER

Ben Lognion — ISS

PAST CHIEF VOLUNTEER OFFICER

Grant Guillette — Nancoo Whitney

I know when he is at the club he is surrounded by well-trained staff that will make him feel welcomed and supported. The club has helped my family in so many ways, especially when he transitioned to public school. He is so much more social now!

— New Iberia Parent
Programs help develop physical fitness, set personal goals and behaviors to nurture their well-being. Programs develop young people's environment and interpersonal skills. They promote a positive use of behaviors to nurture their well-being. Programs develop young people's environment and interpersonal skills. They promote a positive use of behaviors to nurture their well-being. Programs develop young people's environment and interpersonal skills. They promote a positive use of behaviors to nurture their well-being. Programs develop young people's environment and interpersonal skills. They promote a positive use of behaviors to nurture their well-being. Programs develop young people's environment and interpersonal skills. They promote a positive use of behaviors to nurture their well-being. Programs develop young people's environment and interpersonal skills. They promote a positive use of behaviors to nurture their well-being. Programs develop young people's environment and interpersonal skills. They promote a positive use of behaviors to nurture their well-being. Programs develop young people's environment and interpersonal skills. They promote a positive use of behaviors to nurture their well-being. Programs develop young people's environment and interpersonal skills. They promote a positive use of behaviors to nurture their well-being. Programs develop young people's environment and interpersonal skills. They promote a positive use of behaviors to nurture their well-being. Programs develop young people's environment and interpersonal skills. They promote a positive use of behaviors to nurture their well-being. Programs develop young people's environment and interpersonal skills. They promote a positive use of behaviors to nurture their well-being. Programs develop young people's environment and interpersonal skills. They promote a positive use of behaviors to nurture their well-being. Programs develop young people's environment and interpersonal skills. They promote a positive use of behaviors to nurture their well-being. Programs develop young people's environment and interpersonal skills. They promote a positive use of behaviors to nurture their well-being. Programs develop young people's environment and interpersonal skills. They promote a positive use of behaviors to nurture their well-being. Programs develop young people's environment and interpersonal skills. They promote a positive use of behaviors to nurture their well-being. Programs develop young people's environment and interpersonal skills. They promote a positive use of behaviors to nurture their well-being. Programs develop young people's environment and interpersonal skills. They promote a positive use of behaviors to nurture their well-being. Programs develop young people's environment and interpersonal skills. They promote a positive use of behaviors to nurture their well-being. Programs develop young people's environment and interpersonal skills. They promote a positive use of behaviors to nurture their well-being. Programs develop young people's environment and interpersonal skills. They promote a positive use of behaviors to nurture their well-being. Programs develop young people's environment and interpersonal skills. They promote a positive use of behaviors to nurture their well-being.
FINANCIALS

Revenue

- Campaign — 59%
- Other Grants — 11%
- Events — 9%
- Miscellaneous — 6%
- AmeriCorps — 6%
- LA Alliance — 2%
- Foundations — 2%
- Government Grants — 2%
- United Ways — 2%
- Membership Dues — 1%

TOTAL — $3,683,606.59

OUR CLUBS