



BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
OF GREATER SOUTHWEST MICHIGAN

2025 IMPACT REPORT

Dear Friends,

If there's one thing I've learned over the years, it's that opportunity changes everything.

When a child has a safe place to go, caring adults who believe in them, and the chance to discover their talents, incredible things happen. That's what we see every day at Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Southwest Michigan, and it's what made 2025 such an extraordinary year for our organization.

This year, we expanded opportunities for more young people than ever before. During the summer months, we proudly served youth at 12 Club locations across Southwest Michigan, including a continued partnership with the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi. Together, we welcomed more children into spaces designed to inspire learning, foster belonging, and create lasting memories. Every new location represents more than a number on a page. It represents a child who has a place to go, a mentor who will encourage them, and experiences that will help shape their future.

We also celebrated a milestone years in the making with the grand opening of the Teen Tech Center powered by Whirlpool Foundation. More than a state-of-the-art space, the Teen Tech Center represents our belief that every young person deserves access to the tools, experiences, and opportunities that will prepare them for whatever comes next. Today, our teens are exploring entrepreneurship, producing digital media, creating art, learning new technologies, and building skills that will serve them for a lifetime. Most importantly, they are discovering what is possible when their potential is met with opportunity.

Yet, what inspires me most isn't found in our biggest accomplishments. It's found in the everyday moments that happen inside our Clubs. It's the smile of a child who masters something they never thought they could do. It's the confidence of a teen discovering their voice as a leader. It's the relationships built between our members and the caring adults who show up for them each day. Those moments are the true measure of our impact.

None of this happens alone. It happens because of the generosity of our donors, the commitment of our staff and volunteers, and the partnerships that strengthen our mission every day. Your investment creates opportunities that extend far beyond our Club walls and into the futures of the young people we serve.

As we look ahead, I am more optimistic than ever about what is possible. We are growing. We are innovating. Most importantly, we are continuing to ensure that every young person who walks through our doors knows they are valued, capable, and worthy of a Great Future.

Thank you for believing in our mission and in the limitless potential of the youth of Southwest Michigan. Together, we are building something truly extraordinary.

With gratitude,



Alloyd Blackmon
Chief Executive Officer
Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Southwest Michigan



KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS THANKS TO YOUR SUPPORT IN 2025



4,092

Youth served



12

Club sites



135

Adult Staff



84

Volunteers



61,712

Meals & Snacks served

Who We Are

Mission

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

Vision

We envision a Southwest Michigan where every young person has access to the opportunities, experiences, and support they need to succeed in school, in their careers, and in life. Through safe spaces, caring mentors, and innovative programming, we are helping build a generation of confident, compassionate, and Future Ready leaders.

What We Believe

At Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Southwest Michigan, we believe every young person deserves the opportunity to discover their potential and pursue their dreams. We believe that all youth deserve a place where they feel safe, valued, and inspired to learn and grow. We believe that meaningful relationships with caring adults can change the trajectory of a child's life, and that investing in our young people strengthens the future of our entire community.

We believe Great Futures are built one moment, one opportunity, and one child at a time.



Character & Leadership

At Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Southwest Michigan, we believe young people don't have to wait until adulthood to become leaders. Every day, our members are developing the confidence, character, and skills they need to make a positive impact in their schools, families, and communities.

Through programs that encourage leadership, service, and civic engagement, Club members learn the value of responsibility, teamwork, and giving back. Whether they're leading service projects, mentoring younger members, participating in Youth of the Year, or discovering their voice through Club activities, our youth are building the foundation for lifelong success.

Character is shaped through meaningful experiences, and leadership is developed through opportunity. By creating spaces where young people are encouraged to step forward, take initiative, and believe in their own potential, we are helping them become thoughtful, compassionate, and engaged leaders prepared to create Great Futures for themselves and others.

Youth of the Year

In 2025, we were proud to celebrate Carlton Burrell as Youth of the Year. A ten-year Club member, National Honor Society student, Keystone Club Vice President, and alumnus of the Passport to Manhood program, Carlton exemplifies what it means to be a leader both inside and outside the Club. His passion for service, dedication to personal growth, and commitment to helping others earned him the honor of representing our organization at the state level, where he was named Second Runner-Up in the Michigan Youth of the Year competition.

Carlton's story is one of countless examples of the potential that exists within every young person we serve.





Academic Success

Every young person deserves the opportunity to succeed in the classroom and beyond. At Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Southwest Michigan, we provide the support, resources, and encouragement that help our members become lifelong learners and confident problem-solvers.

Through homework assistance, literacy initiatives, STEAM programming, and hands-on learning experiences, our Clubs create

engaging environments where curiosity is celebrated and achievement is nurtured. We recognize that academic success looks different for every child, which is why we meet young people where they are, helping them build the skills, confidence, and resilience they need to reach their goals.

From mastering a challenging assignment to discovering a passion for science, technology, the arts, or leadership, every accomplishment matters. By investing in the academic growth of our members today, we are helping prepare them for the opportunities of tomorrow and ensuring they are equipped to thrive in school, careers, and life.

2nd Annual STEAM Dream Day

The 2nd Annual STEAM Dream Day brought together nearly 500 Club members from across Southwest Michigan for an unforgettable day of hands-on discovery and exploration. Through interactive experiences in science, technology, engineering, the arts, and mathematics, youth were encouraged to dream big, ask questions, and discover new possibilities for their futures. Made possible through the support of dedicated community partners, STEAM Dream Day continues to inspire the next generation of innovators, creators, and problem-solvers while demonstrating that learning can be both meaningful and fun.





Health & Well-Being

Great Futures begin with healthy minds, healthy bodies, and strong support systems. At Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Southwest Michigan, we are committed to helping young people develop the habits, confidence, and resilience they need to thrive.

Through physical activity, nutrition education, social-emotional learning, and mentoring programs, our members are encouraged to make positive choices that

support their overall well-being. From team sports and active play to meaningful conversations about mental and emotional health, we create environments where young people feel safe, supported, and empowered to be their best selves.

By investing in the whole child, we are helping youth build the skills and confidence they need not only for today, but for a lifetime of healthy and successful tomorrows.

Night Court

Night Court is more than basketball. It's a place where teens build character, confidence, and meaningful connections. Designed for youth ages 13 to 18, this mentoring-based program combines friendly competition with life lessons, providing opportunities for leadership development, teamwork, and personal growth.

Through positive relationships with caring adults and peers, participants are learning that success isn't just about what happens on the court, but the choices they make beyond it.





Life & Workforce Readiness

Preparing young people for Great Futures means preparing them for life beyond our Club walls. Through life and workforce readiness programs, Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Southwest Michigan equips members with the skills, experiences, and confidence they need to succeed in whatever path they choose.

From career exploration and entrepreneurship to financial literacy, job readiness, and hands-on workforce experiences, our programs empower youth to discover their strengths and envision their futures. Members develop essential skills such as communication, problem-solving, teamwork, and leadership while gaining exposure to careers and opportunities they may never have imagined.

Whether they aspire to attend college, pursue a skilled trade, serve in the military, or enter the workforce, we are committed to ensuring every young person leaves our Clubs prepared to take their next step with confidence.

Role Models

Role models have the power to change the way young people see themselves and their futures. Throughout the year, local leaders, professionals, entrepreneurs, and community partners visit our Clubs to share their stories, experiences, and words of encouragement with our members. By exposing youth to a diverse range of careers, perspectives, and life journeys, we help them envision possibilities beyond what they may have imagined for themselves. These meaningful connections remind our members that success comes in many forms and that their goals are within reach.



Teen Tech Center®

Powered by **Whirlpool** FOUNDATION

Where Passion Meets Possibility



2025 marked a transformational moment for Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Southwest Michigan with the grand opening of the Teen Tech Center powered by Whirlpool Foundation. Designed to inspire creativity, innovation, and exploration, the Teen Tech Center is redefining what it means to prepare young people for their futures.

More than a space filled with cutting-edge technology, the Teen Tech Center is a place where teens are empowered to discover who they are and who they can become. Here, curiosity is encouraged, ideas come to life, and young people are given the tools and support to pursue their passions with confidence.

Members have access to industry-leading technology and hands-on experiences in digital media, music production, photography, videography, entrepreneurship, esports, 3D printing, laser engraving, virtual reality, and design. Guided by caring mentors and community partners, teens are building real-world skills while developing creativity, collaboration, and problem-solving abilities that will serve them long after they leave our doors.

The Teen Tech Center is more than an investment in technology. It is an investment in opportunity.

It provides a space where young people can experiment without fear of failure, discover career pathways they may never have imagined, and gain the confidence to turn their ideas into reality.

It is a promise to the young people we serve that we will continue to invest boldly in their potential and create opportunities that empower them to dream bigger, reach higher, and build Great Futures.



Financials

For more than 27 years, Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Southwest Michigan has provided a safe place for youth and teens to learn and grow, and we don't do it alone. Despite a decline in grant revenue and the conclusion of one-time contributions related to the Teen Center renovation in 2024, community support remained strong, with contributions exceeding \$3.7 million in 2025. Total annual revenue for 2025 was \$4.84 million. As we look ahead, we remain committed to thoughtfully stewarding our resources while continuing to invest in opportunities that help young people thrive.

CONDENSED FINANCIAL INFORMATION

	2025	2024
Contributions	\$1,513,530.00	\$2,654,289.00
Grant Income	\$2,229,413.00	\$3,184,477.00
Program Income	\$111,851.00	\$147,177.00
Membership Fees	\$24,533.00	\$16,494.00
Other Income	\$967,062.00	\$492,171.00
Total Annual Revenue	\$4,846,389.00	\$6,494,608.00

ANNUAL EXPENSES

Program Services	\$3,260,111.00	\$3,700,592.00
Management and General	\$973,740.00	\$823,347.00
Fundraising	\$394,080.00	\$481,431.00
Total Annual Expenses	\$4,627,931.00	\$5,005,370.00

BALANCE SHEET - ASSETS

Cash & Investments	\$4,722,183.00	\$5,128,516.00
Accounts Receivable	\$442,762.00	\$544,637.00
Other Current Assets	\$24,500.00	\$38,500.00
Long Term Assets	\$4,214,033.00	\$3,895,575.00
Fixed Assets (Less Depreciation)	\$5,546,783.00	\$5,306,996.00
Total Assets	\$14,950,261.00	\$14,914,224.00

BALANCE SHEET - LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Current Liabilities	\$438,768.00	\$482,615.00
Long Term Liabilities	\$71,657.00	\$210,231.00
Total Liabilities	\$510,425.00	\$692,846.00
Net Assets	\$14,439,836.00	\$14,221,378.00
Liabilities & Net Assets \$11,928,187	\$14,950,261.00	\$14,914,224.00



Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Southwest Michigan's sound fiscal management practices and commitment to accountability and transparency have earned it a 4-star rating from Charity Navigator, America's largest independent charity evaluator. 2025 was the 13th time that Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Southwest Michigan has earned this top distinction, exceeding industry standards and outperforming most charities in its Cause.



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