



BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
OF NORTH CENTRAL ILLINOIS

Annual Report

FY24



Dear Champion,

THANK YOU for your unyielding support of kids and teens. We've had an amazing year because of you! As we reflect on the past year, I am filled with gratitude, pride, and excitement for the extraordinary accomplishments and progress we have made together at the Boys & Girls Clubs of North Central Illinois. It is my honor to share with you our FY24 Annual Report, a testament to the resilience, dedication, and unwavering support of our members, staff, volunteers, and partners.

This year has been a remarkable journey of growth and transformation. We've expanded our programs, enhanced our facilities, and reached more young people than ever. Our commitment to providing a safe, inclusive, and nurturing environment has remained steadfast, empowering youth to realize their full potential.

Key Achievements & Highlights:

We have a new name! – Formerly the Boys & Girls Club of Elgin, we are now proudly the Boys & Girls Clubs of North Central Illinois, better reflecting our broad regional footprint and 3000+ membership base.

Youth of the Year – Our annual teen leadership competition led senior Abby D to the state Youth of the Year competition where she achieved the statewide Youth of the Year title!

30 Year Anniversary Celebration – Back for the first time since 2019, we held our Great Futures Gala and celebrated our 30th anniversary, bringing over 600 supporters together.

Organizational Growth – In summer 2024, we served DeKalb youth through an amazing partnership with D408, with plans to move beyond our summer camp partnership to a school-based program. We've also expanded our partnership with D129 in Aurora and solidified growth plans in Aurora to serve more youth than ever before!

Federal Earmarks – We received two federal community project funding grants, \$1,000,000 through Rep. Raja Krishnamoorthi for updates to our Elgin Clubhouse, and \$500,000 through Rep. Bill Foster to support building a new clubhouse in Aurora.

Our success would not be possible without the dedication and hard work of our staff, who tirelessly strive to make a difference every day. Their passion and commitment are the backbone of our organization, and I am deeply grateful for their unwavering support. To our board, volunteers and donors, your generosity and belief in our mission have been truly inspiring. Your contributions have enabled us to provide life-changing opportunities for our young members and their families. Together, we are building a brighter, more equitable future for all.

Looking ahead, we remain committed to our vision of empowering every young person who walks through our blue doors. We will continue to innovate, adapt, and grow, ensuring that we meet the evolving needs of our community and create a lasting impact. Thank you for being an integral part of our journey. With your continued support, we will reach even greater heights and inspire the next generation of leaders, thinkers, and change-makers.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cathy Russell".

Cathy Russell, CEO

Boys & Girls Clubs of North Central Illinois

**35
SITES**

**3000+
MEMBERS**

**200+
STAFF**

**90+
VOLUNTEERS**

**23,000+
MEALS
SERVED**

**1 NAME
CHANGE**

**1 STATEWIDE
YOUTH OF THE
YEAR WINNER**

**1 NEW
COMMUNITY**



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Our Mission

Our mission is to enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens.

Our Vision

Our vision is to provide a world-class Club Experience that assures success is within reach of every young person who enters our doors, with all members on track to graduate from high school with a plan for the future, demonstrating good character and citizenship, and living a healthy lifestyle.

Our Guiding Principles

Excellence

We are the leaders in youth development. We take a professional approach to our work, setting high standards and investing in the success of our people.

Belonging

We create diverse, inclusive environments where every young person, family, blue crew member, volunteer, and board member is valued, respected, and has a voice.

Continuous Improvement

We have a relentless focus on progress. We make data-informed decisions and embrace learning and innovation to increase our impact.

Accountability

We act in ways that advance the impact and reputation of the entire Boys & Girls Club Movement.

Collective Impact

We collaborate eagerly for the collective good. We help each other get better.

OUR BOARD

BOARD OF GOVERNORS

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OUR BOARD

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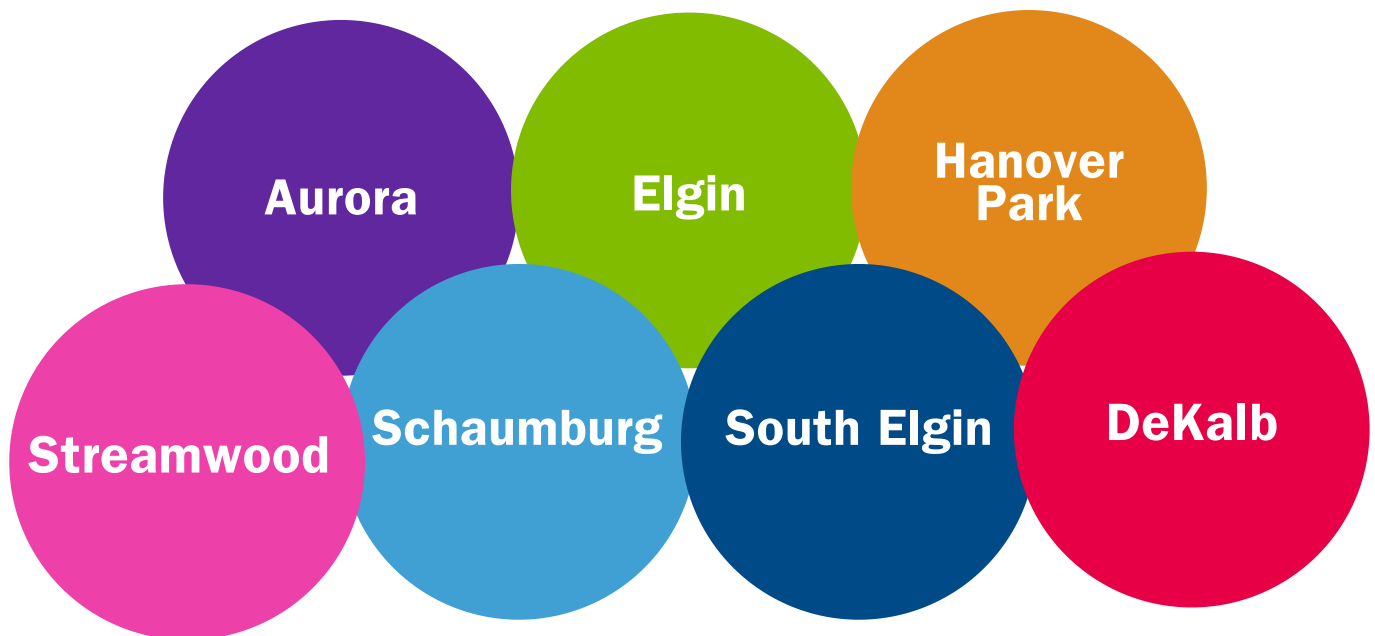
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OUR LOCATIONS

During the 2023-24 school year, we served 3000+ youth in 6 communities at 35 different sites. Scan the QR code below for our current list of sites.



SCAN HERE TO SEE A FULL LIST OF ALL OUR SITES!

FY24 FINANCIALS

REVENUE

GOVERNMENT FUNDING (NON CCAP)	\$3,022,414.50
PRIVATE GRANTS	\$287,394.54
INDIVIDUAL GIVING	\$149,201.37
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN	\$179,000.00
MEMBERSHIP FEES	\$2,000.00
CCAP	\$1,454,969.88
BUSINESS AND CORPORATE	\$71,849.82
IN-KIND SERVICES	\$22,500.00
ANNUAL GALA	\$697,480.00
U-46 PARTNERSHIP	\$1,353,372.00
TOTAL REVENUE	\$7,240,182.11

EXPENSES

GALA/FUNDRAISING	\$168,026.86
ADMIN	\$509,756.91
OCCUPANCY	\$177,265.83
PROFESSIONAL FEES	\$129,373.00
TRAVEL	\$17,332.65
PERSONNEL (WAGES/TAXES/BENEFITS)	\$5,562,379.94
PROGRAM EXPENSES	\$234,192.28
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$6,789,326.53

2023 PARTNERS

PLATINUM

Kohl's

GOLD

Mary Gardner Foundation

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SILVER

BMO | Grand Victoria | Hurley & Volk Orthodontics Powered by Smile Doctors | Kluber Architects & Engineers | KWCC Inc. | Lamp Inc. | Paylocity | Pulte Homes | Spartan Ale House | Streamwood Behavioral Healthcare System | Scientel Solutions | SMC Construction

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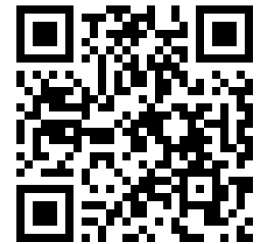
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PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Youth of the Year

Youth of the Year is our premiere leadership development program for teens. Participants in the program receive support in academics, career readiness, and coaching through life goals. Sessions focus on public speaking, resume building, and social justice. The winner of Youth of the Year will be eligible for Club scholarships.



**SCAN HERE
FOR OUR
2024 YOY
VIDEO!**



I'm incredibly grateful for the platform youth of the year has given me and the amazing privilege it is to be able to make real change in this community.



Abby, BGCNCIL Club Member and Illinois Youth of the Year Winner

Character and Leadership

A priority at the Boys & Girls Clubs of North Central Illinois is to guide our youth to be responsible, caring citizens. All club members are given the opportunity to participate in programs that help develop leadership skills. Our programs also inspire club members to contribute to the club and our community.



PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Academic Success

At Boys & Girls Clubs, one of our top priorities is ensuring all youth have the tools and support to be successful both in life and at school. 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.



**SCAN THE QR CODE BELOW
FOR MORE INFORMATION
ON OUR PROGRAMS!**



With the use of selected programs, The Boys & Girls Clubs of North Central Illinois ensures that all club members:

- 1.) Graduate from high school on time**
- 2.) Are prepared for a post-secondary education & 21st-century career**



PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Healthy Lifestyles

The Boys & Girls Clubs of North Central Illinois encourages healthy and positive lifestyles with the use of physical fitness and selected programs. Our programs promote positive lifestyle choices that influence our youth to be self-sufficient, successful adults.

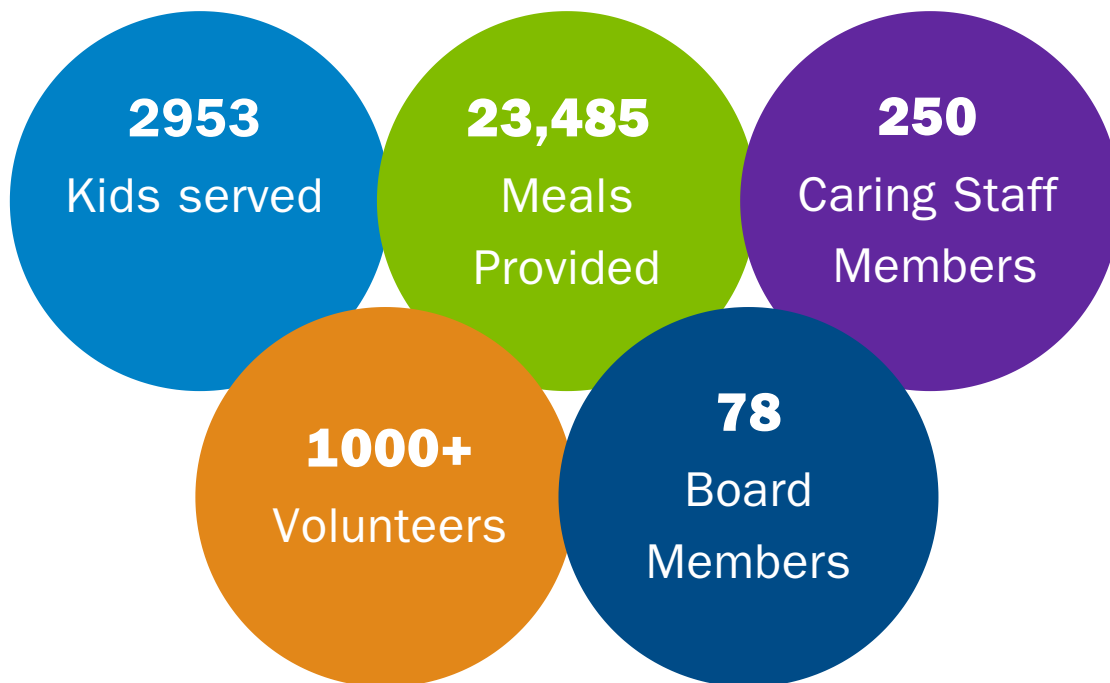


Life & Workforce Readiness

Our mission is to enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens. That's why we have implemented Life & Workforce Readiness programs at the Club to set our members up for success in their futures!



OUTCOMES



**ELEMENTARY READING
OVERALL AND ACROSS
NEARLY ALL GRADES,
MORE CLUB MEMBERS
ARE MEETING OR
EXCEEDING FOUNTAS
AND PINNELL READING
STANDARDS
COMPARED TO NON-
CLUB MEMBERS.**

**CHRONIC ABSTENEISM
OVERALL AND ACROSS
ALL GRADE COHORTS,
CLUB MEMBERS
ATTEND SCHOOL MORE
FREQUENTLY
COMPARED TO NON-
CLUB MEMBERS AT
U-46.**

SPECIAL HIGHLIGHTS

With our Great Futures Gala, Blue Star Celebration, our name change, and more, we have had quite the year! Please see the next few pages for recaps of of this fiscal year's special highlights.

30th Anniversary Great Futures Gala!

This year, we celebrated 30 years of empowering youth at our annual Great Futures Gala! It was truly magical having so much of our community come together to celebrate 30 years of Club, as well as work together to continue providing great futures for our youth. It was definitely an evening we'll never forget!



**SCAN HERE
FOR OUR 2023
GALA VIDEO!**



Our Name Change

After expanding into six different communities and 35 sites over the last 30 years, we are thrilled to announce that the Boys & Girls Club of Elgin has officially changed its name to the Boys & Girls Clubs of North Central Illinois!

This is a huge milestone for our organization and community, and we are so happy to finally share this news with you! Our new name reflects our growing footprint and regional impact, where we are serving over 3000 youth and counting!

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Blue Star Celebration

We packed the house at our Blue Star Celebration this year!! We had the privilege of recognizing club members from the 2023/2024 school year. It was such a special night for our families and community to celebrate our members and all of their accomplishments!



On the Horizon for the 2024-2025 School Year AURORA EXPANSION

We have expanded our Aurora footprint! We are currently serving five schools in the Aurora community and are planning to build a brand new clubhouse on the east side of the city. Aurora is the second largest city in the state, and was one of two top 10 Illinois cities that does not have access to a Club. The Boys & Girls Club offers structure, high-impact programs, and opportunities for youth through national partnerships.

Reaching DeKalb

This summer, we started programming at Tyler Elementary in DeKalb. We are so excited to be serving youth in a new community and providing opportunities for those who need us most!



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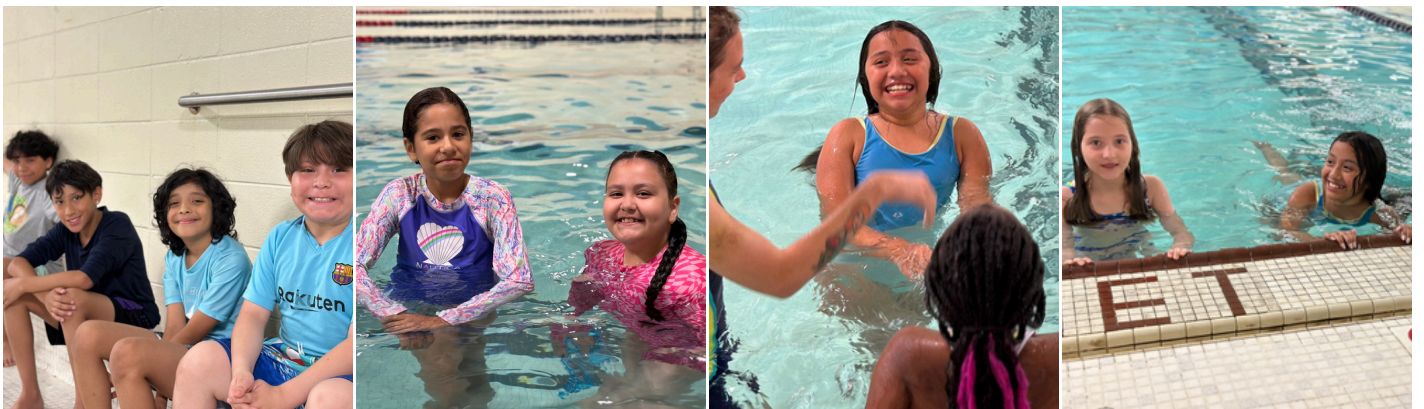
Revv Aviation

This summer, Revv Aviation hosted Aurora members for summer camp! This was truly a once-in-a-lifetime experience for these kids, and we are so grateful to Revv for providing them with this opportunity.



Swimming

Our members love our swim program! Not only is it a fun activity, but it is an essential skill that we are proud to make a part of our programming, so our kids and teens can remain safe, and enjoy swimming!





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