



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUB
OF ALLENTOWN**

2022-2023

ANNUAL REPORT

Helping Children Create Their
Great Futures for 86 years!



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BGCA MISSION

The Boys & Girls Club of Allentown (BGCA) is more than a place, it is a “movement” to enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens.

It is crucial that children receive help in the early stages of their lives, especially the children that we serve. By providing a welcoming environment, positive activities and reinforcements, our Club is able to combat many of the harmful risks our members face on a daily basis.

Our Club offers stability and safety at each of our facilities for our members to develop educational and social skills. Every member is welcomed with open arms, and we are dedicated to making sure our programs and activities can be individualized to their needs. The moment our members walk through our Blue Doors, they are shaping their futures.



HISTORY

The Boys & Girls Club of Allentown was founded in 1937 and was originally located on Ridge Avenue.

In 2002, the Girls' Club of Allentown and the Boys Club of Allentown merged together. Both organizations' Board of Directors believed that a merger would offer the youth of Allentown more resources than they had before. As different facilities have come and gone, BGCA now has the following 4 Clubhouse in Allentown: Sixth Street, 13th Street and Turner Street, the Teen Center on Seventh Street, and the Allentown Housing Authority location at Cumberland Gardens.

Today, our youth face more challenges than ever before. They deserve a safe environment to grow and develop both educationally and emotionally. We are dedicated to continuing our long-standing effort of creating Great Futures for our children.

MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

Our Club members really took pride in their futures in 2022-2023. When they walk through our Blue Doors every day, they make a commitment to better themselves. There are so many negative distractions that can deter our youth, meaning we must continue to be a warm, safe, and welcoming environment for every single one of our members.

Year after year, our students continue to grow into well-rounded individuals. One member in particular, Ebony L., is truly living the life we strive to give our students. Ebony was nominated as our 2023 Allentown Youth of the Year, as part of the national Boys & Girls Clubs of America's Youth of the Year program. This program is a premier youth recognition event that promotes and celebrates Club members' academic performance, values, life goals, service to the club, community, and family. Ebony was a sophomore in high school at the time and member of our Sixth Street Clubhouse. She is great ambassador for BGCA, and we are extremely proud of her for winning the 2023 Pennsylvania State Youth of the Year competition! She is an amazing young woman that exemplifies everything we try to teach our Club members. We are no strangers to our members succeeding in this program, as in 2018, Jeramiah L. won both Pennsylvania and Northeast Youth of the Year. And in 2016, Joseph M. won the Pennsylvania Youth of the Year.

These are the kinds of success stories that we love to make happen. Now more than ever, our youth need as much help and guidance as they can get to stay on the right path and develop necessary leadership skills. Our staff does a tremendous job of helping, teaching, and listening to our students so that we can address any issues they are facing. We are dedicated to making more success stories like Ebony!

Thank you to our many donors and sponsors who have helped BGCA throughout the year! We are extremely grateful for each and every one of you who have put your faith in us to better our youth. Without your support, we would not be able to perform our services and programs, which are crucial for youth development. Your generosity is making a huge difference in the lives of our kids! I cannot wait to see what we can accomplish together in 2024!



Deborah Fries-Jackson, CEO

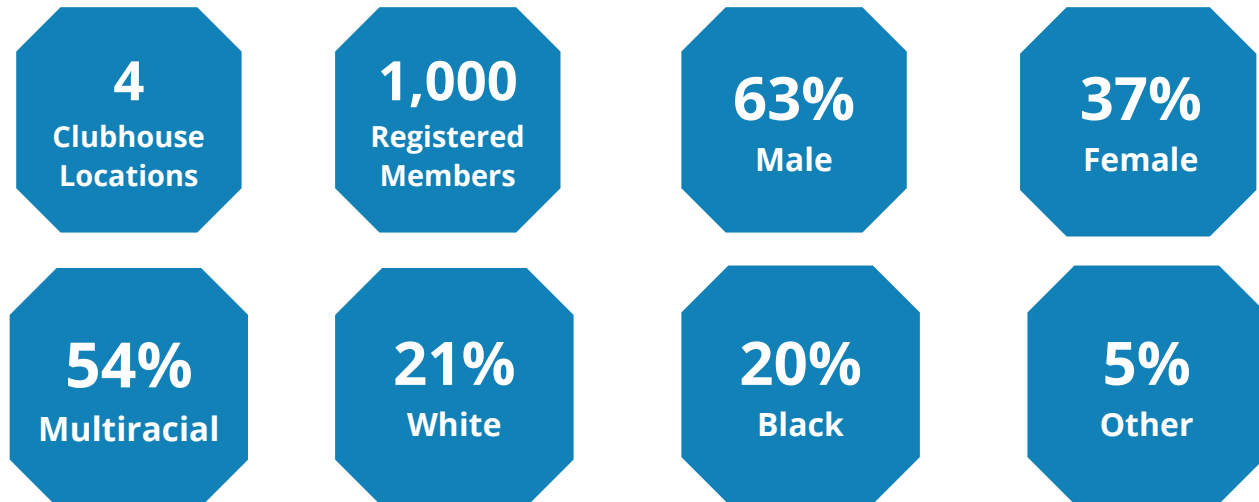
Congratulations,
Ebony L.!



Pennsylvania State 2023
Youth of the Year



CLUB STATISTICS



BGCA is committed to ensuring that the youth of our community have greater access to quality programs and services that will enhance their lives and shape their futures. Our membership is approximately 1,000 youth, 95% of whom qualify for free or reduced-priced lunches at school. 100% of our members are residents of Lehigh County.

Triple Play at Turner Street

One of our favorite programs is Triple Play and our Club members at Turner Street had a blast this past year! We were grateful to receive a grant from IronPigs Charities to help support this program and our kids! They loved being able to use their gym for some fun physical activities while also building healthy eating habits and social skills.

Our kids always enjoy learning about and eating new and healthy foods in our Triple Play program through a partnership with Cooking Matters. This is crucial for their development in life, and maintaining these healthy habits will help all aspects of their lives. Our members love being in the gym, playing some of their favorite games and sports while also learning new activities! Whether it is basketball, volleyball, or one of our staff members creating a fun and active game, we are always finding ways to utilize our gym to its fullest potential.



HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2023



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUB
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BOARD LEADERSHIP

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HONORARY BOARD MEMBERS

Steve Hoffman
Jean Weiner

* Officers Changed on May 16, 2023

** Board term expired after serving 3-three year terms.

*** Resigned during the year.

REPORT ON OPERATIONS

JULY 2022 TO JUNE 2023

Income

Contributions	766,847.00
United Way	103,896.00
Government Grants	92,249.00
Membership Dues	1,136.00
Fundraising Events, Net	159,684.00
Program Income	5,422.00
Interest and Dividends, Net	48,045.00
Realized/Unrealized Gain on Investments	83,665.00
Sales to Public	171.00
Club and Property Rental	<u>20,107.00</u>

Total Income **\$1,281,222**

Expenses

Salaries	747,301.00
Taxes/Benefits	198,192.00
Operations	123,442.00
Utilities	<u>77,539.00</u>
Maintenance	<u>64,033.00</u>
Insurance	<u>37,137.00</u>
Transportation	<u>14,063.00</u>
Scholarships	-
Other Expenses	16,509.00
Depreciation	<u>144,656.00</u>

Total Expenses **\$1,422,872**

Change in Assets **-\$141,650**



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUB
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Program Services -	91%	\$1,288,693
Management -	5%	\$74,016
Fundraising -	4%	\$60,163

**BGCA's Auditor - Campbell, Rappold & Yurasits LLP
approved this information.**



CLUBHOUSE LOCATIONS



SIXTH STREET

720 N. Sixth Street
Allentown, PA 18102

610-432-9323

TEEN CENTER

641 N. Seventh Street
Allentown, PA 18102

610-434-4592

TURNER STREET

1302 Turner Street
Allentown, PA 18102

610-433-0093

CUMBERLAND GARDENS

501 E. Susquehanna Street
Allentown, PA 18103

610-791-1113

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

720 N. Sixth Street
Allentown, PA 18102

610-432-9944


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