



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS**  
OF THURSTON COUNTY



**2020**

# Community Impact Report

## About Boys & Girls Clubs of Thurston County

Since 2001, Boys & Girls Clubs of Thurston County has worked to inspire and enable youth to realize their greatness. We believe young people achieve extraordinary things with access to skilled and caring staff, fun and effective programs, and an environment that promotes respect, responsibility, and collaboration.

Clubs typically serve over 2,500 youth and teens annually who find safety and support at our three school-based and four traditional Clubhouse locations: Olympia, Lacey, Raj Manhas Activities Center (RMAC), Rochester, Tenino, Tumwater, and Yelm. During the pandemic, all Club locations transitioned to provide full-day programs serving youth in smaller groups. This allowed us to continue supporting youth to foster integrity and good character, make positive life choices, believe that they can bring about positive change in their community, and practice compassion and willingness to serve others.

### Mission

To inspire and enable youth to realize their greatness.



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### WHAT WE DO

Boys & Girls Clubs are open after school and during school breaks to provide youth and teens with a safe place to go where they can connect with caring adults. Professional staff and volunteers use a combination of locally developed programs and those created and tested nationally by Boys & Girls Clubs of America to help youth achieve success in the following areas: Academics, Character & Citizenship, and Healthy Lifestyles.

# Boys & Girls & Safe Places & Mentorship & Life-Changing Programs &



In many ways, the global COVID-19 pandemic brought disproportionate hardship on the youth and teens we serve at Boys & Girls Clubs of Thurston County. However, as an organization whose aim is helping youth achieve great futures, I'm proud to report we did all we could to stay laser focused on that mission.

Despite challenges, **our doors remained open**. When school districts had to close their doors to in-person learning, we turned our attention to **supporting youth with remote learning**. When our budgeting model was turned upside down with a **move to full-day programming**, supporters and donors like you continued investing in Boys & Girls Clubs of Thurston County.

As we head into the future, we draw strength from all the ways **our organization thrived in 2020**:

- Our Clubs were **among only 13% of Clubs nationwide who kept their doors open** throughout mandatory school closures.
- **Partnerships** with county school districts and community partners maximized efforts to support youth academically, socially, and emotionally during the pandemic and remote learning.
- **Collaboration** with local health departments allowed us to nimbly adapt to ever-changing safety protocols and requirements aimed at keeping youth and staff safe.
- Our **7th branch location** opened in the Raj Manhas Activities Center (RMAC).

**Thank you** for believing in us and doing *Whatever It Takes* to help youth thrive in Thurston County.

Chris Woods, CEO

Whitney Holm, Board President



## A VIEW OF ALL THE CLUB OFFERS

Club members have access to the support they need to succeed academically and graduate from high school ready to pursue college or a career. An array of opportunities and programs guide Club youth to develop leadership skills, make healthy lifestyle choices, and positively impact their communities. Some of the innovative programs implemented at our Clubs include:

**Remote Learning Support** Helping youth log-on to live classes and complete homework all while accessing mentorship and encouragement from staff.

**Get Good Grades (G3)** Targeted academic tutoring and wraparound support for students facing challenges meeting grade standards.

**Youth of the Year** Teen leadership and recognition program focused on service, academic success, strong character, life goals, and public speaking (see also page 7).

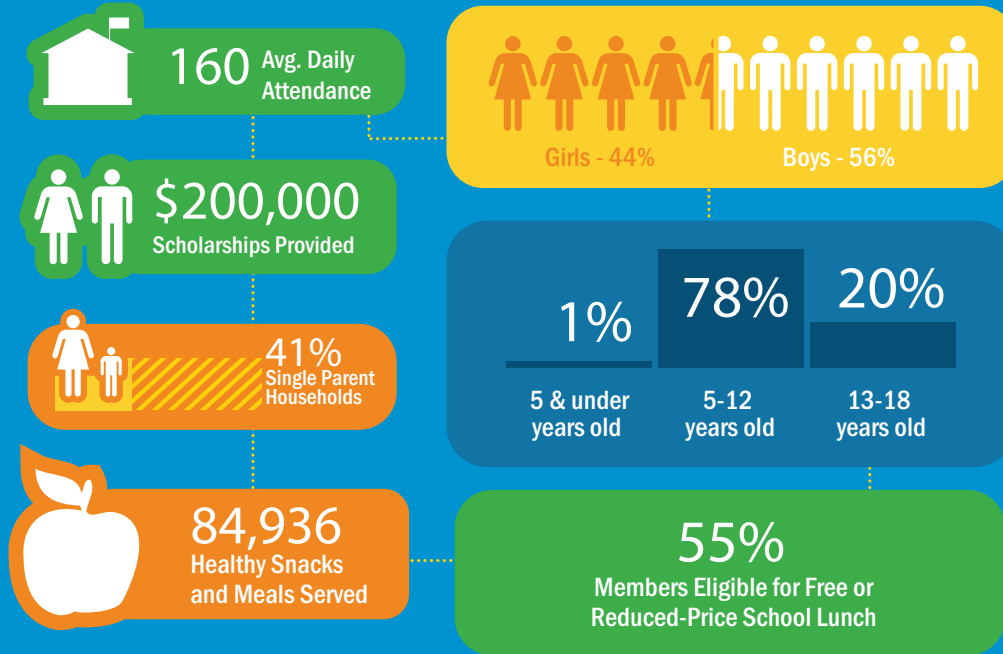
**Homeless Youth Support Services** Collaboration with local school districts to offer enhanced Club membership for students experiencing homelessness.

**Summer Camp** Safe and fun summer experiences give youth the confidence to learn, explore, grow, and discover their passion.

**Science Exploration Series** Collaboration with St. Martin's University to deliver fun, hands-on STEM education.

**Clubhouse Activities** Staff monitor, lead, and engage youth in fun projects, games, and programs in a number of areas: Gym; Teen Center; Computer Lab; Education, Art and Games Rooms; Outdoor Fields; and Playgrounds.

# County-wide Impact by the Numbers




\* This information reflects the Washington State Department of Health group size guidelines and building capacity restrictions in place during the COVID-19 pandemic as well as a shift in Club services provided.



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**Serving Youth at Seven Thurston County  
Locations**

Branch Name	Year Founded	Follow on Facebook 
Tumwater Branch	2001	@TBGCTC
Rochester Branch	2003	@BGCTCRochesterRocks
Lacey Branch	2004	@LaceyBGCTC
Olympia Branch	2009	@OBGCTC
Tenino Branch	2016	@BGCTCTenino
Yelm Branch	2019	@BGCTCYelm
RMAC Branch	2020	@BGCTCRMAC





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# FAITH DOCTOR

## 2020 Youth of the Year Boys & Girls Clubs of Thurston County

North Thurston High School senior, Faith Doctor, representing the Lacey Branch, was named the 2020 Boys & Girls Clubs of Thurston County Youth of the Year at the organization's annual celebration held January 31. She earned the honor by competing against Club winners from each Thurston County Branch location. Club teens in the Youth of the Year program meet academic and community service requirements, write essays, submit letters of endorsement, and present a speech about their experiences.

Seventeen-year-old Faith gave an inspirational account of the impact her Club experience had for her during a particularly difficult period of grief and multiple losses. Her interests include advocating for better mental health resources for teens, mentoring others, and bowling. Faith, a Club member for 10 years, credits support from Club mentors as one of the major impacts in her life. She has amassed over 200 hours of volunteer service and participated in numerous Club programs such as a Jr. Staff member helping assist and mentor younger members. As the 2020 Youth of the Year winner, she advanced to the Washington state Youth of the Year event, served as a Club Ambassador throughout the year, and received a two-year tuition grant from South Puget Sound Community College.



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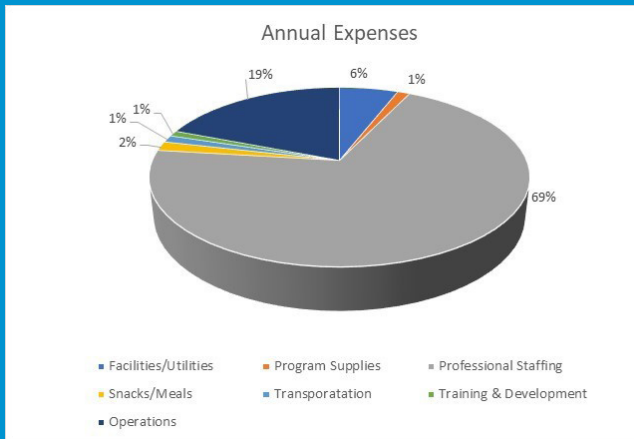
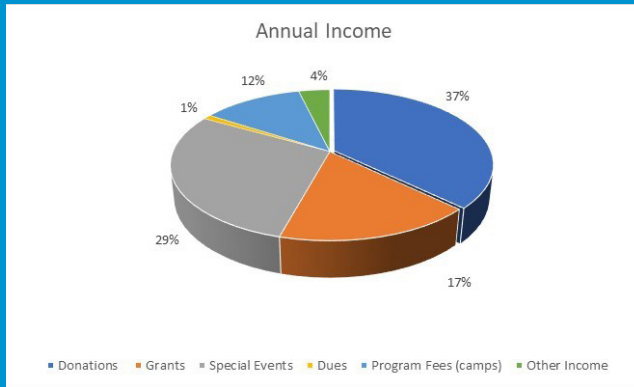
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# 2020 Financial Summary



# Thank You!



Our organization thrives thanks to the support of caring individuals, community partners, and businesses who share in our commitment to create safe places where youth and teens feel safe, supported, and connected. Your support creates a place where youth are empowered toward GREAT FUTURES!

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