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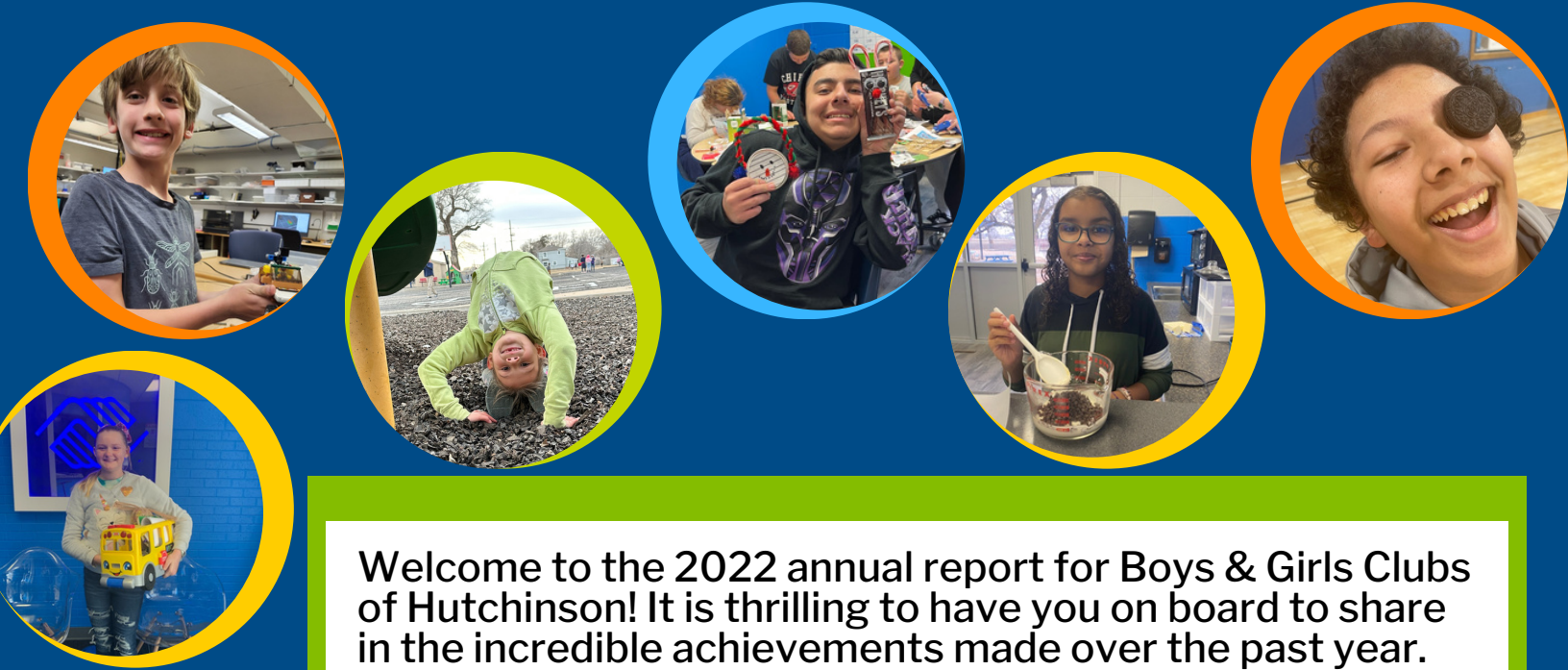
ANNUAL REPORT



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BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
OF HUTCHINSON



WELCOME FROM LANCE PATTERSON

Welcome to the 2022 annual report for Boys & Girls Clubs of Hutchinson! It is thrilling to have you on board to share in the incredible achievements made over the past year.

The theme of this year's report is recognition.

At the Club, we recognize the potential in all kids.

Our Vision Leaders, supporters, and partners recognize the needs that exist in our community and for local youth. Together, we work to meet those needs each day.

It's also important that we recognize and celebrate Club members' achievements and accomplishments.

We are proud of the dedication and hard work shown by Club members. Their achievements are a testament to the incredible potential within every kid and teen.

As I finish my first full year as CEO, I want to recognize each of you. Your generosity and commitment make this work possible. With your help, we have enhanced programs and touched the lives of hundreds of young people. We are honored to have you as partners.

I am excited for what lies ahead. Together, we will continue to empower youth, foster their potential, and create a brighter tomorrow for our community.

Thank you for being a part of our journey,

Lance Patterson

"New" Faces



Lance Patterson
Chief Executive Officer

With over 20 years of experience in the Boys & Girls Club movement, Lance truly champions our cause. He served as the Director of Operations for 18 years before becoming CEO in August 2022. Not only is Lance dedicated to the success of our Club, but he is also deeply involved in the Hutchinson community. He serves on the USD 308 school board and the Reno County Food Bank board, demonstrating his commitment to making a positive impact. As CEO, Lance leads our organization's strategic direction and oversees operations, program development, fundraising, and stakeholder engagement. We are confident that his leadership and passion will take us to new heights.

Fun facts about Lance: Lance enjoys golf, family, and all things K-State. In fact, he threw the javelin at KSU!



Lindsey Fields
Director of Operations

With 5 years of experience in the Boys & Girls Club movement as our Club's Resource Development Coordinator and 10 years in the nonprofit sector, Lindsey brings a wealth of knowledge and expertise to our organization. Lindsey also serves on the board of the Buhler Public Library. We are excited to have her on board and look forward to the positive impact she will make for our kids and youth.

Fun facts about Lindsey: She enjoys scuba diving, kayaking, reading, and baking vegan treats.

Justin Carter
Workforce Development Coordinator

Justin spent 8 years as the D.A.R.E officer with the Sterling Police Department and is an Army Veteran. Did you know that he has a long history with the Boys & Girls Club movement? Back in his high school years, he attended the Club and later became a staff member in his early adult years. But wait, it gets even better! Justin's connection with the Club goes beyond just being a member. He actually met his lovely wife Jordyn when they both worked at the Club! Justin will continue growing our EPIC Skillz program.

Fun facts about Justin: He is an identical twin, and enjoys playing guitar, singing, woodworking, and landscaping.



Recognizing Our Donors



JON POWELL

HUTCH EQUALITY BINGO AT FRIENDLY BINGO

As a parent of a Club alumnus, Jon knows the importance of having the Club in a child's life and how having fun and the chance to play can improve a child's well-being. Because of Jon and Hutch Equality Bingo's generosity, Club members have enjoyed free swim days this summer and a highly reduced rate to spend their afternoons at Salt City Splash.



HELEN UNRUH FORMER BOARD MEMBER

Helen has been a friend of the Club for over 20 years. From January to June, Helen organized tours for over 50 community members to see our Clubs in action!

"Seeing the reactions on people's faces when we tour the teen center has been so rewarding. We all get letters in the mail asking for donations but it helps to know what your money is supporting. That's why in January I started organizing tours. I was so very impressed with all of the staff--they care and work so hard. All of the Club members I've met are kind, friendly, and very busy!"

~ Helen Unruh



Ultimate Journey

Members are experiencing an adventure in learning with the Ultimate Journey! Not only do they learn amazing STEAM content, but they also get to flex their problem-solving, critical thinking, and decision-making skills.

We also dive deep into our community's history and impact, exploring how we can shape a better future. And let's not forget the fun! Members work in groups to unleash their creativity and have a blast while learning about the wonders of our home and environment.

Ultimate Journey cultivates an awareness and appreciation for the natural world around us. We also introduce Club members to the importance of environmental stewardship.



YMCA Collaborations

When it comes to serving youth, we believe that we're better together. We have an exciting partnership with the Hutchinson YMCA! Our Vision Leaders are proud to be a part of the monthly Saturday Night at the Y event, where middle schoolers have a blast at the Y after hours. This event provides a safe and fun environment for local middle schoolers to enjoy their favorite activities and make unforgettable memories.



Thanks to the incredible support of the Hutchinson YMCA, we've been able to create even more opportunities for our youngest members. The YMCA has generously offered swimming lessons and beginner-level gymnastics during the school year! Now our little ones can dive into the pool and make a splash while learning essential swimming skills. And for those who are interested in gymnastics, they can tumble, flip, and jump their way to fun and fitness!



Healthy Lifestyles

We teach kids and teens how to live healthier! Our awesome GREAT Plates program focuses on helping them develop a more balanced diet and giving them the chance to make healthy choices through our fun cooking classes.



Healthy Lifestyles programs play a crucial role in developing physical fitness, reducing stress, and promoting a positive use of leisure time. We also strive to instill an appreciation for the environment and foster strong interpersonal skills.

Leaders at the Club

"Youth of the Year is our highest honor and proof of the power of the Boys & Girls Club experience," said Lance Patterson, CEO of Boys & Girls Clubs of Hutchinson.

YOUTH OF THE YEAR



"I believe that the Boys & Girls Club has helped me mature in leadership and the way I view others. I have the opportunity every day to work with youth, mainly teens that are my age, my peers, and that can be a challenge but has taught me how to communicate and problem-solve."

I was also blessed with the opportunity to work with some amazing people, especially Miss Tabetha Gray, who has taught me how to accept and love people no matter their gender or the color of their skin."

At the Club, we show up for all kids."

~ Zion, 2023 Youth of the Year

"I think that [EPIC Skillz] helped in some of my timidness because I am not a very social person, but I try. I like how the Club has been involved with us as kids and teens and they care about us individually."

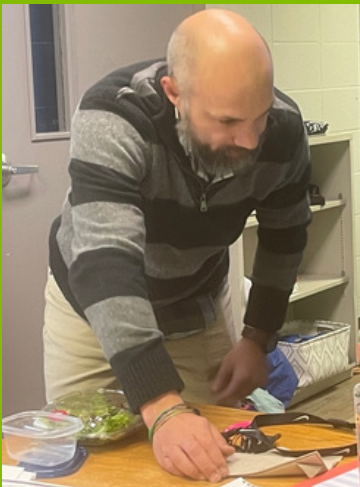
They make us feel wanted and loved... Whatever the case may be, the Club is involved in everyone's ability to feel safe and at home."

~ Josue, 2023 Junior Youth of the Year



JUNIOR YOUTH OF THE YEAR

The Next Generation of Innovators
Club programs play a crucial role in providing opportunities for young minds to thrive; including Cosmo Club, engineering, and MakerSpace. We believe in unlocking the potential of our future tinkerers!



The Next Generation of Our Workforce

We are dedicated to helping teens recognize their potential and achieve their dreams. We teach employability skills and provide hands-on learning where young minds can explore their passions, gain valuable experience, and apply those skills through job shadows and internships.

Academic Success

Community Survey:

Of all the Boys & Girls Clubs' programs, which 3 are most important in terms of meeting the needs of kids and teens in Hutchinson?

- Homework help/tutoring (71%)
- Character education (66%)
- Leadership development (43%)

Member Survey
84% said they plan to attend post-secondary school



Member Survey
97% said they are on grade level for their age



"I have a need to give back to the community. It turns out I feel like I get more from the Club than I give. It makes me feel good when I help our kids succeed or they share something they are proud of. I enjoy listening to their stories and helping them learn new things."

~ Susan Howard, Vision Leader

Member Survey
84% said they had mostly A's or B's last year



Our Vision Leaders do more than hang out, they are superheroes in disguise! Whether it's lending an ear to a member who needs someone to talk to, working with a member to raise their grades, or even stepping in as a cheerleader after the school bell rings, they make a difference in our members' lives. From helping a member catch up on schoolwork due to a family emergency to supporting a determined teen, like Natalia in mastering all the competencies in honors math, Vision Leaders are there to guide and inspire them toward their goals.

21st Century Community Learning Center:

Boys & Girls Clubs of Hutchinson receives 21st Century funding to offer after-school and summer programming. The Club provides expanded academic and personal enrichment activities to support and enhance students' academic achievement and personal growth in reading and language arts, math, science, arts and music, physical education, character education, drug prevention, and tutoring.



STEAM:

Our programs are designed to help members flex their problem-solving muscles and sharpen their critical thinking skills. Through engaging activities and hands-on experiences, we empower K-12 members to explore the fascinating world of STEAM education.

Celebrity Visits

MISS KANSAS

Teen voices influence our programs. After hearing 2022's Miss Kansas, Ayanna Hensley, speak at Hutchinson Community College, Club teens knew that their peers would benefit from hearing her story about overcoming adverse childhood experiences. We invited her back to speak to both Club sites, as well as both Hutchinson middle schools.



JERRY JACOBS

The Club welcomed Jerry Jacobs, a cornerback for the Detroit Lions, back to where his NFL journey began, Gowan's Stadium. We collaborated with the Hutchinson YMCA, Blue Dragon football, Salthawk Football, and Jerry Jacobs to host a skills and drills combine for over 150 1st-8th graders. Jacobs took time to visit both Hutchinson middle schools and Prairie Hills Middle School.



"It means a lot that we can learn, like how he trains and how he gets fit to be how he is in the game. I like his personality. He's really chill and laid back, and he's really fun to hang out with. He's one of my role models."
~Oscar, Club member



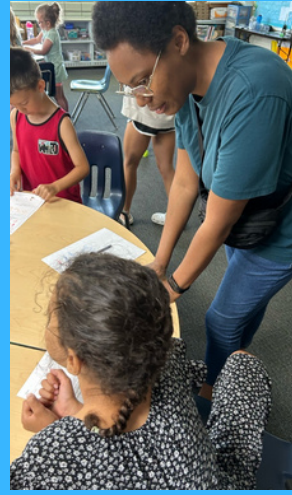
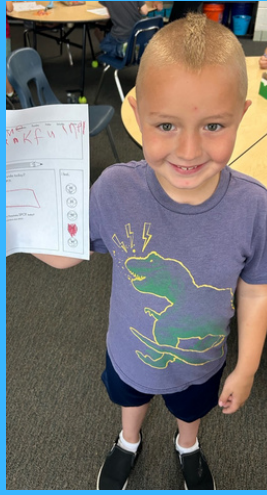
"We don't really have a lot of people coming out of Hutch, so it means a lot that Jerry was able to come here and give back to his community. It feels really good. If I was in their position, I think it would be very fun for me."
~ Zion, Club member



Mental Health & Well-Being



14% of members said they are doing great with their conflict resolution skills



52% of members said they have a good connection with their peers



31% of members said they talk things through with the person they have a problem with



This summer, Horizons Mental Health Center paid a visit each week to our Avenue A site, to help our members build social and emotional skills. It has been an incredible experience! Our members learned the importance of teamwork and how to build on others' ideas. They also discovered how to cope with changes made by others, which can be quite challenging. These skills are essential for thriving in the classroom or at work. We're thrilled to see our members grow and develop these crucial skills. Supporting youth mental health is more important now than ever!



Through engaging discussions and interactive role-playing activities, SMART Girls learn how to confidently say no to drug and alcohol use, as well as premature sexual activity. We also delve into important topics like dealing with BFFs and frenemies, understanding the qualities of trustworthy friends, and navigating through drama.

Our goal is to create a supportive and empowering environment where girls can develop the skills and confidence to make informed decisions that positively impact their life.



We believe that every young man has the power to make a difference in the world, and Passport to Manhood equips them with the tools to do just that. Young men learn how to respond to authority in a way that ensures they are understood and heard during conflicts. We also focus on helping them identify traits of leadership in male role models they admire.

Passport to Manhood is not just about teaching skills; it's about empowering young men to become the best versions of themselves. We believe that by instilling a sense of responsibility and positive behavior, we can help shape the leaders of tomorrow.





We always tell kids and teens that it's THEIR Club. It should reflect their interests and make them proud to be members. Thanks to generous donors at December's Youth of the Year banquet, members are enjoying new furniture at both sites.

It's vibrant, durable, and built to withstand the excitement and energy of hundreds of young people having a blast each day! Thank you for bringing their vision to life!

**NEW
FURNITURE!**



Not Child Care...



“The value of after-school care and summer care that BGC brings to my family is excellent because I don’t have to worry about them being safe and well cared for, but they’re also getting educational and recreational opportunities that they might not otherwise have.”

--Denice Gilliland

...But Part of the Equation

There is a child care shortage in Reno County. It impacts each of us as parents, residents, and employers.

Last fall, Kansas State University conducted a child care needs assessment and market study for Reno County. It shows there is a childcare shortage for children ages 0-5. It’s a pressing issue in our community.

We support our community partners who are working diligently to address the early child care shortage. At the Boys & Girls Clubs of Hutchinson, our role is serving and advocating for school-age children.

How the Child Care Crisis Impacts the Club

The need for school-age care is often overlooked because school hours encompass most of a child’s day. **However, the needs assessment also shows that parents of school-age children are facing a gap in care.** Even parents who have care arrangements for their school-age children report needing child care on key days or times, including school in-service days, natural school breaks, and after school.

At the Boys & Girls Clubs of Hutchinson, we fill many of those gaps. We provide a safe, fun place for K-12 students to spend spring break, part of holiday break and 8 weeks of the summer. What remains a challenge for the Club are the days that school is not in session due to professional development.

Challenges in Meeting Community Need

Our challenges to better meeting community needs identified in the needs assessment include:

- **Staffing.** Increasingly, we need to pay more in order to attract and retain high-quality youth development professionals.
- **School In-Service Days.** We employ school personnel and high school and college students—individuals who are largely unavailable to work on USD 308's in-service days because they are attending professional development sessions or are taking classes.
- **Space.** The need for our service is higher than we can meet. At our K-5 program, we reach capacity during the school year and summer and end up turning some kids away each year—even if we hired more people, we simply don't have the space to serve more K-5 students. Our 6th and up program is not at capacity yet but is growing each year.

Did you know? 89% of Club kids say they feel more safe at the Club compared to other places.

Meeting the Needs of School-Age Children

From high school workers to those in their 70s, Club employees agreed that one of the biggest needs for Club members now is building social and emotional skills.

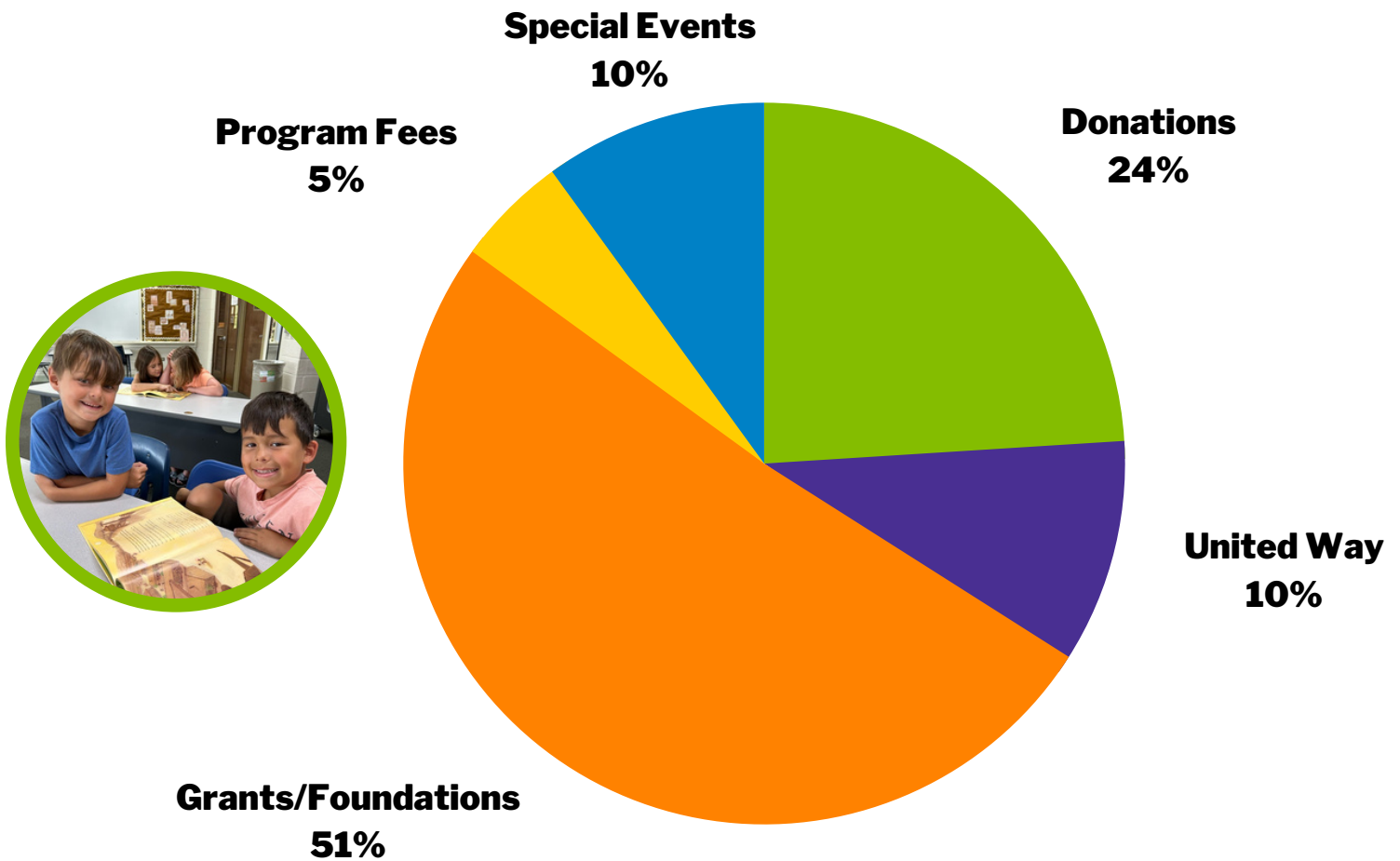
Young people need to learn how to regulate their emotions, how to interact with others, how to compromise, how to win and lose. They must build social and emotional skills so they can become successful adults.

We meet these needs through structured and unstructured play, by building relationships between kids and their peers and staff, and through targeted programs.

Did you know? 91% of Club kids say Vision Leaders listen and understand what they have to say.

By The Numbers

Our most recent 990 form is at
bgchutch.com
Our FEIN is 48-1088026



Membership Numbers

- Total Youth Served - 1,348
- Total Registered Members - 698
- Average Daily Attendance - 204
- F/R Lunch numbers - 71%
- Single Parent Household Numbers - 34%
- Percentage of Teen Membership - 34%



In 2022, \$1,316,687 was contributed to the Boys & Girls Clubs of Hutchinson through grants, private donations, and special events. Our overall operating expenses were \$1,398,953.

Blue Team Members

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Boys & Girls Clubs of America's research shows that young people who attend a Boys & Girls Club regularly tend to abstain from alcohol more, be more physically active and earn higher grades than their peers nationally.

**I know what
emotions I'm
feeling**

91%

**I want to help
when I see
someone
having a
problem**

95%

**If something is
really hard, I
keep working
at it**

94%

**When I make a
decision, I try to
think about how
other people will
be affected**

91%