



AURORA FORWARD!
UNITED FOR AMERICA'S YOUTH



CHANGE THEIR FUTURE

**OUR MISSION IS TO ENABLE ALL YOUNG PEOPLE,
ESPECIALLY THOSE WHO NEED US MOST, TO
REALIZE THEIR FULL POTENTIAL AS PRODUCTIVE,
CARING AND RESPONSIBLE CITIZENS.**





JUST THE FACTS

- We are building a brand new clubhouse in Aurora to expand our footprint in the community!
- The facility will be 35,000 square feet and will serve nearly 450 youth in grades K-12 during non school hours.
- Membership will be low cost or free based on income level.

ABOUT US

The Boys & Girls Club believes that **every child deserves a great future**. Unfortunately, today's youth face tremendous obstacles. Our organization is well positioned to support and prepare young people for 21st Century success, and excels at reaching youth who need us most. We have positively changed the lives of children in the communities we serve, including Batavia, Elgin, Hanover Park, Schaumburg, South Elgin and Streamwood. We can't wait to expand in Aurora!

Boys & Girls Club members are positively impacted from the moment they enter the door. What happens for youth inside our club sites – building relationships with staff, participating in fun and engaging programs, learning important skills, making new friends, developing their talents – is referred to as the Club Experience.

The **Club Experience** consists of five key elements.

1. A safe, positive environment
2. Fun and a sense of belonging
3. Supportive relationships
4. Opportunities and expectations
5. Recognition



NATIONAL STUDY SHOWS BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS ARE A GREAT INVESTMENT

Every dollar invested in Boys & Girls Clubs returns \$9.60 in current and future earnings, as well as cost-savings, to American communities.

(Institute for Social Research and the School of Public Health, University of Michigan)

WHAT WILL IT TAKE?

Aurora is the second largest city in the state and is one of two cities in the top 10 that does not have access to a Club. The Boys & Girls Club offers structure, high-impact programs, and opportunities for youth through national partnerships.

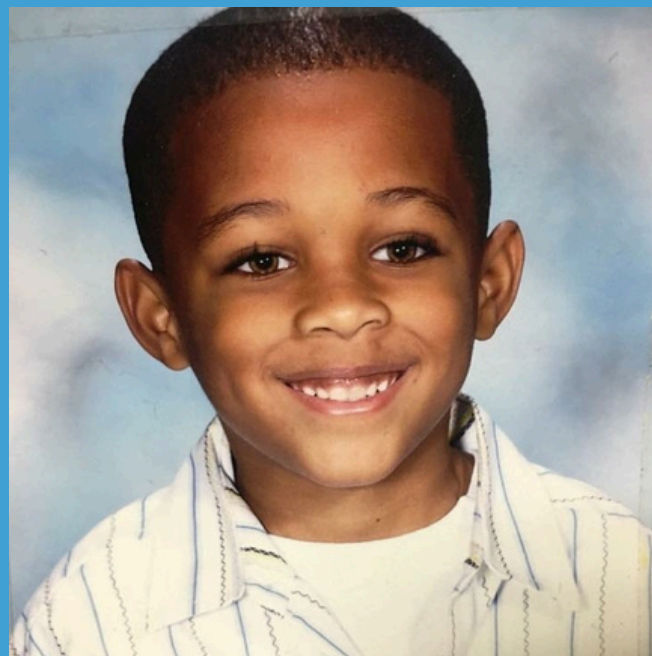
The Boys & Girls Club has a proven track record of results. Club members are more likely to graduate from high school with a plan for their future. Aurora stakeholders agree that having a Boys & Girls Club for youth is important, especially in the areas of offering a safe place, providing emotional support, helping kids succeed in school, and providing mentors.

**\$18M CONSTRUCTION
+ \$2M OPERATING COSTS**

\$20 MILLION

AURORA CAPITAL CAMPAIGN CO-CHAIRS:

Nelson Santos, President - Scientel Solutions
Russ Woerman, President - KWCC Inc.



"Every kid deserves a champion, ..."



"...The Boys & Girls Club was mine."

Damaryan Benton,
BGC Alum and State of Illinois
Youth of the Year Winner

PLEDGE FORM

*Thank you for pledging your support today to help Aurora youth who need us most! Please clearly print the details of your transformational **gift** below and one of our team members will follow up for payment arrangements. You are a LIFE CHANGER!*

FIRST & LAST NAME

DATE

ADDRESS

CITY

STATE

ZIP

EMAIL

MOBILE #

TOTAL PLEDGE AMOUNT

NAME TO USE FOR RECOGNITION

PLEASE LET US KNOW HOW MANY YEARS YOU WANT YOUR PLEDGE PAID OUT OVER (1, 2 OR 3)

- Other ways to support youth (check all that apply):*
- BECOME A MONTHLY DONOR
 - VOLUNTEER
 - SIGN UP FOR E-NEWS
 - JOIN THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

PLEASE INDICATE PAYMENT PREFERENCE AND BGC STAFF WILL FOLLOW UP (CHECK, CREDIT CARD, ACH)

ASK US ABOUT OUR NAMING OPPORTUNITIES

Building Façade
Entrance/Lobby
Recreation Center
Blue Door Café ✓
Workforce Development Center
Recreation Center Stage
Art Room
Blue Crew Training Center

Library & Learning Center
STEM Lab
Games Room
Teen Center ✓
Sensory Room
Commercial Kitchen ✓
Great Futures Garden

Reach out to Elizabeth Moe Garcia at egarcia@bgcncil.org to discuss options.

Learn more at <https://bgcncil.org/aurora-clubhouse/>