BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
OF METRO SOUTH

GREAT FUTURES ARE ACHIEVED WHEN KIDS ARE

Free to Be!



FY26 ANNUAL REPORT



A MESSAGE FROM OUR President & CEO Derek Heim

Dear Friends,

It has long been a dream of ours at Boys & Girls Clubs of Metro South to make Club membership accessible to any and every child hoping to come through our doors. This past year, we realized what once seemed to be an impossible dream—eliminating our annual membership fee to create universally free membership and ensure that all kids are "Free to Be" at BGCMS!

Our redoubled commitment to clearing the path to great futures has been made possible by the support, partnership, and generosity of many Club champions. This trailblazing effort to place a BGCMS membership card in the hands of every child in our community in need of mentorship, opportunity, and a place to belong is truly a shared victory!

Now more than ever before, at Boys & Girls Club of Metro South, kids are... free to learn and free to lead, free to imagine and free to inspire, free to explore and free to excel, free to try and free to thrive... they are free to belong and free to become... they are truly free to be!

As you will see throughout this report, our Clubhouses are havens of hope where every child can receive the right combination of opportunities and resources needed to unlock their unique potential – through enriching activities through which to learn and grow, healthy meals and snacks to rely on daily, safe and welcoming spaces in which to play and make friends, and opportunities to build life and career skills that will serve them long after they've left the sanctuary of our care.

Thank you for your continued support of and belief in our mission. Together, we are ensuring that every child truly is free to be!

Sincerely,

Derek W. Heim

President & Chief Executive Officer
Boys & Girls Clubs of Metro South

BGCMS is fueled by a critical mission ***"to nurture strong minds, healthy bodies, and community spirit through youth-driven, high-impact programming in safe and fun environments"*** to ensure every child in need has a positive place to spend their out-of-school hours. We hold an intrinsic belief that every young person deserves a genuine opportunity to realize their full potential and achieve a great future.

To ensure we're living out this critical mission and bold vision, our recently launched **"BLUEprint for Great Futures"** strategic plan charts our plan for impact through 2030. Our **BLUEprint** centers around a commitment to **B**uild, **L**ead, **U**nderstand, and **E**ngage.



SCAN TO LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR BLUEPRINT 2030 STRATEGIC PLAN!

FREE TO **EXCEL.**



When balancing school, extracurricular activities, and planning for the future, students need an environment that enriches their learning and invests in their success. That's why our Academic Success programs empower our young people to excel—both in and beyond the classroom.

Markayla Petit-Frere has always been a star student, but throughout her decade-long Club membership, she became a confident, well-rounded leader. Markayla served as secretary of Keystone Club, participated in our Work-Based Learning & Education program, mentored younger members as a Healthy Relationships Peer Leader, and represented our Clubs on Boston Children's Hospital's Alliance to Growth Advisory Council. She earned scholarships from BGCMS to fuel her successful start at the University of Massachusetts. Now, she's using the skills she learned at BGCMS to build her own future, with plans to start her own business and a nonprofit organization dedicated to strengthening communities.



The Club has impacted my life in so many ways through the years. It's helped me make many friendships and build relationships with people while also providing me with programs that will benefit my future, education, and career.

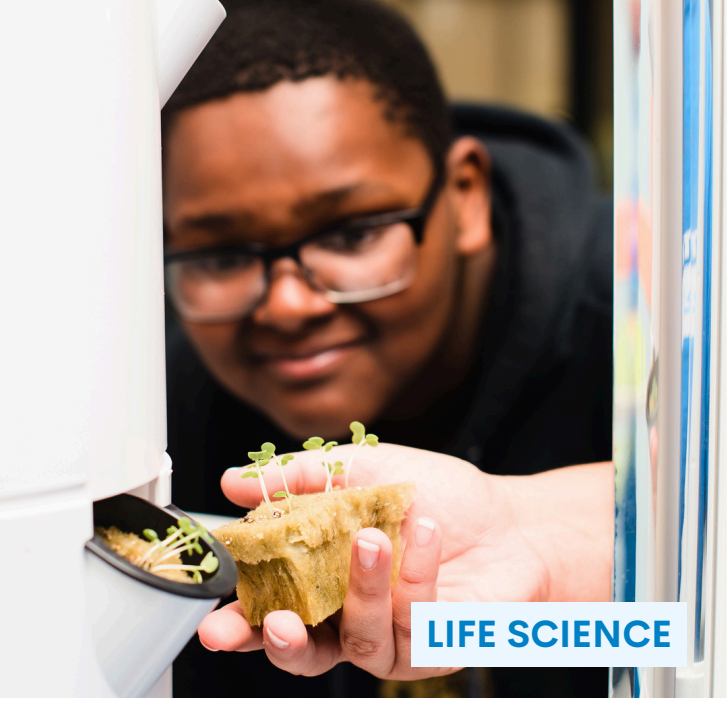
–Markayla Petit-Frere,
2024 Youth of the Year

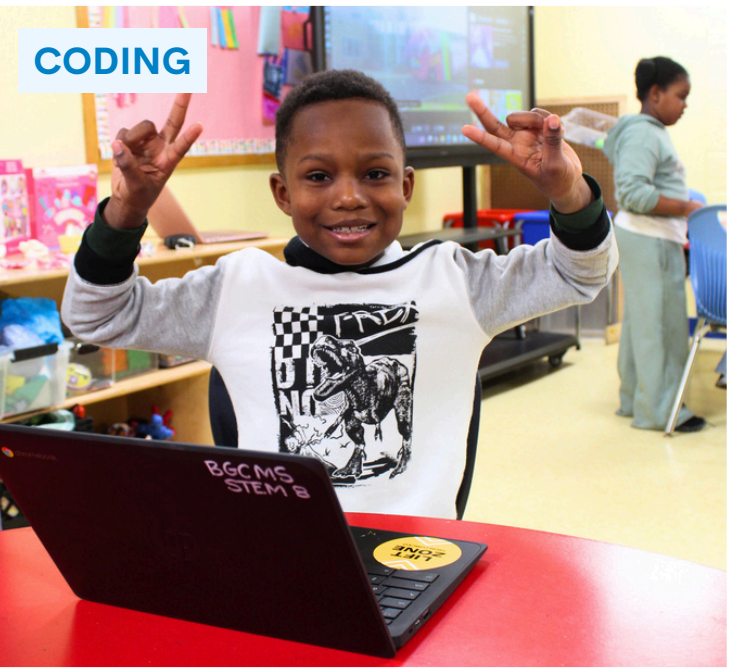


OUR IMPACT

- **87% of Club youth** agree that they enjoy learning new things
- **84% of Club youth** agree that the things they learn in school will be important in their future

Learn more about our programs in **Academic Success!**


LIFE SCIENCE


CODING
BGC MS
STEM 8


DIGITAL LITERACY


ROBOTICS


HYDOPONICS

FREE TO TRY.



OVER 150,000 NUTRITIOUS MEALS SERVED

700+ MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT SESSIONS PROVIDED

BGCMS PROGRAMS

- NUTRITIONAL ASSISTANCE
- PHYSICAL ACTIVITY
- MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORTS
- SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Learn more about our programs in **Health & Wellbeing!**

95% of BGCMS youth say that eating healthy is important to them.

92% of BGCMS youth say that they feel prepared to care for their health as an adult.

Through our **Health & Wellbeing** programming, we provide Club members and families with healthy meals and snacks, including a wide variety of cultural dishes, local foods, and seasonal fruits and vegetables. Additionally, we deliver robust **nutrition education**, giving our youth the essential experiences they need to build lifelong healthy habits.



This year, our **Blue Spoon Community Kitchen** and Executive Chef Andy Teixiera elevated our nutrition programs with a focus on quality, creativity, and intentionality. Our youth are encouraged to try new foods, discover new favorites, and connect with their peers over meals.

Using ingredients sourced from local partners and fresh produce grown in our hydroponic **Freight Farms**, we served over 150,000 meals to youth, families, and community members this year!

> *"A new school year means getting back into routines, reconnecting with friends, and having the energy to learn, play, and grow. Our meals bring together protein, whole grains, vegetables, fruit, and milk to help give kids that fuel."*
>
> *~ Chef Andy Teixeira*
> *Executive Chef | Director of Culinary Operations*





IMAGINATION PLAYGROUND



PEER CONNECTIONS

> *I'm committed to being a positive role model, using my skills to create meaningful change in every community I'm part of.*
>
> *~ Joshua Do-Quental*
> *2026 Youth of the Year*



COMMUNITY SERVICE



MENTORING



TEAMWORK

FREE TO EXPLORE



25 TEENS COMPLETED IN-CLUB INTERNSHIPS

$100K+ DISTRIBUTED IN CLUB SCHOLARSHIPS

BGCMS PROGRAMS

- WORK-BASED LEARNING
- IN-CLUB INTERNSHIPS
- COLLEGE TOURS
- SCHOLARSHIP PREPARATION
- FINANCIAL AID WORKSHOPS

Learn more about our programs in Life & Workforce Readiness!

84% of BGCMS youth say that they know what career they want to work toward.

93% of BGCMS youth plan to attend college after graduating from high school.

This year, we doubled down on our commitment to providing Club youth with tailored, hands-on work-based learning experiences that foster postsecondary success.

Our **Work-Based Learning & Education** program suite continues to evolve to meet our members' interests and needs. This year, we restructured our WBLE program to include two distinct tracks: one for students in grades eight and nine, and one for students in grades ten through twelve. This new tailored structure empowers our Club members to start planning for their future early through evidence-based curricula and enriching experiences.



This spring, we invested in our youth's futures by awarding over $100,000 in college scholarships to Club members and alumni. Opportunities at BGCMS are the foundation for a successful future!

2026 Youth of the Year:
Joshua Do-Quental

Brockton Junior Youth of the Year:
Akaylis Odom

Taunton Junior Youth of the Year:
Jayson Varela




FREIGHT FARMS


GARDENING


MONTHLY MARKETS


CULINARY EDUCATION


LEAFY GREEN MACHINE

FREE TO **LEAD.**



This year, our Taunton Clubhouse teens launched their inaugural **Keystone Club**, a youth-led, adult-supported group focusing on community service, academic success, career preparation, and peer outreach.

Nicknamed **Can't Stop Keystone**, our Taunton Clubhouse Keystone Club worked tirelessly throughout the school year to organize community events, attend meetings at Taunton City Hall, support their peers through mentorship, and provide homework help for younger Club members.

Thanks to their hard work, Can't Stop Keystone reached the highest national Keystone Club status in its very first year by logging o**ver 600 community service hours**!

In July, four leaders from our Can't Stop Keystone Club attended the **National Keystone Conference** in **Orlando, Florida**. Angelina, Sophia, Michael, and Synica are the first Taunton youth to ever attend the Keystone Conference.



I learned how to advocate for my ideas while feeling confident in my opinions and expressing myself. I liked helping people before Keystone, but I genuinely find joy in helping others, and Keystone helped me realize that.

–Angelina, Age 16
Can't Stop Keystone Club Treasurer



BGCMS PROGRAMS

- **KEYSTONE CLUB**
- **TORCH CLUB**
- **PEER LEADERS**
- **YOUTH OF THE YEAR**
- **JUNIOR YOUTH OF THE YEAR**

Learn more about our programs in **Character & Leadership!**







"After coming to the Taunton Clubhouse for almost 10 years, I have learned a lot, and developed new skills and ideas. I finally have an idea of what I want to do to further my education.

I have served as a mentor and role model for members younger than me, and I know that one day I'd like to work in childcare, just like the staff that help me every day. I believe that the leadership characteristics that I possess will help me make an impact as a mentor to my peers and the youth around me.

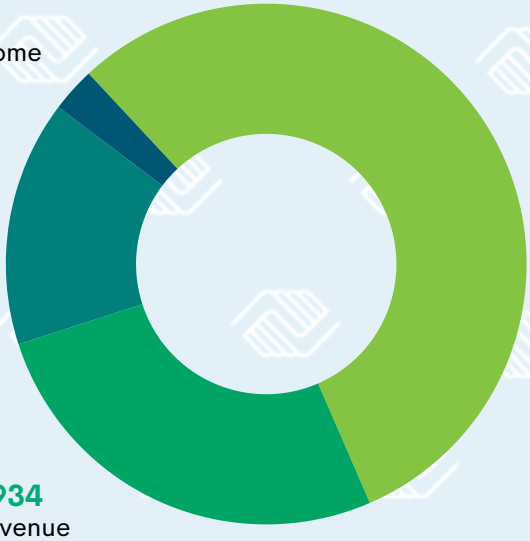
~ Sophia D. | Age 16, Taunton Clubhouse Teen Member & Junior Youth of the Year



FY26 FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

$253,286
Sales & Other Income

$1,400,673
Program Revenue



$5,079,617
Net Philanthropy & Capital Investments

$2,431,934
Contract Revenue

Total Revenue: 9,165,510

379
New Donors

755
Total Donors

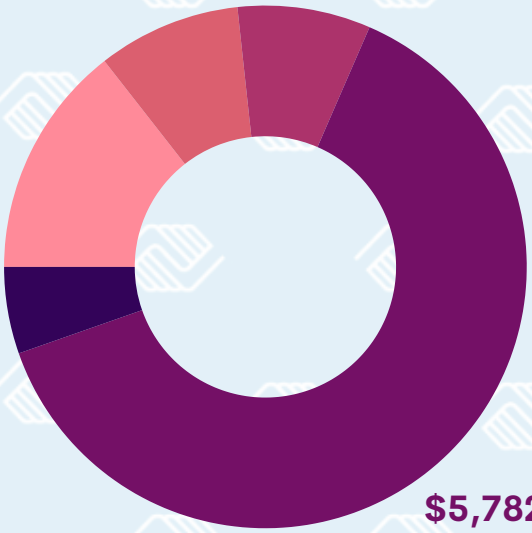
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Total Gifts

$754,691
Administrative

$810,967
Occupancy

$1,323,002
Direct Program Expenses

$491,889
Depreciation



$5,782,279
Program & Support Staff Expenses

Total Expenses: $9,162,828

*Unaudited Financials

FY2026 DONORS

The support of every individual, foundation, in-kind supporter, and corporate partner is vital to our ability to carry out our mission for the youth we serve year after year. We humbly and sincerely thank every donor who has contributed to our mission this year.

FY2026 GOVERNANCE

Our governance groups are made up advisors from diverse professional and personal backgrounds who volunteer their time to help drive the strategy of our organization and move our mission forward. We humbly thank each and every member of our Board of Directors, Presidents Council, and Emerging Leaders for their service to our Club community.

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