

ANNUAL REPORT

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Boys & Girls Club of Greater Waterbury



Our Mission

By providing a wide range of educational and recreational opportunities, a safe environment, and supportive relationships, the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Waterbury helps young people who need it most discover their interests, have a positive outlook for their future, and be confident, successful stewards of their communities.

Our Vision

- Our programs will positively impact the lives of those we serve and will be based upon evidence-based best practices in youth development. We will be viewed as offering progressive and innovative opportunities for Club members.
- Our youth members will be supported and encouraged by their caregivers who are engaged in the Club and able to participate in their child's success.
- Our facilities will be experienced as top-notch, welcoming, and safe by all who visit our Club.
- Our organization will be viewed positively by the public and will be supported by a wide range of donors, funders, and supporters both in the Waterbury community and beyond.
- We will continue our investment in our staff to expand and cultivate their skills through professional development and expanded opportunities for contribution to our organization.
- Our organization will be led by a passionate, engaged group of Board members, who act as ambassadors for our work and are reflective of the diverse communities we serve. We have created a pipeline of future Board members who are interested in serving on our Board.
- Our organization will be financially sustainable with a sizable endowment to support our work now and for many days to come.



A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

The Boys & Girls Club of Greater Waterbury continues to serve children and teens in grade K – 12 through its After-School, Summer Enrichment and night basketball programs. Along with serving children and teens through its After-School, Summer Enrichment and night basketball programs, the Club hosted 18 teens to provide work experience through the Connecticut Youth Employment Program (CYEP).

Committed to serving those who need the Club more than ever, the Club remained open to members and non-member. The Summer Enrichment Program ran until August 12, 2021 and the After-School Program started, along with the Waterbury Public Schools, on August 26, 2021, ending June 10, 2022. The 2022 Summer Enrichment Program began on June 27. Partnering with the City of Waterbury, the Club was able to provide the Summer Enrichment Program to Waterbury children in 2021 and 2022.

The Club's programs increase the opportunities for children and youth to succeed. Programs focus on children's cognitive, physical and social/emotional competencies by using the following strategies: (B) youth are encouraged to excel and continue in their education; (C) intentional relationship building between adults and children; and (F) children are encouraged to be physically active. Enrichment programs addressed the disparity in outcomes for youth living in poverty and overcome the impact socioeconomic status has on a child's eventual life trajectory. The Club provided the exposure and opportunities to members opens the youth to new possibilities in their lives finding positive ways to spend their time and allowing them to explore positive futures – school and career. The Club proudly watched its four seniors graduate in June 2022 and head to college this fall.



The staff and Board look forward to continuing to serve Waterbury's children and teens by providing a wide range of educational and recreational opportunities, a safe environment, and supportive relationships. We appreciate your support as well.

- Steven Shaker, Chair



WHO WE SERVE

129 after-school members in grade K – 12
123 Summer Enrichment Program 2021/100 Summer 2022
58% male/42% female

77% elementary school
22% middle school
1% high school

94% qualify for free or reduced cost lunch
91% low-income households
99% reside in Waterbury
59% live in single-parent household

25% white – of whom 88% Latino/Hispanic
54% black – of whom 12% Latino/Hispanic
9% black & white – of whom 18% Latino/Hispanic
8% multi-racial – of whom 70% Latino/Hispanic
2% American Indian/Alaskan Native & Black – of whom 33% Latino/Hispanic
1% American Indian/Alaskan Native – of whom 100% Latino/Hispanic
1% Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander - of whom 100% Latino/Hispanic

PROGRAM PARTNERS

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Girl Scouts of Connecticut
Girls with Impact
LiveGirl
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