



BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
OF WESTERN BENTON COUNTY

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

2023

IMPACT REPORT



“The staff at the Club helped shape me into who I am today!”

Elviana R.

Youth of the Year

Elviana is a very talented Senior at Siloam Springs High School. She has been a member of the Boys & Girls Club since 2012 when she was six years old. She has led our Torch Club, and was a Junior Youth of the Year, and had the privilege of performing at the Boys & Girls Club Southwest Regional Conference in San Antonio and the Annual Hall of Fame Banquet.

“Elviana is a great young woman with a passion for music and helping others. She is a true testament of what it means to be a Club kid and to make a difference in her community,” commented Stephen Johnston, Director of Operations.



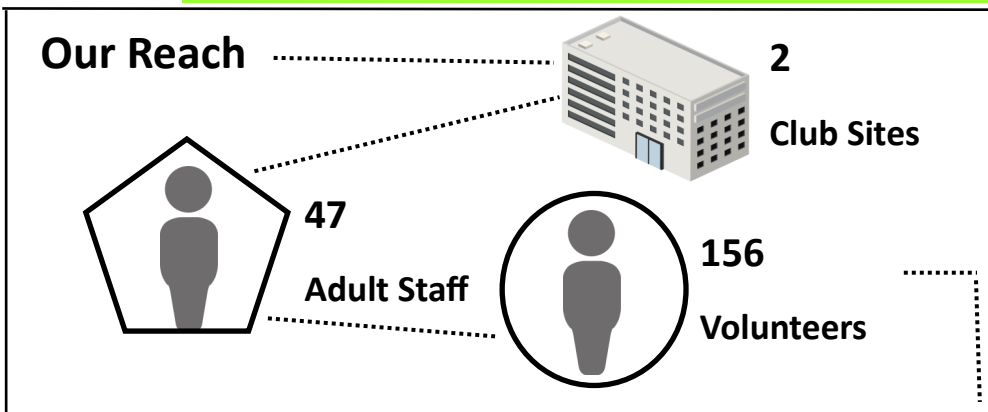
The Club Experience

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. They risk being unsupervised, unguided and unsafe.



1,445 Youth Served = 1,318 Members + 127 Youth (Outreach)

Member Demographics

88% 12% 33% 83% 18%

Ages 12 or younger Teens Minority Races Free/Reduced Meals Single Parent

Demonstrating Our Positive Impact



ACADEMIC SUCCESS

The Need

12% of young people in Benton County fail to graduate on time.

What We Do

After-school and 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 Club members, **97%** expect to graduate from high school, and **74%** 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.

What We Do

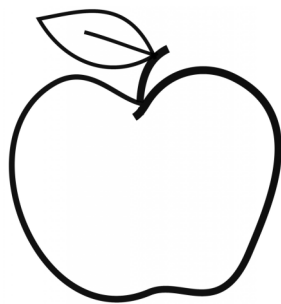
Our leadership and volunteer service programs empower youth to become good leaders with a passion for helping others.

Our Impact

Among our Club members ages 9 and older, **83%** volunteer in their community at least once per year while **75%** 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.

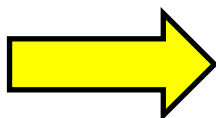
What We Do

Daily physical fitness activities enable kids to be healthy and encourage healthy habits during our out-of-school time and around 650 youth participate in our sports leagues.

Our Impact

62% of Club members ages 9 and older report consuming 5 or more fruits/vegetables per day, and **58%** report getting at least one hour of physical activity on five or more days a week.

How You
Can Help



With your generous support, the Boys & Girls Club will create opportunities to help more kid and teens achieve great futures. To make a donation or learn about other ways you can help, contact Chris Shimer, CEO, Boys & Girls Club of Western Benton County, 479-524-4174, www.bgcwbc.org.