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2025–2026



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OF NORTH CENTRAL ILLINOIS

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Club Kids Need You.

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A LETTER FROM OUR CEO

LOOKING AHEAD

"A Bold Year of Growth. A Brighter Future for Kids."

Dear Champion,

Each year, I am reminded that the impact of Boys & Girls Clubs of North Central Illinois is only possible because of the people who stand beside us. To our board members, staff, volunteers, donors, and community partners: Thank you for investing in young people and believing in the possibilities that exist within every child who walks through our doors. This year marked a significant milestone in our Moonshot 100 journey as we reached the halfway point toward our goal of expanding from 35 to 100 Club sites and serving 10,000 kids and teens in 1,000 days. What began as an ambitious vision has grown into a movement fueled by communities that understand the life-changing power of access, opportunity, and belonging.

Today, we are proud to serve young people at more than 60 sites across seven communities in North Central Illinois: Aurora, Batavia, Elgin, Hanover Park, South Elgin, Schaumburg, and Streamwood. Behind every number is a child discovering new interests, building confidence, receiving support, and finding a place where they are encouraged to dream bigger about their future.

Over the past year, we have continued to strengthen the programs and partnerships that help young people succeed both inside and outside the classroom. From academic support and workforce readiness initiatives to social-emotional learning and enriching experiences that inspire curiosity and growth, we remain committed to ensuring that every young person has the tools, relationships, and opportunities they need to thrive.

As we prepare for the year ahead, our focus remains clear: to continue expanding our reach, deepening our impact, and bringing the Boys & Girls Club experience to even more children and families who need us most. We are excited about the work that lies ahead and the opportunity to move closer to achieving our Moonshot 100 vision.

Thank you for being part of this journey and for helping us create brighter futures for the next generation. Together, we are opening doors, creating opportunities, and ensuring that great futures continue to start here.

Russell

Cathy Russell
CEO
Boys & Girls Clubs of North Central Illinois

OUR 2027 GOALS

100
OPERATIONAL SITES
Building a bigger reach for brighter futures

1,500
TEENS
In the Future Ready Pathway

10,000
KIDS & TEENS
Moonshot 100 Goal

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MISSION, VISION & VALUES

CORE VALUES

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 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 CORE VALUES

BELIEVE

LEARN

UNITE

ELEVATE



COLLABORATIVE IMPACT

1. **OPERATIONAL EXCELLENCE**
   We run efficient, safe, and effective Club experiences every day.
2. **TALENT & CULTURE**
   We invest in our team and volunteers and create a high-performing culture.
3. **FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP**
   We manage resources responsibly to ensure long-term impact.
4. **GROWTH & SUSTAINABILITY**
   We expand access and strengthen our organization for sustainable income.

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BOARD MEMBERS

MEET OUR BOARD

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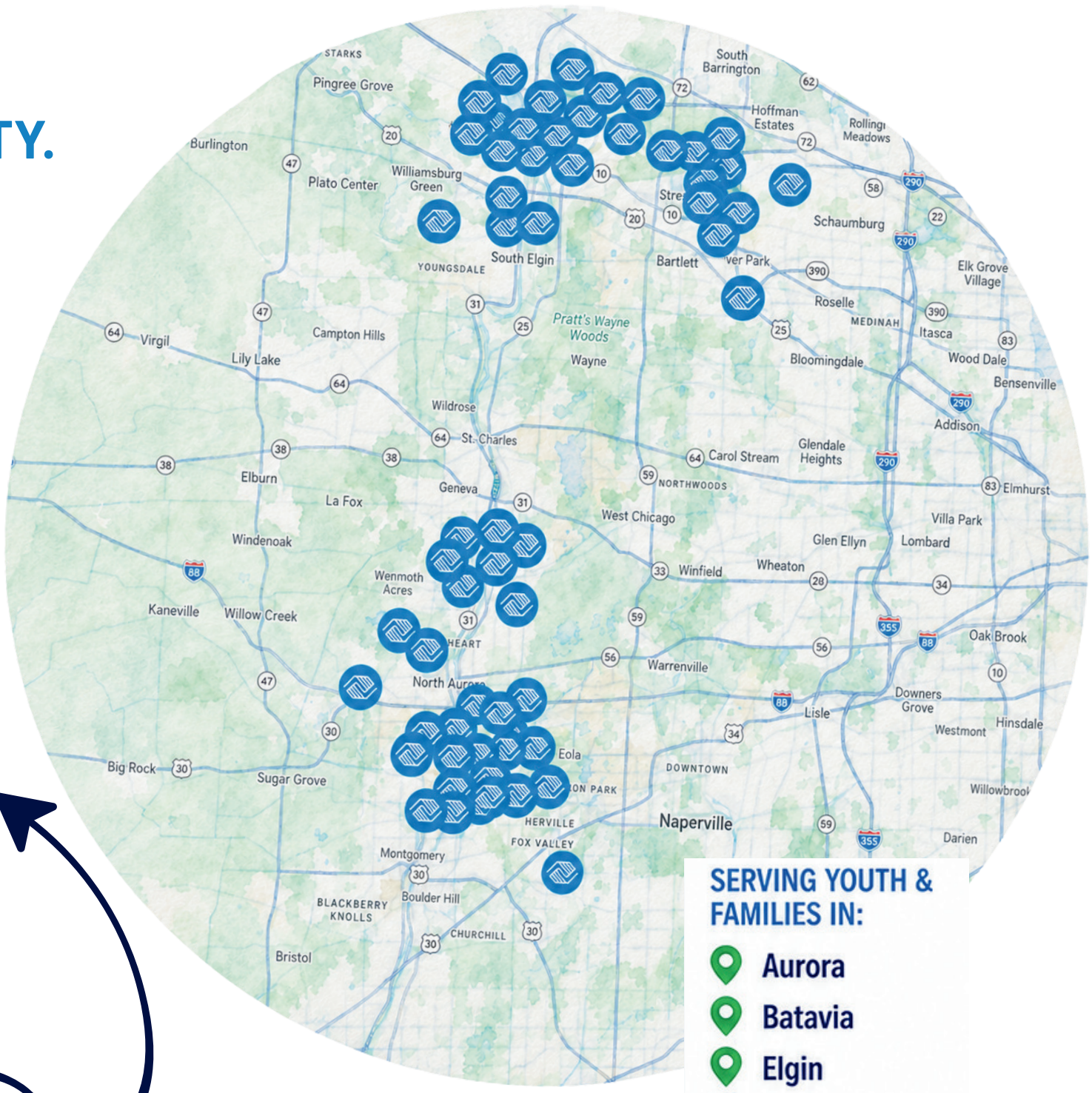
OUR COMMUNITIES

LOCATIONS

MORE PLACES.
MORE ACCESS.
MORE OPPORTUNITY.

Every Blue Door Opens to a Bright Future! Each Boys & Girls Club location is a safe, welcoming space where kids learn, grow, thrive, and most of all, have fun!

During FY26, Boys & Girls Clubs of North Central Illinois expanded our reach across 7 communities & 50+ sites—bringing opportunities closer to even more kids and teens.



SERVING YOUTH & FAMILIES IN:

- Aurora
- Batavia
- Elgin
- South Elgin
- Streamwood
- Hanover Park
- Schaumburg

SCAN TO FIND A BLUE DOOR NEAR YOU!

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FINANCIAL IMPACT

REVENUE REPORTS

Thanks to our donors, partners and community, BGCNCIL closed FY26 in a strong financial position—allowing us to continue investing in life-changing experiences for kids and teens.

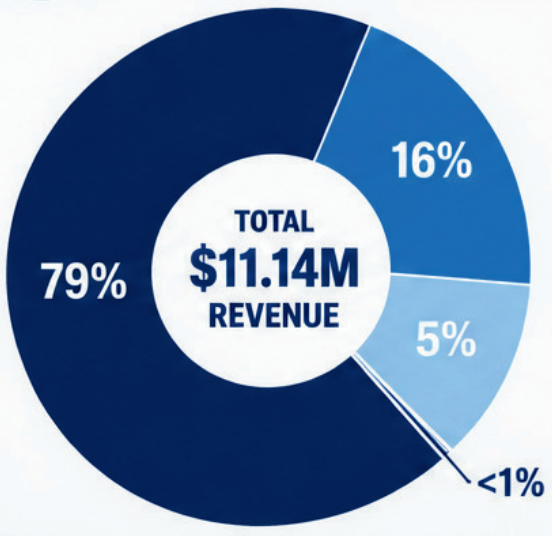
STRONG STEWARDSHIP. GREATER IMPACT.

$11.14M
TOTAL REVENUE
FY26

$10.27M
INVESTED IN OUR MISSION
TOTAL EXPENSES (FY26)

+$870K
POSITIVE POSITION
NET GAIN (FY26)

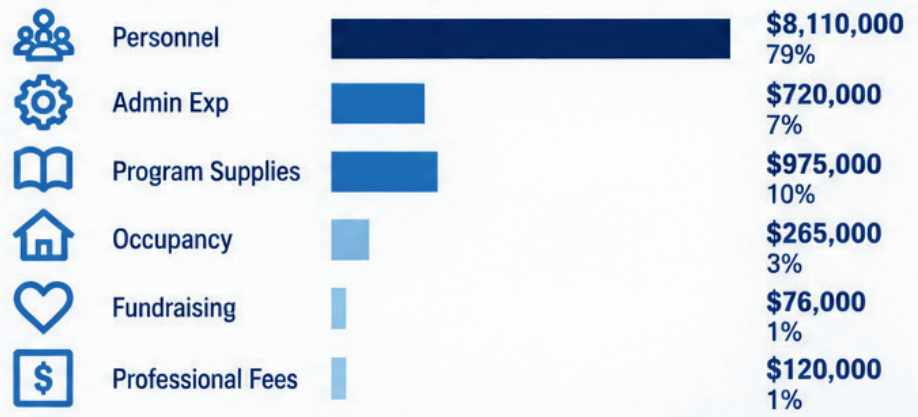
WHERE OUR FUNDING COMES FROM



- Government **$8,810,000** 79%
- Private **$1,800,000** 16%
- Membership **$520,000** 5%
- Misc. & In-Kind **$6,000** <1%

HOW WE INVEST IN KIDS & TEENS

Total Expenses: $10,266,000



TOTAL EXPENSES **$10,266,000**

91¢
OF EVERY EXPENSE DOLLAR
supports personnel, programs and Club operations.

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PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

LEADERSHIP IN ACTION



Scan for her video!

YOUTH OF THE YEAR

Youth of the Year is our premier leadership development program for teens. Participants 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.

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2026 SENIOR YOUTH OF THE YEAR

- Streamwood High School graduate.
- Club leader.
- Future advocate for youth mental health.



CHARACTER + LEADERSHIP

Building confident young leaders who contribute to their Clubs and communities.

At Boys & Girls Clubs of North Central Illinois, we help youth develop the skills, character, and confidence to lead today and make a meaningful impact tomorrow.

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PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

ACADEMIC SUCCESS



EXPLORE
OUR PROGRAMS

OUR GOAL FOR EVERY CLUB MEMBER

01 GRADUATE FROM HIGH SCHOOL ON TIME

02 BE READY FOR POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION + A 21ST-CENTURY CAREER





ACADEMIC SUCCESS

From the school year to summer break, we empower Club members to reach their full potential. By providing educational support and engaging learning experiences, we help prevent learning loss, encourage achievement, and inspire a lifelong love of learning.

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PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

WORKFORCE + CAREER READINESS



UP NEXT

Real-world experience.
Real confidence.
Real preparation.

Workforce Readiness programs are designed to help youth from early childhood through high school build the skills, knowledge, and experiences they need to succeed in school, college, and careers.

PREPARING TEENS FOR GREAT FUTURES

INDUSTRY CLUBS

Paid, hands-on career exploration.

For teens ages 14–18, designed to build real-world skills and connect them with local employers in high-demand fields.

Duration: 8–10 weeks, with sessions held during after-school or summer hours



From that first spark of interest in a dream job to securing internships, first jobs and college scholarships, BGCNCIL sets today's youth up to build the great futures they envision.



FROM CLUB, TO CAREER

EXPLORE OUR PROGRAMS

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SPECIAL EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENTS



BLUE STAR CELEBRATION

Honoring growth, achievement and the young people who make our Clubs shine.

This year, we were proud to host two Blue Star Celebrations, bringing together our Northern and Southern regions to recognize the incredible achievements of our Club members throughout the school year.

It was a joyful opportunity to celebrate their hard work, growth, and accomplishments, made even more specially by a heartfelt speech from our Youth of the Year, Artianna W., a remarkable young leader from Streamwood High School who inspired everyone in attendance.







RECOGNITION BUILDS BELONGING.

Celebrations like these inspire confidence, strengthen community and empower our members to keep reaching for their goals.

ACHIEVEMENT
Celebrating progress and milestones.

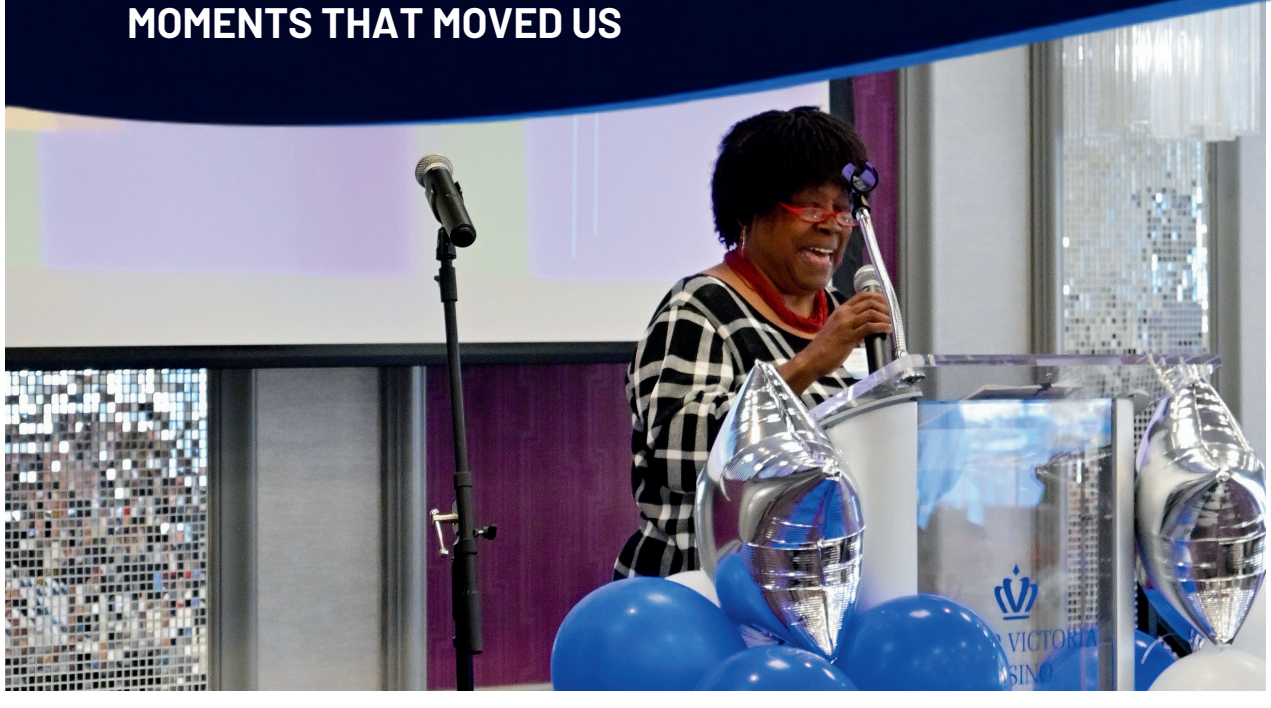
CONFIDENCE
Helping young people see what they can become.

BELONGING
Making every Club member feel valued, included and seen.

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SPECIAL EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

MOMENTS THAT MOVED US







GREAT FUTURES BREAKFAST

Bringing community leaders together around one shared belief: every young person deserves opportunity.

Our Great Futures Breakfasts brought together leaders, partners, supporters, and advocates who believe in the limitless potential of young people. These events celebrated the impact we're making across our Clubs, shared in the stories, and strengthened our collective commitment to ensuring every child has the opportunities they need to succeed.

WATCH THE STORY →
See highlights from our Great Futures Breakfast.

EXPANDING OUR FOOTPRINT

AURORA - BATAVIA - HANOVER PARK

New Club sites. More access. More young people served.

This year, we continued expanding our reach across Aurora, Batavia, and Hanover Park—opening new Club sites and creating safe, supportive spaces where young people can learn, grow, and thrive after school and throughout the summer. Thanks to our school and community partners, even more kids now have access to programs that build skills, spark potential, and create brighter futures.



NEW CLUB SITES
Expanding access where kids need us most

MORE YOUTH
Connected to life-changing opportunities every day

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SPECIAL EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

POWERED BY PEOPLE







VOLUNTEERS

Time. Talent. Connection.

From reading with youth and leading STEM activities to mentoring and sharing career experiences, volunteers create moments that build confidence, curiosity and belonging.

CORPORATE SPONSORS

Investing in brighter futures.

Through sponsorship, employee engagement and ongoing investment, our corporate partners help expand opportunities, strengthen programs and create experiences young people remember.







SHOWING UP CHANGES LIVES.

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OUR PARTNERS

THANK YOU!

STRONGER TOGETHER.
Greater futures.

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GREAT FUTURES START HERE.

At Boys & Girls Clubs of North Central Illinois,
we empower young people to build the confidence,
skills, and resilience to reach their full potential.
Together, we are building a stronger tomorrow.

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