



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS**  
OF MARTIN COUNTY



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We're growing great futures ... together!

**2017**  
**2018**

# TO ALL OF YOU WHO CARE ABOUT YOUNG PEOPLE,

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Maddie<sup>1</sup> hopes she'll make the honor roll this term. Kayden says now he never wastes a second chance when he gets one. Tyrique is working hard to get into college. Zakk's mom is thankful her son found the mentor he so desperately needed after his dad abandoned them.

**These and so many other young people – we could never name them all in one letter – have learned to value themselves and care about others at the Boys & Girls Clubs of Martin County.** And as this report will illustrate, such huge accomplishments have been possible because of your caring and generous support.

You've opened the door to promising futures ... a door that could have remained firmly closed for many children and teens. More than 41% of Martin County children and teens are from households where the family earns too little for a sustainable lifestyle. Often, these children face a higher risk of becoming the victim of a crime and of turning to crime themselves.<sup>2</sup> What a wonderful and worthwhile cause we all support that makes a huge difference in our communities ... and in these children's lives!

**Because you've joined with so many others and given generously, more and more youngsters are shaping the rest of their lives at the Boys & Girls Clubs of Martin County.** We opened new Clubs in 2017 in Martin County Schools, so now children and teens in Hobe Sound, Indiantown, Jensen Beach, Palm City, Port Salerno and Stuart can plan their futures using all that Boys & Girls Clubs have to offer, right in their own hometowns.

Kayden, who you will read about inside these pages, summed up how we feel about the members of our Clubs ... and why we value supporters like you.

"Everybody here gives me second chances, and I'm not wasting them. They want me to succeed and be great in life. They know I want to have dreams."

**Thank you for giving Kayden and all the young people at our Clubs the chance to have and to realize their dreams.**

Gratefully,



**Joanne Towner**  
Chief Executive Officer



**William F. Whitman, Jr.**  
Chairman of the Board



**Keith Fletcher**  
Incoming Chief Executive Officer

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<sup>1</sup> All youth mentioned in this report are real children from our Clubs. Last names have not been used.

<sup>2</sup> United Way ALICE Report 2017, The Dynamics of Poverty and Crime; Zhao<sup>1</sup>, Feng, Castillo-Chávez, authors.





## A PLACE TO BECOME

For over a century, Boys & Girls Clubs have been opening doors of opportunity and preparing young people for a great future. We see possibility in every young person and are committed to being a voice for all youth.

See How You Help Us Open Doors!





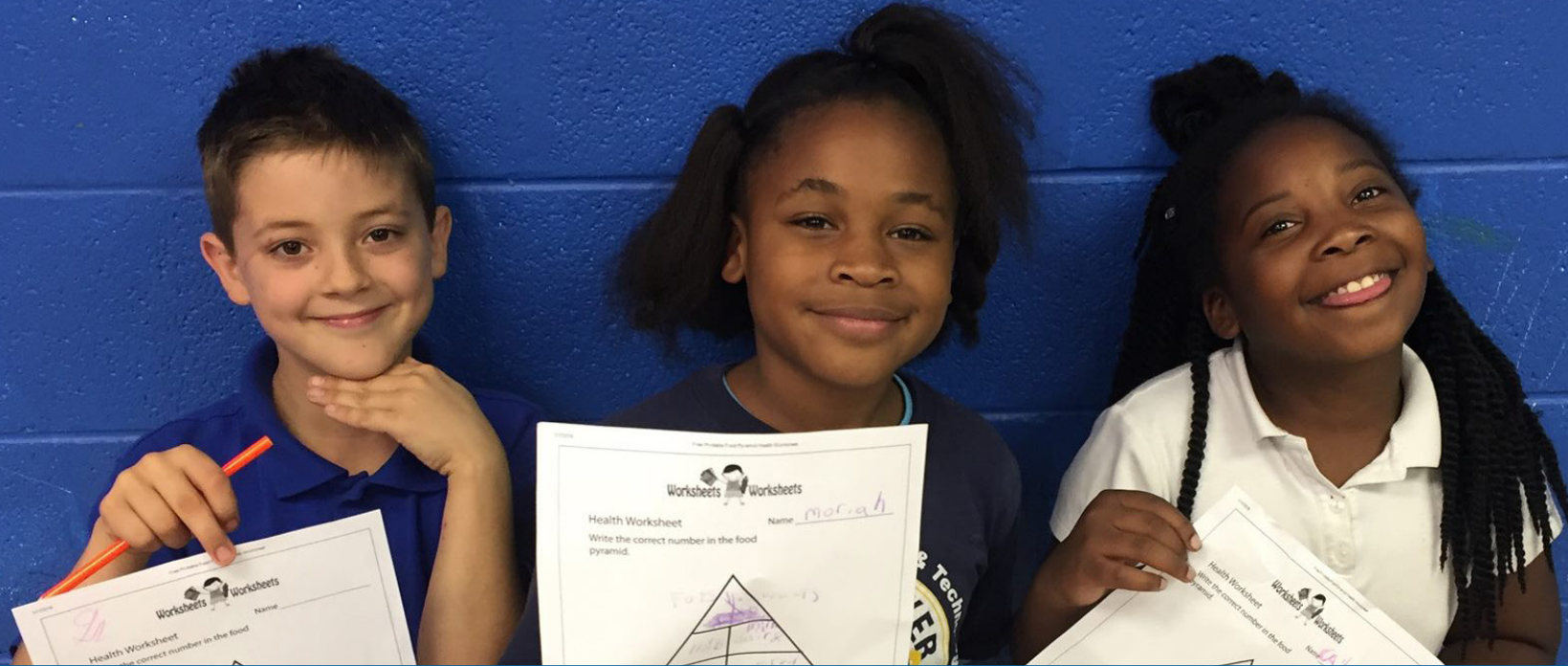
# OUR MISSION

The mission of our donors, staff, volunteers and partners is to enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens.

# OUR VISION

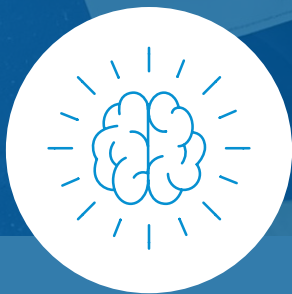
Through a world-class Club experience, our vision is to make success possible for every young person who comes to us by ensuring they are on track to graduate from high school believing in their own plan for the future, living a healthy lifestyle, and demonstrating good character and citizenship.





# CORE BELIEFS

OUR CLUBS PROVIDE:



A safe place to  
learn and grow



Consistent relationships  
with caring,  
professional adults



Life-enhancing  
programs and character  
development experiences



Hope and  
opportunity





# GROWING MINDS, SKILLS, CHARACTERS ... AND FUTURES



# TYRIQUE

## Cole-Clark Boys & Girls Club in Hobe Sound

Tyrique was 6 when he first tumbled through the Cole-Clark Boys & Girls Club door in Hobe Sound. Angela Yearwood, Club manager, said that from the start, Tyrique had a much tougher time staying out of trouble than other boys his age.

Adults worked hard to mentor Tyrique and guide his behavior in a more positive direction, but, “He challenged the patience and skills of everyone,” she said. They just couldn’t get through to him, and his disruptive behavior continued to escalate week after week, even year after year.

Finally, one day an incident with Tyrique left Yearwood with no other choice but to call the police – for Tyrique’s own safety and that of everyone else. She said it was the last straw. Sadly, Yearwood had to tell Tyrique he couldn’t come back until he was in counseling.

### **That sad day may have been the start of the rest of Tyrique’s life.**

By the time he entered eighth grade, Tyrique figured out what he had to do to be successful – and a changed Tyrique returned to the Club. The now-straight-A student joined and invigorated other Club members in every community service project. He threw himself into Keystone Academy and SWAT (Students Working Against Tobacco), and his enthusiasm carried him to the presidency of both programs.

“Tyrique has turned into a very lovable young man,” Yearwood said. “He helps out around the Club and lends a hand or an ear to anyone who needs it.”

Tyrique is now the 2018 Youth of the Year for Hobe Sound and for all of Martin County. He plans to go to FIU in Miami to study cyber security and construction management.

***“Every kid has a light inside of them. My goal is to turn on their light and encourage them to turn on someone else’s,” Tyrique said.***



### **SWAT (Students Working Against Tobacco)**

In Students Working Against Tobacco, Boys & Girls Club members join a statewide partnership to fight against manipulative tobacco efforts that try to recruit new smokers and infiltrate our culture. Like Tyrique of the Hobe Sound Club, each member decides how to use activism to cause social change in a fun and cool way, getting real-world experience in community service hours, college application building and hands-on leadership and awareness-raising promotions.

We need your help! We ask you to get involved, to be active, to make the BGCMC a priority for your support.

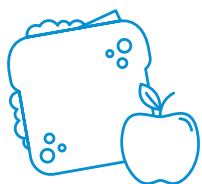
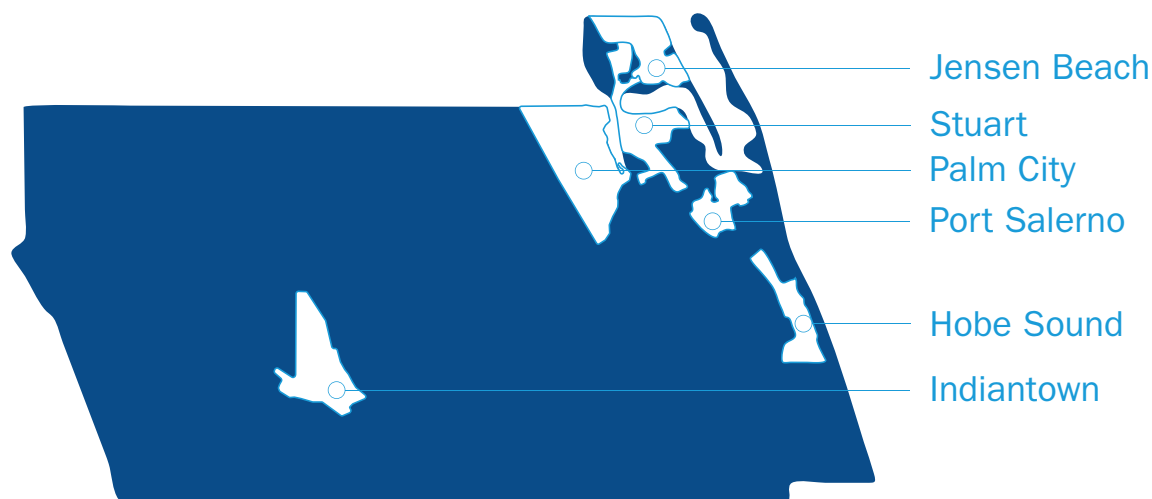


# GROWING IN MARTIN COUNTY

Donor support allowed us to open the doors of two new Clubs in 2017.

The Boys & Girls Clubs Now Serving Martin County are:

- Cole-Clark Club in Hobe Sound
- Bill & Barbara Whitman Club in Indiantown
- H. Wayne Huizenga Club in Palm City
- John & Marge Bolton Club in Port Salerno
- Boys & Girls Club in Stuart
- Jensen Beach High School
- Stuart Middle School



## NO ONE GOES HOME HUNGRY!

Every day, BGCMC members benefit from nutritious snacks and meals ... food many of them wouldn't have gotten anywhere else. Funded by a reimbursable grant of \$172,582 from the U. S. Department of Agriculture, in 2017 we provided more than 38,000 meals valued at \$3.25 each and almost 82,000 nutritious snacks valued at \$.79 each to keep our kids healthy and ready to learn!



# KAYDEN

John & Marge Bolton Boys & Girls Club in Port Salerno

Ten-year-old Kayden talks fast and gets excited easily. He gets heated quickly, too, said his mother, Anna – not from the Florida sun, but from his short temper.

Before he and his mom found the door to the John & Marge Bolton Boys & Girls Club in Port Salerno, Kayden attended an after-school program where he was stuck at a cafeteria table with crayons or video games. The lack of stimulation wasn't good for him, and Anna often received calls about his behavior.

She got the same kind of calls from the various schools Kayden was enrolled in from age 6 to 10.

"He's been to different schools where there have been different sets of expectations for behavior. It's been tough for him," Anna said.

Not so at the Port Salerno Club, where she said everyone treats her son the same way.

"The Club gives him an opportunity to be who he is. They don't look at him any differently because he has an (anger) issue. Instead, they help him with it," she said. "He gets reprimanded when he needs to be and praised when he does something good."

Kayden's interpretation of the Club's structure is surprisingly insightful. "They give me chances, and I'm not wasting them," he said. "They want me to succeed and be great in life. So, I'm being good now."

He certainly is. Kayden takes the self-control he's learning inside the Club with him when he enters other doors, including his school's.

***"I want to have dreams. I want to have a great education,"  
Kayden said. "I'm doing great in school now."***

A year ago, Kayden wasn't quite up to the reading level for his grade. Today, after taking part in Be READY, that's not an issue. He also excels in math, proudly sharing how his By the Numbers instructor said he didn't need extra help anymore because he was doing so well. He's also gained leadership traits through the HERO Challenge Prevention Program.

He's also gained leadership traits through the HERO Challenge, going outside, and taking field trips to a water park, the zoo, Jungle Island and the movies.

Kayden's mom has one word of advice for anyone who gets the chance to bring their child to a Boys & Girls Club.

"Jump on it. They really care about the kids."



## Be READY

Be READY, the program that helped Kayden of the John & Marge Bolton Boys & Girls Club in Port Salerno achieve his grade level in reading, puts struggling readers in first through third grade into small-group literacy classes led by certified teachers.

***Be READY served 90 youth in 2017 at a cost of \$333 per youth. Generous supporters helped offset our \$30,000 annual investment to provide our kids with vital academic support. We need your help, too!***

## Individualized Academic Attention: Derrick's Story

Even a first-grader feels embarrassed and discouraged by being retained in the same grade while all his friends move on, and Derrick was no exception. His struggles with reading made all subjects more difficult so Derrick was a great candidate for the Boys & Girls Club of Martin County's Be READy program. He balked a bit at first, but now Derrick has improved his reading fluency, comprehends what he's reading ... and best of all, wants to read more!

Our certified teachers provide supplemental instruction that complements what youngsters like Derrick are learning in school. In addition, they use i-Ready scores to identify areas needing special attention, such as vocabulary, and incorporate them into tutoring sessions. Through games like Silly Sentences, struggling readers find a fun, supportive way to receive individualized help for improving literacy and reading at grade level.

### By the Numbers

For youth in grades 3, 4 and 5, certified teachers lead small groups in math instruction for more hands-on help than what is possible in a regular classroom.

***By the Numbers*** served 86 youth in 2017 at a cost of \$349 per youth, or \$30,000 annually. Your donation can provide kids like Kayden with a math tutor to help learn the skills needed for success.



### READING IS AN ADVENTURE!

94% of the youth in BGCMC's literacy program maintained or improved their reading proficiency in 2017.



# ZAKKARY

## H. Wayne Huizenga Boys & Girls Club in Palm City

Most of the boxes Zakkary opened at Christmastime 2015 weren't presents. They were those he and his family had been forced to pack when they lost their home to foreclosure.

And though he didn't know it yet, the 14-year-old was about to discover a place that would set the course for the rest of his life: the H. Wayne Huizenga Boys & Girls Club.

Zakk's dad had left his family without warning months before. Having been out of the workforce for 20 years to homeschool Zakk and his two older brothers meant Zakk's mom, Amy, couldn't find the kind of job that paid all the bills. That's how they became homeless the first time, eventually leaving their friends and familiar hometown to live with Zakk's uncle in Martin County, 250 miles away.

It was not an ideal situation, both Amy and Zakk said. But within a month, Zakk discovered the Boys & Girls Club. It was a godsend to a worried mother.

"The Club gave my son a positive and safe environment. He was making connections with other adults that he and I could trust," Amy said. "The Club gave him a lot of independence, too. He had to learn to ride a bike so he could get back and forth because I was working. He got himself up every single morning before 7 a.m. to go."

Today, this tight-knit family lives in their own home in Stuart. Yet, Zakk maintains his loyalty to his Palm City Club. In fact, he was Palm City's Youth of the Year for 2017.

His campaign speech reflected how the Boys & Girls Club influenced his view of the world.

"My brand is positivity, shown by my cheerful attitude, willingness to help and goal-oriented thinking. ... Staying positive with goals and being truthful will help me overcome any challenges I will face. The Boys & Girls Clubs helped me realize just this."

Amy couldn't be more proud – or more grateful.

"I told a young mentor that Zakk could really use a male influence right now. The mentor was able to talk to Zakk, man to man. For me as a single mom now, that's the kind of thing that means the most to me. Both of his brothers were Eagle Scouts, and Zakk's journey was interrupted by the move," said his mom.

***"I think the Boys & Girls Club filled the places that were missing for him."***



### Youth of the Year

Youth of the Year is Boys & Girls Clubs of America's premier recognition program and, since 1947, has celebrated the extraordinary achievements of Club teens. Club members who earn the Youth of the Year title embody the values of leadership service, academic excellence and healthy lifestyles. They exemplify the critical impact the Boys & Girls Clubs have on the lives of young people.

***Youth of the Year served 100 individuals in 2017 at a cost of \$125 per youth. Thank you to our donors and Publix Super Markets Charities for underwriting Youth of the Year!***



# BGCMC YOUTH OF THE YEAR

# 2017



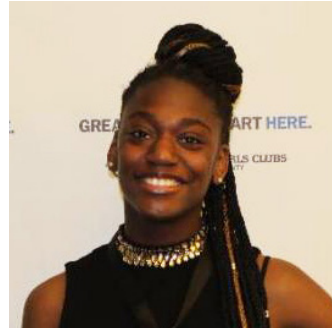
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Bill & Barbara Whitman  
Club in Indiantown



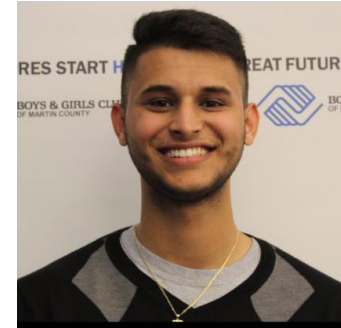
**Zakkary Bosma**

H. Wayne Huizenga Club  
in Palm City



**Dejah Horne**

Stuart Club



**Arius Onassis**

Cole-Clark Club  
in Hobe Sound



**Jordin Preston**

John & Marge Bolton Club  
in Port Salerno



## CLUBS CONTRIBUTE TO COMMUNITY!

In 2017, more than 440 Boys & Girls Club members gave 4,629 hours of community service.  
That's an economic impact of \$106,791.



# MADDIE

Boys & Girls Club in Stuart

**"Some kids just aren't nice. If you do something wrong, they look at you weird or say mean things about you. And so sometimes, you follow people like that and say things you don't want to say."**

That was school in a nutshell for 9-year-old Maddie when she opened the door to the Boys & Girls Club in Stuart.

Maddie described herself as shy back then. A year and a half later, she now says she's "started to come out of my shell and be a more confident person."

What made the difference? The Boys & Girls Club. "I have started following my own path because I have someone to talk to. Staff can help you with whatever you need," Maddie said.

***"I talk to staff so that I don't get with the wrong friends or do things I don't want to."***

She's an energetic young person, and so her favorite programs are SPARK, because she loves all kinds of sports, and the HERO Challenge for teaching her leadership skills.

She likes the one-on-one tutoring, too, which has been a big boost to her grades. Math struggles have kept her off the honor roll – but not this year, she hopes.

"Through SMART (Skills, Mastery And Resistance Training) Girls, Maddie has become a leader and her self-esteem has increased a great deal," said her Club director. "She loves helping staff and is very responsible. We're happy to have her at our Club."

The youngster appears matter-of-fact about her growth.

"I am just out there meeting people and doing stuff," she said.

## SPARK

SPARK at Boys & Girls Club in Stuart is a favorite activity of 9-year-old Maddie. SPARK is the Club's flagship physical activity program for members regardless of their abilities. Every Club member age 6-18 participates for at least 30 minutes a day, five days a week, in their choice of dozens of games and physical activities.

***SPARK served 725 youth in 2017 at a cost of \$90 per youth. Thank you to Children's Services Council of Martin County for helping to fund the \$65,000 investment needed to positively impact the health and well-being of our kids!***



## HERO Challenge

(Helping Each Other Realize Opportunities) is a comprehensive mentoring/prevention program that combines individualized case management, culturally responsive intervention and positive group activities to foster social competence and self-confidence. A BGCMC Prevention Director said the program is addressing a top public safety concern. "We are reaching kids not just in the Clubs, but in their schools and the community, too. We glue all the services together," he said.

***HERO served 70 youth in 2017 at a cost \$1,442 per youth. We need more than \$100,000 each year to continue this truly lifesaving program. Your Gift Counts. Your Gift Makes A Difference!***



**NO COUCH  
POTATOES  
HERE!**

At our clubs,

**1,675**

members took  
part in daily  
physical activity.





# ZHIANNA

Bill & Barbara Whitman Boys & Girls Club in Indiantown

*Forbes. Business News Daily. Monster.* No matter where you look to find the traits that colleges and employers find most lacking among applicants, leadership is high on the list. Where can a teen learn how to lead effectively?

Zhianna found the answer behind the door of the Bill & Barbara Whitman Boys & Girls Club – and threw herself into the challenge.

The 16-year-old started coming to the Indiantown Club when she was 10, encouraged by stories from friends and her mother's coworkers. As soon as she was eligible, she joined its Keystone Club, cheerfully giving up her weekends to collaborate with teammates in solving problems for the Club and the community.

"Cheerfully" is a key indicator of how the Boys & Girls Club has shaped Zhianna.

***"I used to be angry a lot, and I was not able to manage it. The staff at the Club has really helped me with that," she said.***

"I've had a lot of stuff going on with my family, and the people at the Club have been there for me."

The other Keystone members soon elected Zhianna president. She then embarked on her campaign for Youth of the Year in 2017. Though she didn't win, she ran again in 2018, writing essays on her club experience, her vision for America's youth and her personal brand.

All the while, Zhianna has maintained a 3.5 GPA (out of 4) and is enrolled in her high school's JROTC program, planning to join the U.S. Navy after graduation.

Teen program specialist Alberto Juan-Diego has nothing but admiration for Zhianna.

"Zhianna has developed responsibility, time management, self-confidence and patience, and does everything with a positive attitude," he said. "She also acquired the skills to participate in the democratic process by using Robert's Rules of Order during meetings."

For her part, Zhianna has plenty of encouraging words for teens who may be unsure about whether a Boys & Girls Club is for them.

"We need more teens. I'd tell them it's not what you think. It's not a babysitter's club. We go on college trips, we can get scholarships, and we visit a lot of great places where sometimes we may not be able to go because of the cost," she said.

"The Club has really changed me. I've gotten closer to a lot of people. They've become my second family."

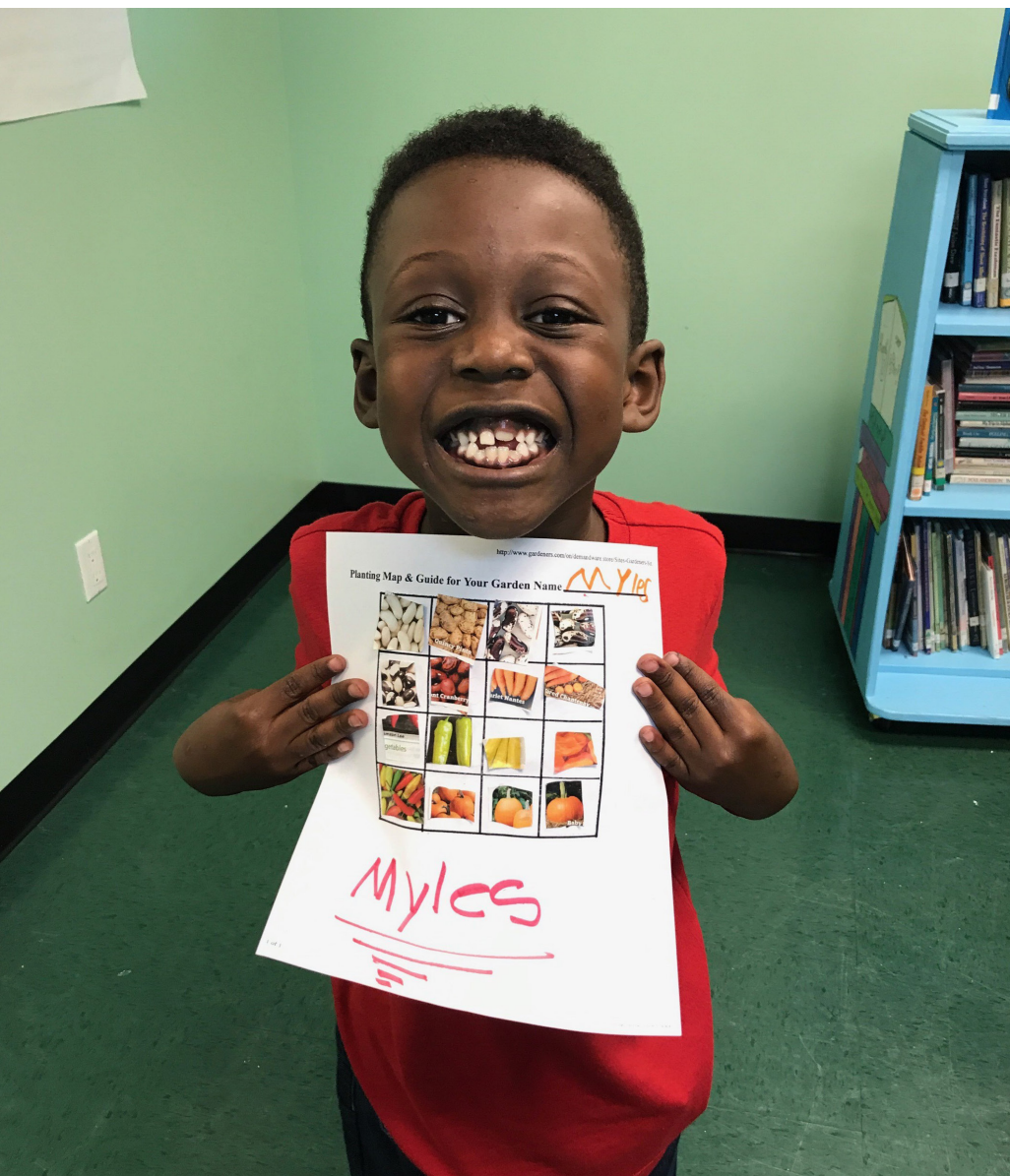


## Keystone Club

The ultimate teen program for ages 14-18, Keystone Club takes a comprehensive approach to youth development. Participants like Zhianna focus on academic success, career preparation and community service.

***Keystone Club served 35 youth in 2017 at a cost of \$151 per youth, or \$5,300 annually. With additional community support, Keystone Club could be available to more teens like Zhianna.***

# GROWING INTO SCHOOLS



## Carrying Boys & Girls Club Values into Martin County Schools

### *Piloting the School-based Initiative*

The challenges many Martin County teens deal with as they struggle through high school don't simply disappear once they earn a diploma. So Boys & Girls Clubs of Martin County (BGCMC) work with youth to prepare them not just for school, but for life. Now, we're partnering with Martin County Schools to reach more students outside our Clubs.

### The Challenge

Leadership of BGCMC and the Martin County School District joined principals from Jensen Beach High School and Stuart Middle School in exploring the question, What can be done for graduating youth who lack life skills or caring relationships, can't control certain undesirable behaviors, and face a bleak future with little hope of a career?

### The Solution

BGCMC developed a pilot program based on our Teen Leadership Academy/HERO Challenge model. Through the generosity of several passionate donors, \$200,000 funded pilots at the two schools. BGCMC employs one full-time case manager to interact with teens at the school and with "The Club," a Boys & Girls Club on site where students can participate in teen-specific programs modeled after those in the five established Clubs in the county.

**In this way, the Boys & Girls Club mission and core values will reach even more struggling youth at a crucial age for positive intervention. Our goal is to expand and sustain the school-based initiative into more schools.**



## REPORT CARD

### BGCMC School-based Pilot

Stuart Middle School, Stuart, FL

MEASUREMENT/OBJECTIVE	GRADE
In-school and out-of-school suspensions have declined.	A
<i>The director uses metacognitive behavior techniques so students can reflect on and learn from their behavior. Only a small number of repeat offenders to date, and monitored behaviors improving.</i>	
Director's relationships with students is fruitful.	A
<i>Omar Ferreira, Teen Leadership Academy Director – His positive relationships and intervention techniques are showing measurable results. We need him five days a week!</i>	

## REPORT CARD

### BGCMC School-based Pilot

Jensen Beach High School, Jensen Beach, FL

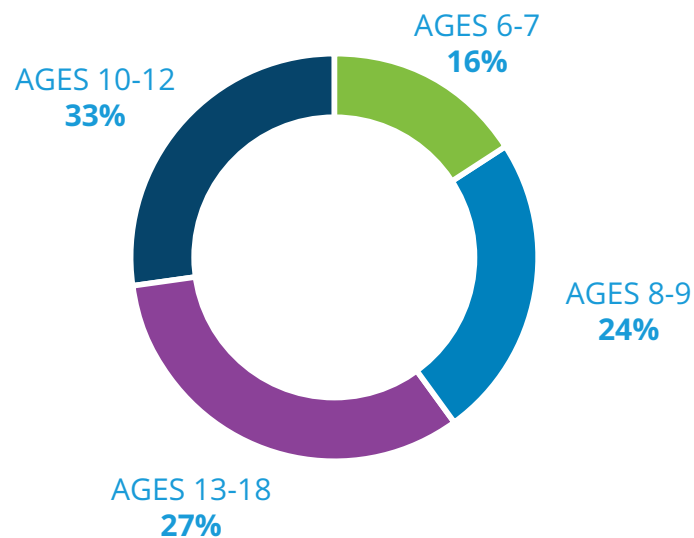
MEASUREMENT/OBJECTIVE	GRADE
60%-70% fewer referrals, detentions and suspensions.	A
<i>It's the result of a combination of the Boys &amp; Girls Club and staff development.</i>	
Director's relationships with students is fruitful.	A
<i>The turnaround we're seeing in the kids hardest to reach is amazing. Omar is developing trust and is very proactive. He provides the social and emotional support they need.</i>	
<i>There are kids on our campus who, by now, undoubtedly would have been suspended without this program, and they have not had any referrals, complaints or suspensions.</i>	

# GROWING: ONE YOUTH AT A TIME

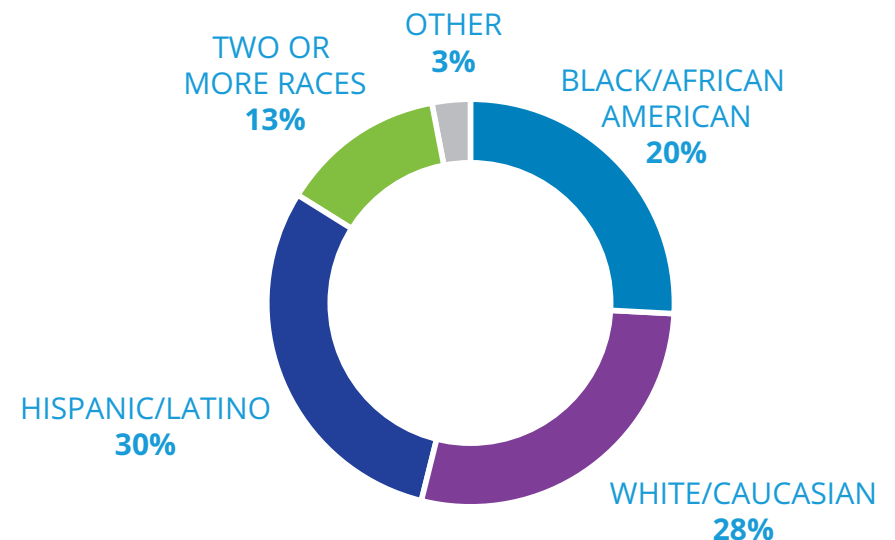
## OUR REACH AND SCOPE

Boys & Girls Club of Martin County directly impacts the lives of nearly 3,000 young people and their families each year through membership and community outreach.

### AGES OF YOUTH SERVED



### ETHNICITY OF YOUTH SERVED





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## GROWING TO GRADUATION, CAREERS & MILITARY SERVICE

While 16% of high school students in Martin County failed to graduate last year, 100% of Club members graduated high school on time and with a plan for the future, including going to college, starting a career or entering the military. In 2016, the median annual salary for full-time workers with less than a high school diploma was \$26,208, compared to \$60,112 for those with a bachelor's degree. In our Clubs, 87% of members expected to attend college last year, compared to 65% of high school graduates in Martin County.

(Florida Education and Training Placement Information Program, 2015-16)



# GROWTH THROUGH PROGRAMS

Needs change as youth get older, and Boys & Girls Clubs of Martin County offer specialized programs for every stage and a wide range of interests. You've read about some of our programs in our Club members' stories; here is a sampling of several more.

## Growing to be Career-Ready: Transforming the lives of 300 youth

**Career Launch:** Teens cultivate skills essential for success in the workplace. For example, participants learn how to secure a job and identify a career to fit their needs, interests and talents.

51 youth served, \$27 per youth

**DIY STEM:** This hands-on, activity-based STEM curriculum connects youth to science themes they encounter in everyday life. DIY STEM has learning modules on Energy & Electricity, Engineering Design, Food Chemistry, and Science of Sports: Football.

\$5,000, excluding personnel

**Microsoft Hour of Code/CS Pathways:** Members learn computer science that's based on their unique interests, developing critical thinking, problem-solving, and coding skills along the way.

45 youth served, \$167 per youth

**Money Matters:** This financial literacy program teaches teens to budget, save and invest money, manage a checking account, and plan for college costs – skills not often taught in school or the home. They also learn about entrepreneurship as well as credit and debt.

45 youth served, \$14 per youth

**Robotics:** Teams of youth ages 9-14 design, build and program robots they create out of LEGO blocks; they learn about teamwork, professionalism and accountability in addition to STEM concepts. Each team competes regionally in an event hosted by a nationally recognized high school robotics team.

50 youth served, \$500 per youth

Thank you to our private donors etc who generously funded our robotics programs for this year.





## Growing to Grade Level

### Consistent Positive Attention: Jordan's Story

**Jordan** was angry and defiant when he began attending **By the Numbers**, a remedial math support program. Refusing to give up on him, Jordan's teacher was patient and understanding – and after a few weeks, Jordan began to understand his math work and improve his behavior. Jordan is now completing all of his work, and his teacher reports that after she explains a math concept to him once, he completes his assignments without needing any more assistance.

**Check and Connect:** Rather than waiting for report cards, this program proactively identifies and addresses critical school needs as they arise, monitoring school performance weekly and providing students with such targeted intervention as tutoring with certified teachers. By immediately and regularly checking grades, attendance and behavior, students are held accountable for following their own Great Futures Plan.

**Paws to Read:** In partnership with the Humane Society of the Treasure Coast, this program lets struggling readers read out loud, without being judged, to trained dogs. Ages 9-12 learn and bond with a caring animal.

**150 youth served, \$2 per youth**

**Power Hour:** This is a mandatory tutoring and homework help program for ages 6-18 to develop academic, behavioral and social skills. Members learn from one-on-one instruction and high-yield learning activities that develop cognitive skills.

**960 youth served, \$35 per youth.**

**An annual investment of \$33,760 strengthens kids' academic performance and success – you can invest in a young person, too!**

**Summer Brain Gain and Summer Brain Gain READS!:** Over the summer, the flow of learning resources slows for students from disadvantaged backgrounds, resulting in learning loss. This enrichment program combats this loss through modules aligned with state standards.

"Many of our teens and younger members live in rough neighborhoods. Their home life is not always structured," said one of our Teen Program Specialists. "They need a positive environment and a network of support. If we don't provide it, they're going to look for it elsewhere and risk falling into the wrong crowd."

**1,150 youth served, \$34 per youth.**

**The annual investment for this life-changing program is \$39,100.**



### WE DON'T HATE HOMEWORK!

More than 1,100 youth got help with their homework in 2017.



### SUMMER IS FOR STUDY

Last summer, more than 1,150 kids kept their minds sharp through Summer Brain Gain.

## Growing Life Skills and Character

**Torch Club:** Chartered small-group leadership and service clubs for ages 11-13 are powerful vehicles for Club staff to help meet the special character-development needs of adolescents. Members work together on: service to Club and community, education, health and fitness, and social recreation.

**84 youth served, \$36 per youth**

**Passport to Manhood:** This popular program teaches boys ages 8-12 and young men ages 13-17 how to successfully transition to healthy and responsible adulthood through modules on self-esteem and identity, values in personal decision-making, fatherhood and the family, and relationships with females.

**100 youth served, 11 cents per youth**



### WE MAN UP

80% of those in Passport to Manhood adopted positive behaviors that reflect a maturing character.

**Character Counts!** Members come to understand Character Counts' Six Pillars of Character: Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring and Citizenship.

**700 youth served, \$6 per youth**



**Outward Bound:** Each spring, one male and one female from each of our five Clubs are chosen for the Hurricane Island Outward Bound School, a five-day chaperoned sailing course around the Florida Keys. Successful completion requires trust, mastery of skills, fitness, confidence, tenacity, leadership, initiative and compassion. Youth discover strength of character, their innate ability to lead, and the meaning and fulfillment that come from serving others.

**\$1,500 per youth (funded through private donations annually; your support is welcome)**



## Growing Healthy Lifestyles

**SMART Girls:** SMART – Skills, Mastery And Resistance Training – Girls is an age-appropriate program of activities designed to sharpen female members' decision-making, leadership and critical-thinking skills to help them resist alcohol, tobacco, drugs, gangs, premature sexual activity and other threats to their well-being.

125 youth served, \$7 per youth

**Too Good for Drugs & Violence:** Evidence-based interactive lessons, games and activities arm ages 6-12 with the social/emotional learning skills they need to focus on positive behaviors and goals.

254 youth served, \$15 per youth

**Mentoring Programs:** Boys & Girls Clubs of Martin County are so lucky to have dynamic adults give their time to mentor teens. These generous people call, visit and plan trips for their mentees, leaving a lifelong impression and creating tangible change in their lives.



### WE'RE SAYING NO.

84% of Club members have learned techniques for avoiding negative behaviors like using drugs. And 99% of Club members ages 12-18 chose not to smoke in 2017!

**Healthy Habits:** This program teaches the benefits of such healthy habits as eating smart and staying active, equips young people with skills to adopt healthier habits, and encourages youth to take small steps toward positive behavior changes at the Club, school and home.

250 youth served, \$12 per youth

## Growing Interests

### Arts

- Acting Lessons/Theater (with Maltz Jupiter Theatre)
- Ballet (with Florida Arts & Dance)
- Dance & Drumming Teams
- Lyricism 101 (the power of literary arts)
- National Fine Arts
- Panyard Express Steel Pans (drums)

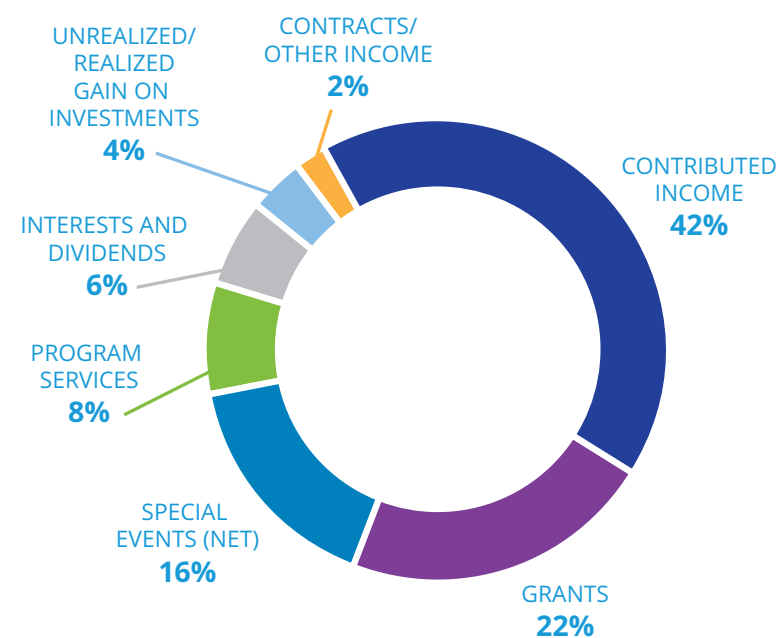
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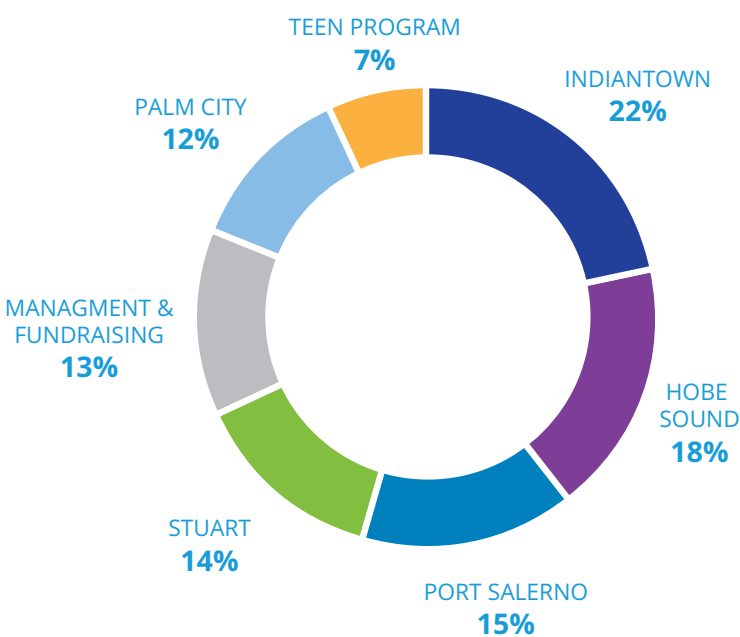


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