



Our Mission

To encourage and empower all young people to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens.

2022

IMPACT REPORT



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"The staff at the Club helped shape me into who I am today!"
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Elviana R. Youth of the Year

Elviana became a member at the Boys & Girls Club of Western Benton County in June 2012 when she was 6 years old. As a teen, she joined the Torch Club and eventually become Torch Club President and helped lead many service activities in our community.

She has been able to combine her love for music and community service. She had the opportunity to play her music at the 2019 Boys & Girls Club Southwest Regional Conference and was asked to attend the Boys & Girls Club National Conference in 2020 to perform, before COVID changed those plans.

"Elviana is a fantastic young woman that will be able to accomplish anything she sets her mind to. She is a leader by example, has an infectious personality, and has been a joy to watch grow up!" commented Stephen Johnston, Director of Operations.



The Club Experience

Boys & Girls Clubs fill the gap between school and home. We provide welcoming, positive environments in which kids and teens have fun, participate in life-changing programs, and build supportive relationships with peers and caring adults.



The Need in Our State

Every day 65,107 kids in Arkansas leave school with nowhere to go.¹ They risk being unsupervised, unguided and unsafe.

Our Reach



Member Demographics



Demonstrating Our Positive Impact



ACADEMIC SUCCESS

The Need

12% of young people in Benton County fail to graduate from high school on time.²

What We Do

After-school & Summer Learning programs provide opportunities in STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics) as well as daily homework assistance for those in need.

Our Impact

Among our teen-aged Club members, **99%** expect to graduate from high school, and **89%** expect to complete some kind of post-secondary education.

The Need

23% of high-school youth in Benton County were involved in a physical fight in the past year.³

What We Do

Our leadership and volunteer service programs empower youth to become good leaders with a passion for helping others.

Our Impact

89% of Club teen members volunteer in their community at least once per year, while **78%** volunteer in their community at least once per month.



GOOD CHARACTER AND CITIZENSHIP



HEALTHY LIFESTYLES

The Need

34% of young people ages 10 to 17 in Arkansas are overweight or obese.⁴

What We Do

Daily physical fitness activities enable kids to be healthy and encourage healthy habits during our out-of-school time and over 760 youth participate in our sport leagues.

Our Impact

69% of Club members ages 9 and older report getting at least an hour of physical activity on five or more days per week.

How You Can Help



With your generous support, Boys & Girls Club of Western Benton County will create opportunities to help more kids and teens achieve great futures. To make a donation or to learn about other ways you can help, contact Chris Shimer, CEO, Boys & Girls Club of Western Benton County, 479.524.4174. www.bgcwbc.org

GREAT FUTURES START HERE.



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¹ America After 3PM, Afterschool Alliance, <http://afterschoolalliance.org/AA3PM/>

² U.S. Department of Education, ED Data Express, <http://eddataexpress.ed.gov/>

³ <http://www.cdc.gov/healthyyouth/data/yrbs/results.htm>

⁴ <http://datacenter.kidscount.org>