



BOYS & GIRLS CLUB
OF THE NORTHERN PLAINS

2024 ANNUAL REPORT





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Great Futures Start Here



A Note from the CEO

As we reflect on 2024, we are filled with gratitude for the progress Boys & Girls Club of the Northern Plains has made in empowering youth across our communities. This year, thanks to the unwavering support of our donors, partners, board members, and staff, we reached more young people than ever before with safe spaces, caring mentors, and life-enriching programs.

From enhancing academic support and wellness programming to preparing for major facility expansions, we've continued to grow in both reach and impact. Our team has worked hard to meet the evolving needs of kids and families, and we've seen firsthand how access, consistency, and belonging can change lives.

Looking ahead to 2025, we are excited to expand even further. New outreach efforts, strategic partnerships, and added capacity will allow us to deepen our impact across Brookings, Elkton, Moody County, Vermillion, and Yankton. As always, our mission remains at the heart of everything we do: to inspire and enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, responsible, and caring citizens.

To everyone who has supported us this year — thank you. Your belief in the power of young people is what makes this work possible. Together, we are opening the door to Great Futures every single day.



Jody Hernandez
Chief Executive Officer



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Our Mission

To inspire and enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, responsible, and caring citizens.

Our Vision

Boys & Girls Club of the Northern Plains, Inc. envisions being a dynamic, diverse organization recognized as a champion for youth as well as a leader for positive change in the world.

Our Values

Excellence, Impact Driven, Teamwork and Good Character.



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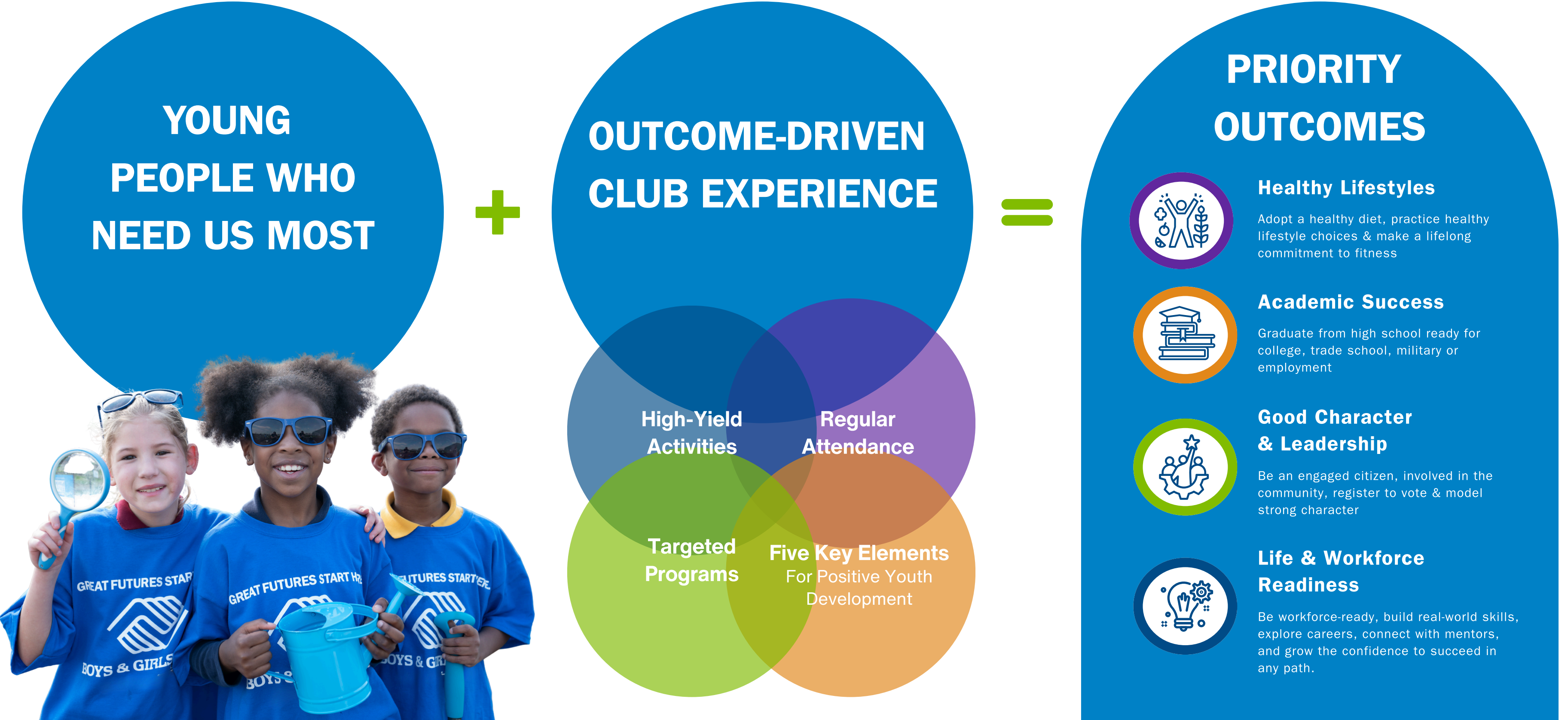
Vermillion Advisory Council

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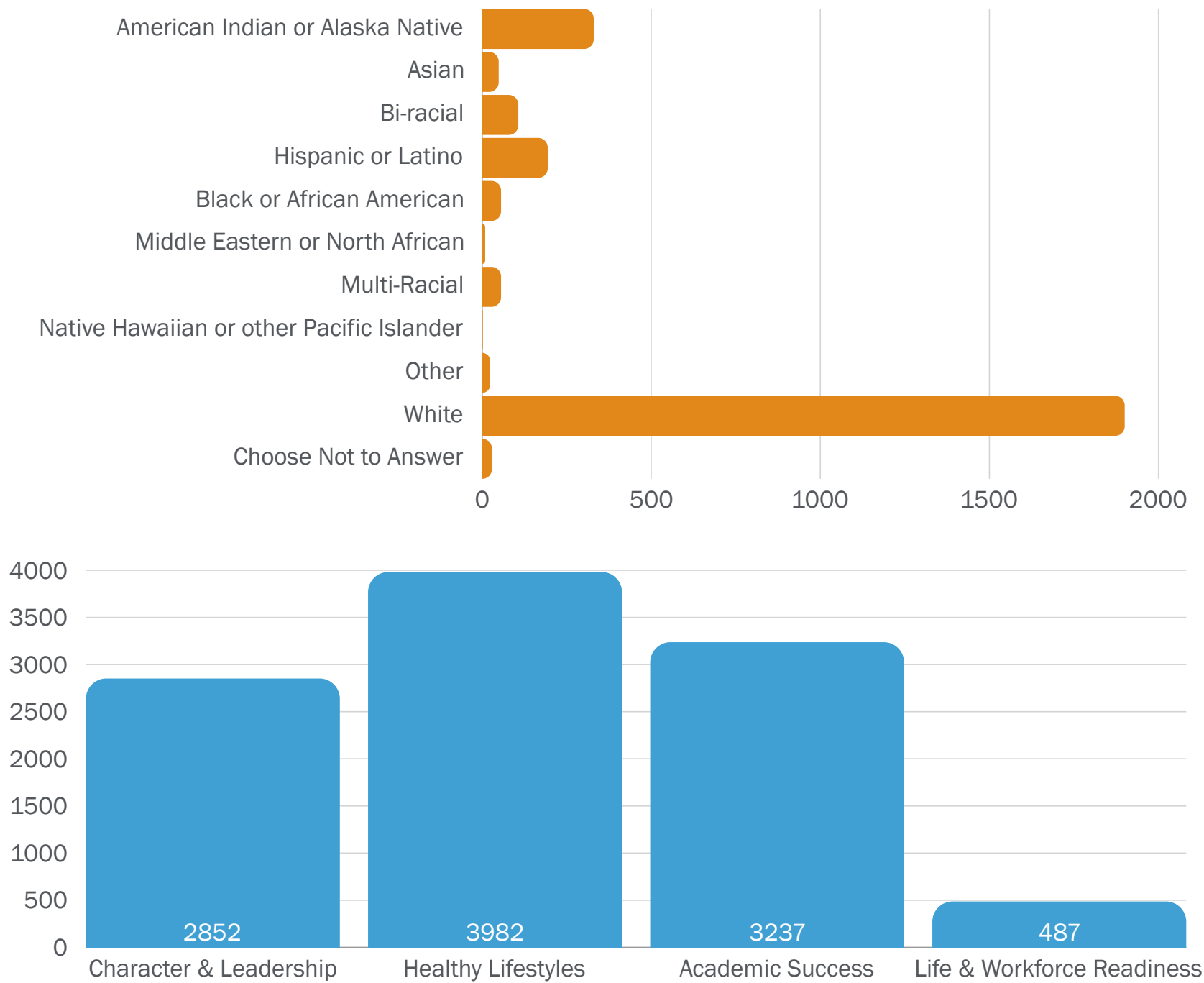
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Formula For Youth Impact



2024 Youth Impact at a Glance

Demographics



Youth made over **24,000 visits** to **high-impact programs** in 2024

\$25 Membership | \$50 Summer Program;
Year-round access to safe, enriching programs
remains affordable for all families.

129

Adult volunteers gave
their time, talents, and
heart to help our
youth succeed.



3,054

Total Youth Reached
2,762
Club Members



152,199

Free, nutritious
meals and snacks
served



200

Trained and caring staff,
delivered meaningful
experiences to
thousands of youth.



Empowering Youth

Mission Moment: Teens Take the Lead

Malts for Mutts – A Keystone Teen Council Project Teen Center | 2024 Highlight

At Boys & Girls Club, we believe teens are not just the future, they're leaders today. This spring, our Keystone Teen Council brought that belief to life with Malts for Mutts, a youth-led service project supporting Glacial Lakes Humane Society.

From May 1 to June 10, Keystone members planned, promoted, and ran a weekly malt sale, offering chocolate, vanilla, and strawberry malts every Tuesday during Snack Shack hours. Their creativity, collaboration, and dedication paid off: they raised \$300 to help animals in need.

Through this project, our teens built real-world skills in teamwork, communication, and financial planning, all while giving back to their community. Malts for Mutts was more than a fundraiser, it was a hands-on lesson in leadership and service, reinforcing our commitment to building Character & Leadership and preparing youth for a Future Ready path.



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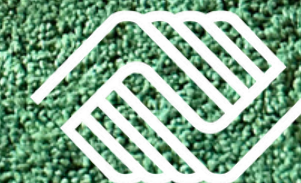
Empowering Youth

Mission Moment: Mentors in the Making – Reading Buddies Program

In 2024, Reading Buddies became more than a literacy program, it became a way for youth to grow as role models and make a difference in their Club community. Each week, older members paired up with preschoolers, sharing stories, encouragement, and laughter.

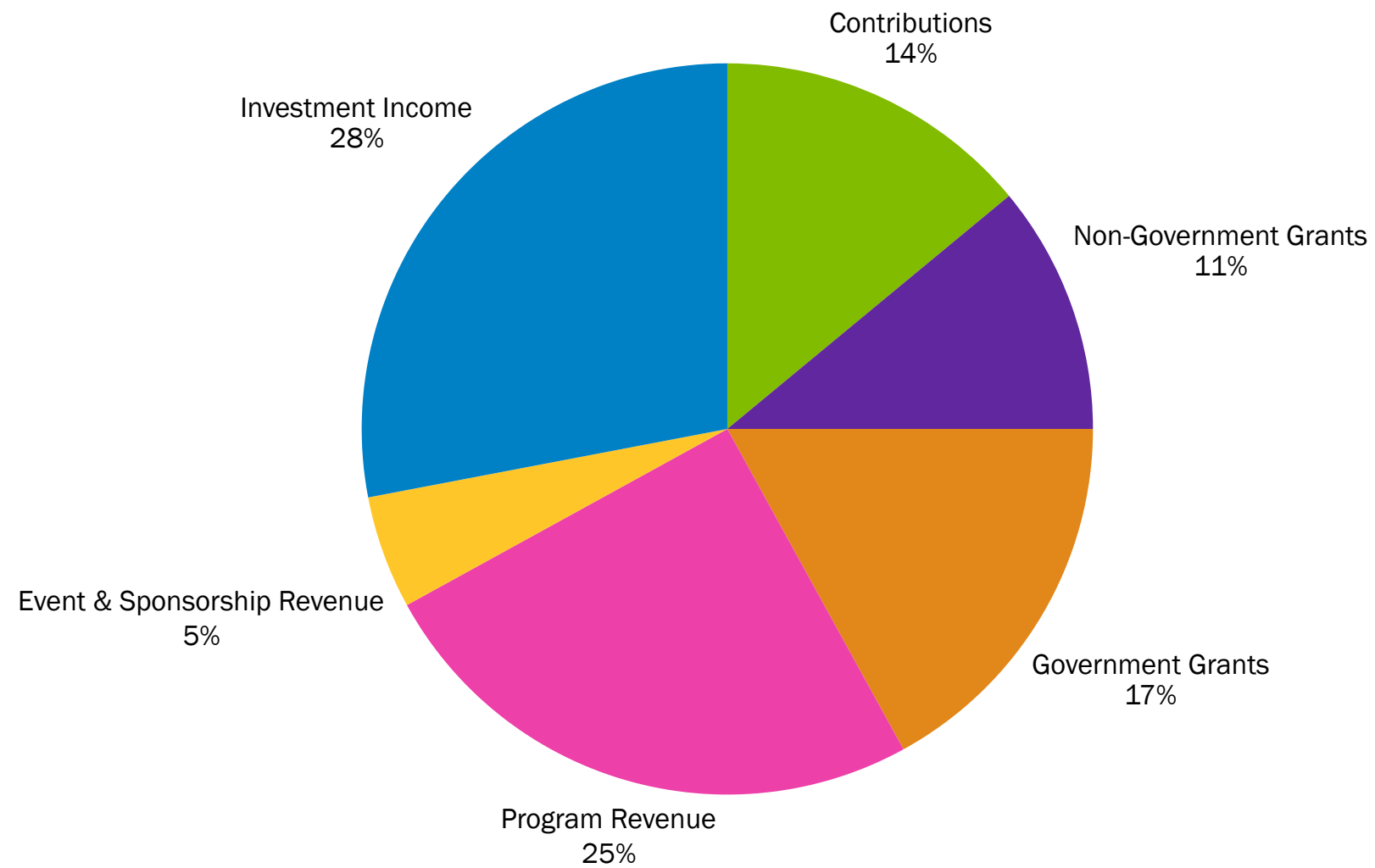
- “I like reading to preschoolers because of the interaction I can have with them.” – Lian A.
- “I enjoy meeting the little kids, it’s so fun reading to them!” – Paislee W.
- “I love helping them with reading and setting a good example.” – Havynn H.
- “I like showing preschoolers that reading is fun!” – Evelyn R.

When young people are trusted with leadership, they show up, and shine. Reading Buddies gave them that chance, helping them build skills in communication, empathy, and mentorship while inspiring a love of reading. It was more than a program. It was a hands-on lesson in Academic Success and Character & Leadership, preparing youth for a Future Ready path.

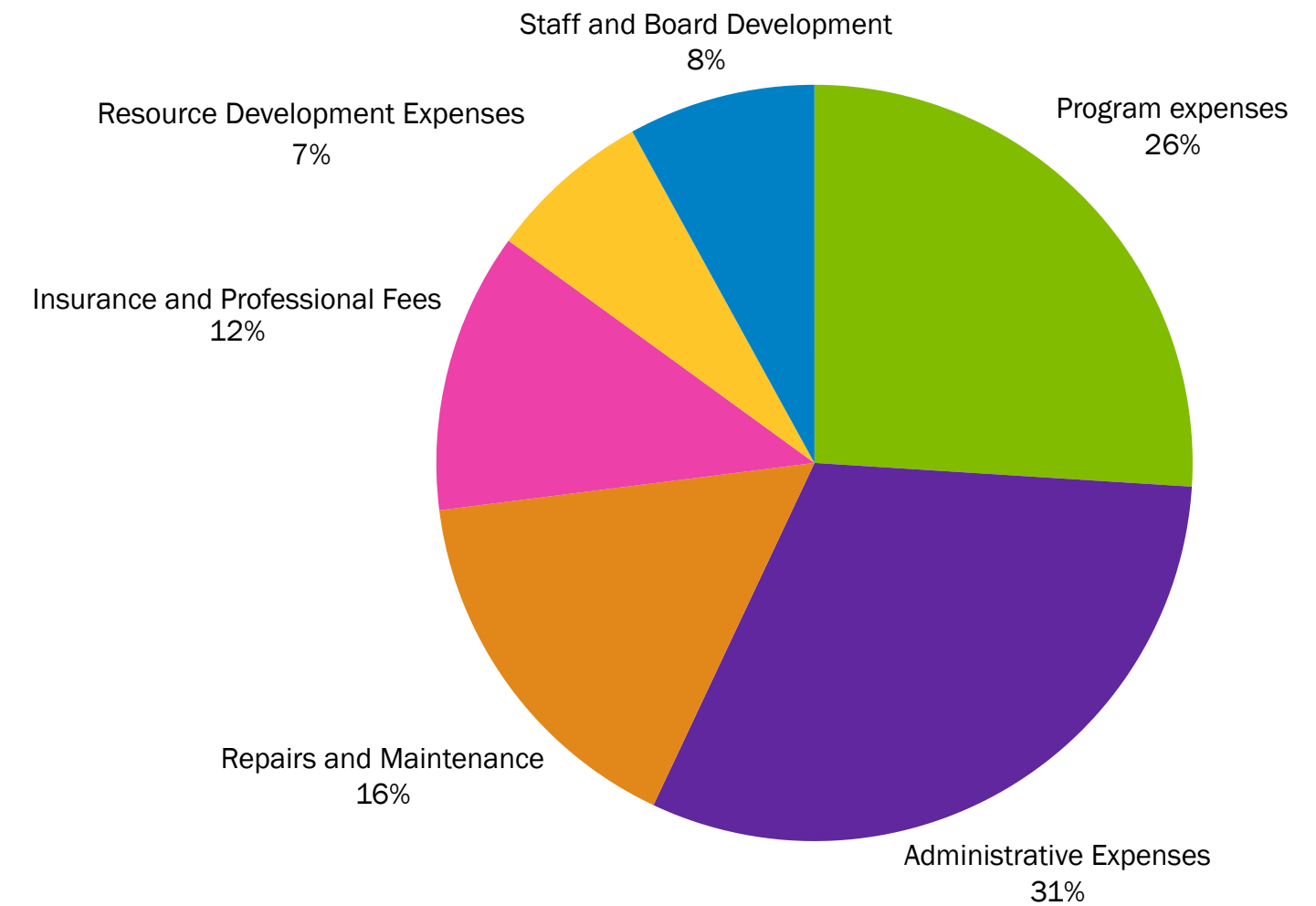


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2025 Organization Budget



Projected Revenue
\$7,136,850



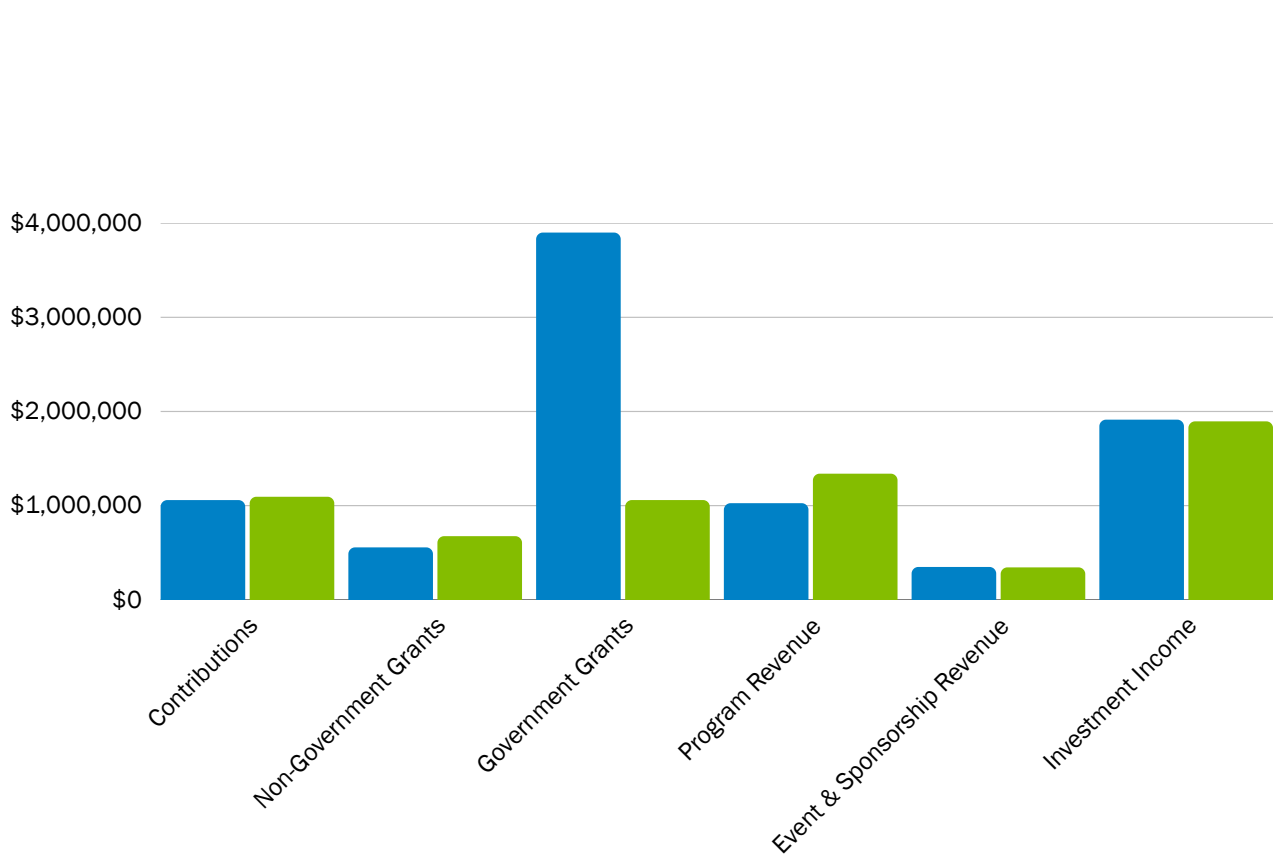
Projected Expenditures
\$7,311,850



2024 Organization Operating Revenue & Expenditures

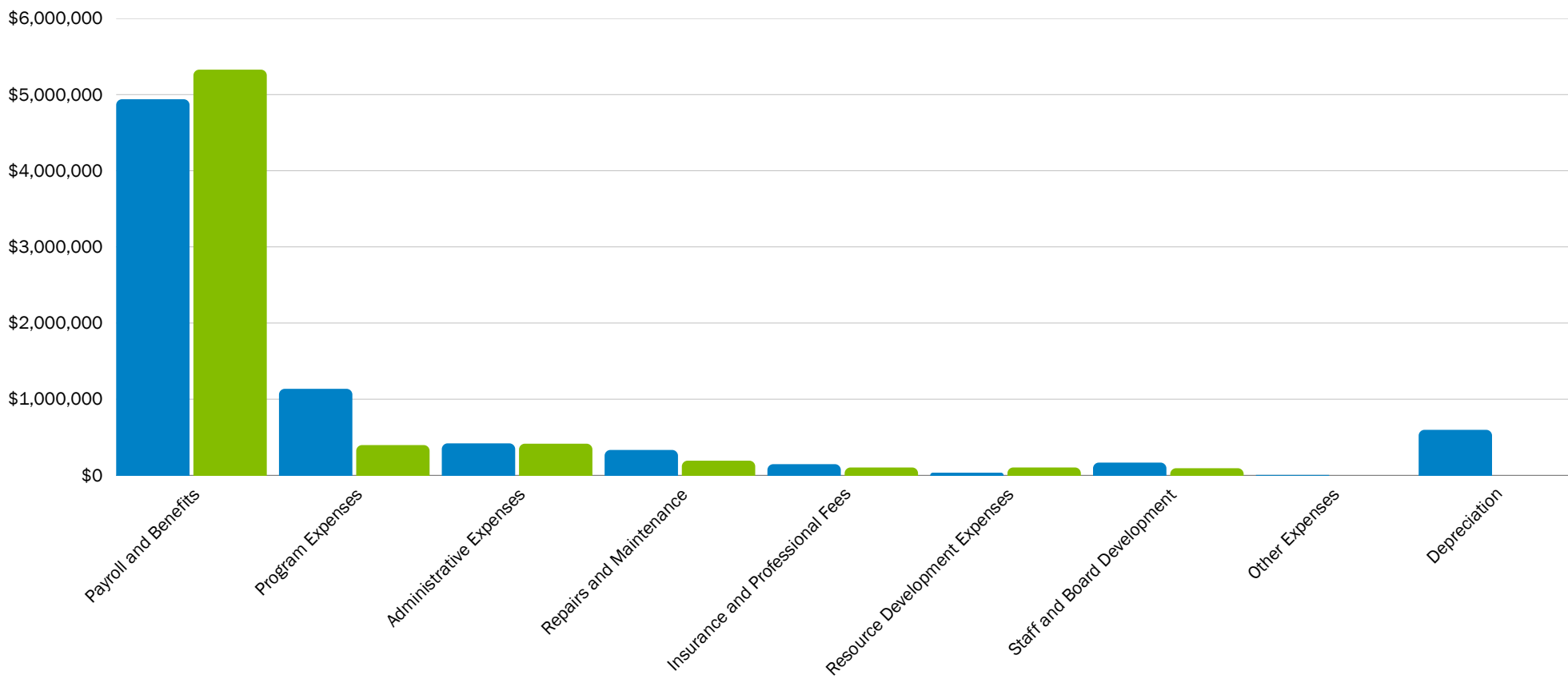
Revenue

ACTUAL: \$8,802,736 BUDGET: \$6,406,475



Expenditures

ACTUAL: \$7,779,721 BUDGET: \$6,632,000



80% of every dollar directly supports Boys & Girls Club program operations.
We averaged 47 Full-time and 152 Part-time employees throughout 2024.



2024 DONORS



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\$1,000-\$2,499

- Active Heating
- AGAP LLC - Power Source Electric
- Andrew and Brianna Schulz
- Anthony Clanton
- Becky Jennings
- Best Choice Real Estate
- Bill and Janna Ellingson
- Bill and Peggy Cone
- Blaine's Body Shop
- Brookings Lions Club
- Brookings Optimist Club
- Butch and Gloria Becker
- Central Bank
- Charles Yelverton
- Chuck and Nancy Zink
- Chuck Sutton Auctioneer and Land Broker LLC
- Clay County Youth Trust Fund
- CorTrust Bank - Vermillion
- Craig Thompson
- Cubby's Sports Bar & Grill
- Curt Robinson
- Dan and Patti Eisenbraun
- Dan Johnson and Mary Milroy
- David and Lavonne Kurtz
- David Erickson
- Dean and Kendra Kattelmann
- Dennis and LaDonna Micko
- Dyanna Ballou
- Eric Biewenga
- Falcon Plastics, Inc.
- Gary and Arlene Heine
- Gary Rasmussen
- Harry and Connie Mansheim
- Hillyard Floor Care Supply
- Hy-Vee Brookings
- Jay Bender
- Jerry and Mary Fiedler
- Jerry's Chevrolet GMC
- Joan Isenberg
- John and Diane Maynes
- John DeJean
- Kibble Equipment
- Kjelden Living Trust
- Knutzen Family Dentistry
- Larry and Gail Tidemann
- Luke and Stephanie Serck
- Mandy Sutton
- Mark and Bonnie Winegar
- Mary Broders
- Melody and Robert Thompson
- Michaela and J.J. Willis
- Northern Extrusion Tooling
- NorthWestern Energy-Brookings
- Resilient Church
- Rob and Lindsay Flannery
- Roberta Ambur and Jim Means
- Rudy and Kathie Gerstner
- Sacred Heart Monastery
- Sandra Moore
- Shirley and Gerald Bergum
- Solventum-Brookings
- Stephan Livingston
- Stephanie and Brian Wieman
- Steve Slowey
- Steven and Mary Waller
- Stoneybrook Inc.
- Taylor and Jarrod Slaght
- The Benevity Community Impact Fund
- Thomas and Julie Stotz
- Walker Construction
- Wayne and Marjorie Kindle
- Will Leyland
- William & Marcie Shorma Family Foundation
- Wintz & Ray Funeral Home

\$2,500-\$4,999

- BankStar Financial
- Big Al's Contracting Inc
- Bobcat Farms, LLC
- Century 21: Ryan & Matt Krogman Real Estate, Inc.
- Charlie Gross
- City of Vermillion
- Dacotah Bank
- Dakota Hospital Foundation
- David and Patricia Meyer
- Devin Anderson
- Don and Pam Kettering
- Ed and Deanne Weninger
- Jack Yonkovich
- James and Ann Fay
- Larry and Marcia Janssen
- Marlow, Woodward & Huff, Prof. LLC
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- Northtown Automotive
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- Sandra VanDeWalle
- Scott Krantz
- Sioux Valley Energy Customer Trust, Inc.
- The William and Harriet Gould Foundation
- Tim and Lisa Irwin
- Vanessa and David Merhib
- Vermillion Area Community Foundation
- Yankton Area Foundation

\$5,000-\$9,999

- Al & Irene Kurtenbach Foundation
- Avera Community Partnership Program
- Bel Brands USA
- Brookings Billboard
- Buffalo Wild Wings
- Craig and Della Tschetter
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- Interlakes Area United Way
- Jacob and Shelby Quail
- Larson Manufacturing
- Moody County
- Morgen LLC dba South Point Gaming Lounge
- Slowey Construction Management
- Susan and Douglas Tuve
- Ted and Karen Muenster
- Yankton Sertoma Club

\$10,000-\$19,999

- Brookings Marathon
- City of Flandreau
- First Dakota National Bank
- Geoffrey Grant
- Guy Bender
- Harms Oil Company
- Lewis and Clark Behavioral Health
- Mark Hunhoff
- United Way of Vermillion
- Visit Brookings

\$50,000-\$99,999

- Brookings Area United Way
- Brookings County
- South Dakota Department of Corrections
- United Way & Volunteer Services of Greater Yankton
- US Department of Agriculture - Rural Development
- Vermillion Area Chamber & Development Company

\$100,000+

- BGCA
- City of Brookings
- Dakota Layers, LLC
- Governor's Office of Economic Development
- Jim and Dorothy Morgan
- Larson Family Foundation
- South Dakota Department of Education
- South Dakota Department of Social Services
- Vision Brookings

\$20,000-\$49,999

- Sea Research Foundation-STEM
- South Dakota Department of Health
- South Dakota Teen Court Association
- Valero



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Jeremiah Milbank Society

The Jeremiah Milbank Society is a national Boys & Girls Clubs of America honor, created to recognize and inspire higher-level unrestricted giving from individuals within local Clubs. Each member of the society has contributed a minimum of \$10,000 in unrestricted funds to Boys & Girls Club of the Northern Plains in 2024 through new gifts or pledges.

Thank you to our 2024 Jeremiah Milbank Society members, New Gifts or Pledges in 2024:

- Guy Bender
- Geoffrey & Sue Grant (in memory of Sue Grant)
- Mark Hunhoff
- Jim & Dorothy Morgan

Payments Toward Prior-Year Pledges Over \$10,000:

- Wayne & Lori Ibarolle
- Kelly & Lisa Kneifl
- Reece & Kami Kurtenbach
- Rob & Lori Stephenson

We are deeply grateful for these visionary supporters whose generosity helps ensure life-changing opportunities for thousands of youth.



Heritage Club

Thank you to our Heritage Club members for their lasting impact!

Leave a legacy that empowers future generations by including the Boys & Girls Club of the Northern Plains in your will or estate plans. Your planned gift helps us continue reaching more youth today and for years to come.

Thank you to our Heritage Club members for their lasting impact:

- Curt & Michelle Osmanski
- Dale Larson
- Frank Kurtenbach
- Harry & Connie Mansheim
- Larry & Gail Tidemann
- Rob & Lori Stephenson
- Tara Mills
- Vanessa Merhib
- Wayne & Lori Ibarolle

If you are interested in learning more about Planned Giving at the Boys & Girls Club, please contact our Resource Development office at 605.692.3333



2024 Annual Meeting Award Winners

Each year, we recognize standout Boys & Girls Club volunteers for their service and impact on the Club. Here are the incredible leaders we honored in 2024:

Champion of Youth: Jacob Quail – Boys & Girls Club of Vermillion

The Champion of Youth award is bestowed upon individuals who exhibit above-and-beyond service to their Boys & Girls Club. This award is one of the highest honors we give to exemplary board or council members who have dedicated years of service to the Club, our youth, and our mission. Jacob's leadership, commitment, and support of Club staff and families have made a lasting impact in the Vermillion community.

Gary Isenberg Advocacy Award: Larry Tidemann – Corporate Board of Directors

Gary Isenberg served on the Boys & Girls Club of Brookings Advisory Council and the Boys & Girls Club of the Northern Plains Corporate Board for over a decade. To honor his legacy, this award is presented to an individual who demonstrates a similar passion for promoting and advocating for our Club mission. Larry's 14 years of service, leadership, and behind-the-scenes commitment reflect the spirit of this award.

Community Champion

To continually recognize the amazing work of valued advocates within our Boys & Girls Club communities, we would like to present Community Champion awards. A Community Champion is an individual who champions the youth and Club in their community through involvement, service, dedication, and heart. A Community Champion fights to find solutions, volunteers valuable time, and is committed to our mission to serving youth who need us most.



- Kyrsten Zimmerman – Boys & Girls Club of Brookings
- Kaye Squires – Boys & Girls Club of Elkton
- Chris Wiese – Boys & Girls Club of Moody County



- Mark Winegar – Boys & Girls Club of Vermillion
- Deb Weddingfeld – Boys & Girls Club of Yankton

Boys & Girls Club of the Northern Plains exists to provide all youth with a safe, positive, and enriching place to learn, grow, and thrive. Through outcome-driven programs focused on Academic Success, Character & Leadership, Health & Wellbeing, and Life & Workforce Readiness, we empower young people to discover their potential and prepare for great futures.

By supporting the whole child, academically, emotionally, and socially, we ensure every member has access to opportunities that inspire confidence, build skills, and foster a sense of belonging. As we continue to prioritize youth well-being, Boys & Girls Club of the Northern Plains remains a dynamic, inclusive organization recognized as a champion for youth and a leader in youth development.



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