



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUB
OF PAWTUCKET**

FY21 ANNUAL REPORT



OUR IMPACT BY THE NUMBERS

2227

total members
served



\$40

a year for annual
Club membership

259

scholarships given
out for summer
programs



\$7,000

in scholarships
awarded for
post high school
education

\$1,300

program
investment in
each child, while
the cost for a
membership is
just \$40 a year

383

donors who
supported the
Club with a
donation to
further our
mission

90%

of our members
qualify for free or
reduced lunch



18,958

total healthy
meals served
during the year

MISSION

The mission of the Boys & Girls Club of Pawtucket is to inspire and enable the young people of Pawtucket and surrounding communities, especially those with greatest need, to realize their full potential as healthy, productive, responsible and caring citizens

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"Thanks to the incredible support from our donors, community partners and friends, we were able to support over 2,000 youth in Pawtucket, Central Falls and surrounding communities during an incredibly challenging year. With your support this past year, we were able to welcome all members back to the Club - and campers back to Camp Ramsbottom. We re-opened programs and even created brand new opportunities for our youth to take part in.

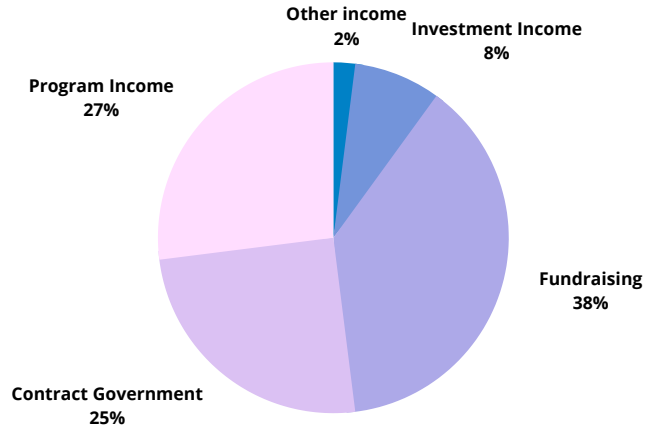
As always, we depend on the generous spirit of our supporters to drive our mission forward in the community. In this report, I invite you to read about some of the many opportunities that we provided our members and their families with each day."

**- KRISTIN LYONS
PRESIDENT, BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

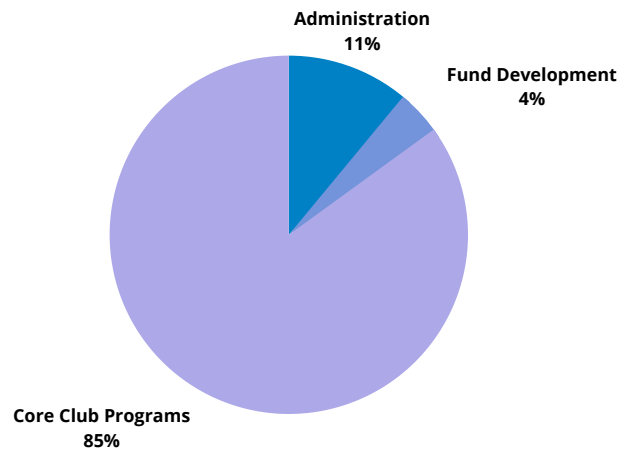


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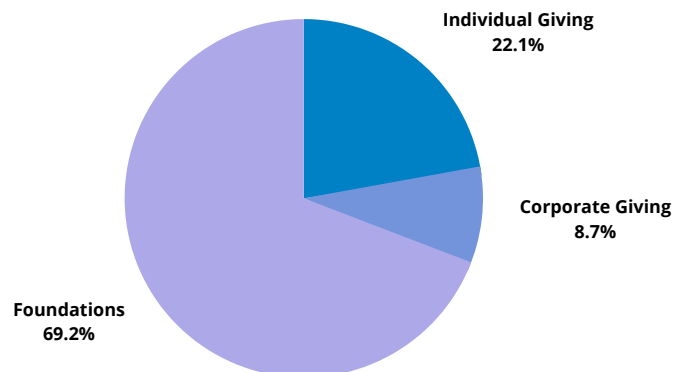
REVENUE



EXPENSE



PHILANTHROPIC SUPPORT



WELCOMING YOUTH BACK

THANKS TO THE CONTINUED KINDNESS AND SUPPORT FROM OUR CLUB COMMUNITY, WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO HELP OUR MEMBERS GET BACK TO THEIR ROUTINES HERE AT THE CLUBHOUSE - ALLOWING THEM TO PARTICIPATE IN TEAM BUILDING ACTIVITIES WITH THEIR FRIENDS AND SITTING DOWN EACH EVENING FOR A HEARTY MEAL SURROUNDED BY THEIR COMPASSIONATE CLUB FAMILY. THE NEED IN OUR COMMUNITIES HAS NEVER BEEN GREATER THAN THIS PAST YEAR AS OUR KIDS CONTINUED TO FACE UNPRECEDENTED CHALLENGES DUE TO THE ONGOING PANDEMIC. THANKS TO YOUR STEADFAST SUPPORT, OUR CLUBS WERE ABLE TO SHIFT OUR EFFORT TO MEET OUR MEMBERS WHERE AND WHEN THEY NEEDED US MOST, IN ALL OF OUR KEY PROGRAM AREAS.

PROMOTING ACADEMIC SUCCESS

For the first time in our history, we offered full-day programs so youth had a place to do their schoolwork, resulting in nearly 2,000 hours of academic support provided by our staff.



"MY CHILD HASN'T BEEN IN PHYSICAL SCHOOL SINCE THE ONSET OF THE PANDEMIC - CLUB PROGRAMS GAVE HER A CHANCE TO SOCIALIZE WITH OTHER KIDS."

SELF EXPRESSION THROUGH THE ARTS

Our art programs provide members with both a creative outlet and exposure to a wide variety of artistic forms and influences. The Club was able to partner with Art Connection RI and host classes during the year for members to explore their artistic side- including ways to express their emotions aligned with the pandemic.



ENCOURAGING HEALTHY LIFESTYLES

We were able to distribute **\$98,719** in scholarships, allowing youth the opportunity to participate in athletic programs that promote healthy lifestyles. To fuel their participation, each child receives a fresh meal when they attend any Club program.



GOOD CHARACTER & CITIZENSHIP

We empower youth to be well-rounded members of the community, by offering opportunities for leadership and community service through a variety of activities and awareness programs.

"I grew up volunteering at the Club; spending a lot of time helping younger members in their group activities, managing ticket sales at basketball games, assisting with the athletics department. These experiences gave me the confidence to now works as a Junior Staff member - becoming an official employee of the Club this school year."



VISION FOR THE FUTURE



Over the summer, we welcomed approximately 500 campers ages 6-13 a day to Camp Ramsbottom. Camp Ramsbottom provides youth with an engaging and enriching summer camp experience unlike any other. Youth have access to an array of activities, including education, arts, science and nature, physical activity, sports, and so much more. At Camp Ramsbottom, youth have the opportunity to get out of the city and into nature. **This summer, we distributed over 200 scholarships to help youth and families in need afford to attend our Camp.**

In June 2021, the Club purchased the adjacent property to Camp, allowing us to reconfigure the entry and exit into and out of Camp Ramsbottom. The project will improve traffic flow, expand our driveway, increase parking and increase overall safety. In addition to safety, the goal of this project is to make Camp more accessible and welcoming for all campers, families, staff and visitors coming on Camp property. We are excited about the future and look forward to sharing updates as the project progresses.

“ **MY DAUGHTER HAS BEEN DEPRESSED SINCE THE ONSET OF COVID-19; ATTENDING CAMP THIS SUMMER MADE A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE IN HER MENTAL HEALTH.**

- AMANDA, CAMP PARENT

EXPANDING
CAMP RAMSBOTTOM

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VISION FOR THE FUTURE



We were honored to present our **2021 Youth of the Year award to Stevyn Walker** in April. Stevyn is a junior at North Providence High School and has been attending the Boys & Girls Club of Pawtucket for 13 years, since he was five-years-old. Over the course of his tenure at the Club, he grew up to become a star volunteer at the Club. He spends a lot of time volunteering to help younger members in their group activities, managing ticket sales at basketball games, assisting with the athletics department and now works as a Junior Staff member- becoming an official employee of the Club this school year. During the summer, you can find Stevyn as a staff member at Camp Ramsbottom.

Stevyn says the Club is like a second home to him, and the staff here have become family.

"The Club is my second home. I was and I am here every day after school," said Stevyn. **"It was and is the place that broke my shell, gave me confidence in myself, and truly opened new doors for me."**

As a teen I made sure to help wherever needed to give other members someone to look up to. Whenever I can to make sure members have the same loving, caring, and fun experience I had. The Club is a part of me and will always be my home."

"I have been working with Stevyn since he started at the Club at the age of five and since then he has come such a long way," said Shirley Marrero, Director of Pre-Teen Programs. **"Accomplishing this milestone has truly helped him come out of his shell and grow. I know the future is so bright for him and I can't wait to see what the next chapter has in store!"**

Being named Youth of the Year is the highest honor a Boys & Girls Club member can receive. The title recognizes outstanding contributions to a members school, family, school, community and Boys & Girls Club, as well as personal challenges and obstacles overcome.

SETTING YOUTH UP
FOR LASTING SUCCESS

VISION FOR THE FUTURE



This school year, the Club reimagined our Teen Program to focus on Workforce Development that we titled 'Members to Moguls'. **The Members to Moguls Program is designed to help youth between the ages of 10-18 gain life-long skills needed to be successful in day to day life, post high school living, and professional settings.** During the program, youth will be able to learn essential soft skills, build confidence, and gain work related experience using tools needed to make connections to workforce opportunities.

To ensure the success of the program, we are partnering with the City of Pawtucket, New England Institute of Technology and Pawtucket/Central Falls Development. The Club will also partner with local businesses, colleges and universities, and community leaders to **give youth a well-rounded experience that applies to everyday life.** This fall we are beginning the foundation for the program, we look forward to continuing to evolve and create more intentional framework surrounding workforce development skill building; with a long-term goal of bridging employment opportunities for members at the completion of their program.

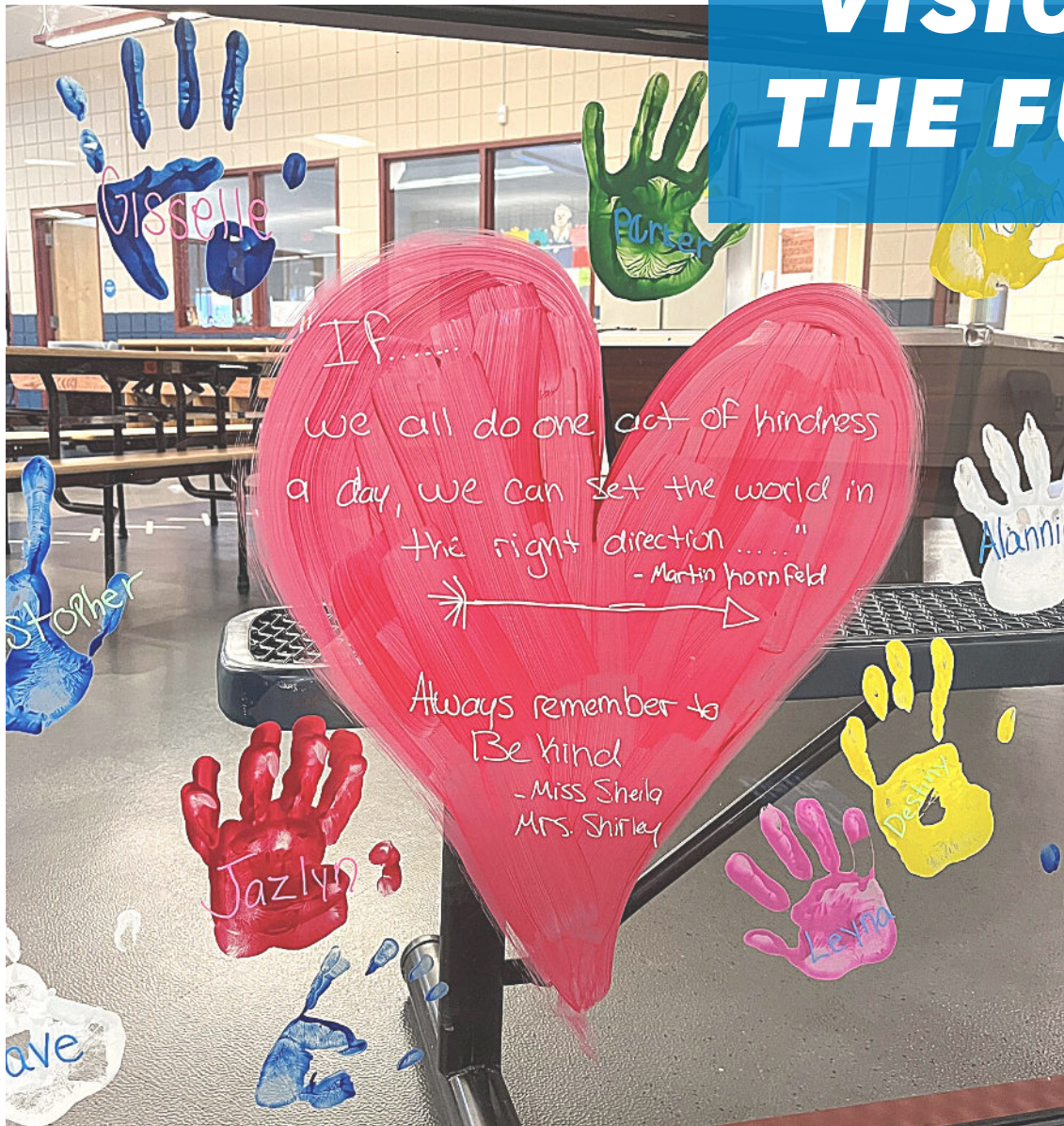
“ I AM EAGER TO START THE MEMBERS TO MOGULS PROGRAM THIS FALL AND LEARN HOW TO PREPARE FOR A JOB AND BUDGET MONEY. I THINK THIS PROGRAM WILL BETTER PREPARE ME FOR MY FUTURE AFTER I GRADUATE FROM HIGH SCHOOL.

-IKER, CLUB MEMBER

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NEW WORKFORCE
DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

VISION FOR THE FUTURE



Social emotional wellness programming has become an extension of the program day at our Club. Mental health is more important now than ever with all that our members are going through. The Club has instituted curriculum, training, and partnered with community providers to support the overall social emotional health of each member. We are working with community partners, like Shri Yoga to develop programs to address these areas. We partnered with the Gamm Theatre to offer workshops to members that focus on team building activities; and Art Connection RI to host virtual art classes to ensure our members are able to continue to express themselves through the arts. **Additionally we trained all of our staff on mental health first aid with the Pawtucket School Department earlier this year.**

This upcoming year, we have plans to strengthen partnerships with local school districts and parents by creating parent-focused newsletters, staff-led workshops and supplying resources to update both teachers and parents on everything the Club offers. In fact, we have begun the process in researching new Membership Software that will transform how families register for our programs, keep in touch with staff and so much more.

“**CAN SEE THE PHYSICAL DIFFERENCE IN THE MEMBERS WHEN THEY LEAVE IN THE EVENING AFTER A DAY OF YOGA. THEIR MIND AND BODY SEEM MUCH MORE RELAXED.**”

-GINA, FRONT DESK RECEPTIONIST

**ADDRESSING SOCIAL
EMOTIONAL WELLNESS**

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