



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUB  
OF EAST AURORA**

# 2022 Annual Report

Thank you for being so dedicated to the Boys & Girls of East Aurora. Your gifts help us fill the gaps between school and home by providing a safe place for youth after-school and during the summer. At the Club, kids learn to believe in themselves and succeed in their pursuits while they dream about their great future!

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

**OUR VISION:** To provide a world-class Club experience that assures success is within reach of every young person who enters our doors, with all members on track to graduate from high school with a plan for the future, demonstrating good character and citizenship, and living a healthy lifestyle.

**OUR SERVICES:**

- After-school programming from 2:30PM-6:00PM.
- Evening activities that includes sports leagues, teen programs and dance.
- Full-day summer services at Camp Ska-No-Ka-San and the Club.
- Special events on school holidays and breaks.

## IMPACT SNAPSHOT

1,921

Total Youth Served

1,271

Registered Members

748

Registered Members during the School Year

523

Registered Members during Summer

650

Youth served through outreach

## CLUB MEMBERS

<b>AGE OF REGISTERED MEMBERS:</b>	5-18
<b>AVERAGE DAILY ATTENDANCE DURING SCHOOL YEAR:</b>	346
<b>AVERAGE DAILY ATTENDANCE DURING SUMMER:</b>	257
<b>AFTER-SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS:</b>	78
<b>WEEKS OF SUMMER CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS:</b>	50
<b>MEMBERS ATTENDING COMMUNITY SERVICE ACTIVITIES:</b>	294



## PROGRAM SUCCESSES

- After 2 long years, BGCEA returned to a traditional after-school format!
- Addition of mental health counselors offering social, emotional and mental health support.
- Hiring of Certified Teachers and Teachers Assistants for educational support.
- Teen leadership programs like Torch and Keystone remained strong and added a Summer retreat.
- Athletic programs like Triple Play and Dodgeball kept kids physically active for a minimum of 60 minutes each day.
- Art, music and dance programs were stronger with more activities provided than ever before.
- Several Camp additions like the Big Top Pavillion, updates to the Bathroom, Changing Rooms, Kitchen and Program Areas ensured kids stayed safe while having fun all Summer.
- Summer Basketball Camp hosted a record number of children.

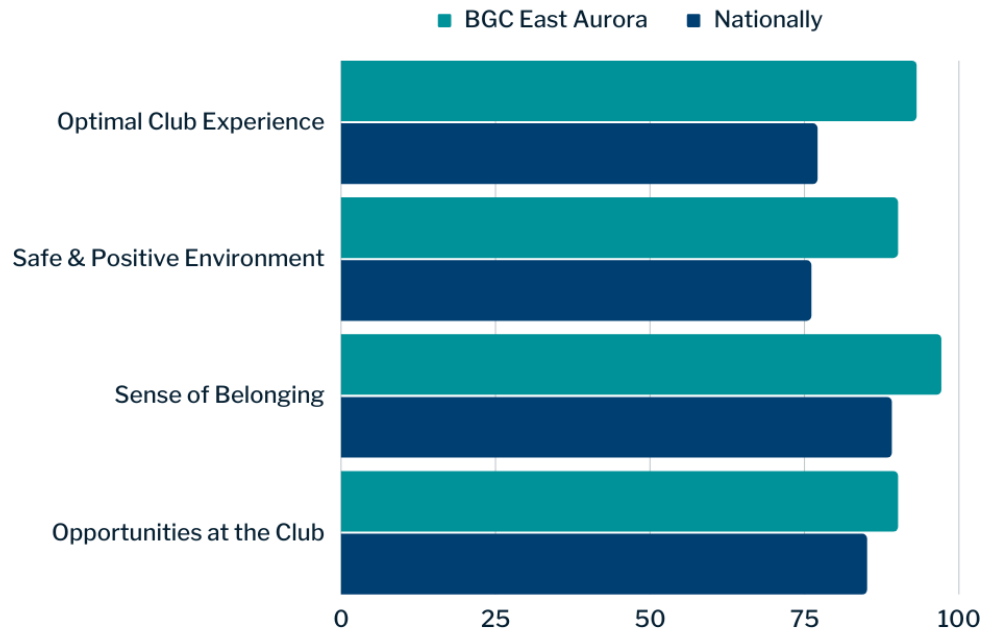


# PROVING OUR PROGRAMS

Every year, the Boys & Girls Club of America helps Clubs collect data measuring program impact and youth outcomes.

NYOI (National Youth Outcome Initiatives) data helps us assess the overall Club experience, safety, and program effectiveness. BGCEA scored higher than the national average on the survey questions below.

## NYOI Data (BGCEA vs. Nationally)



## FUNDS RAISED:

\$541,535

AB Open: \$21,798

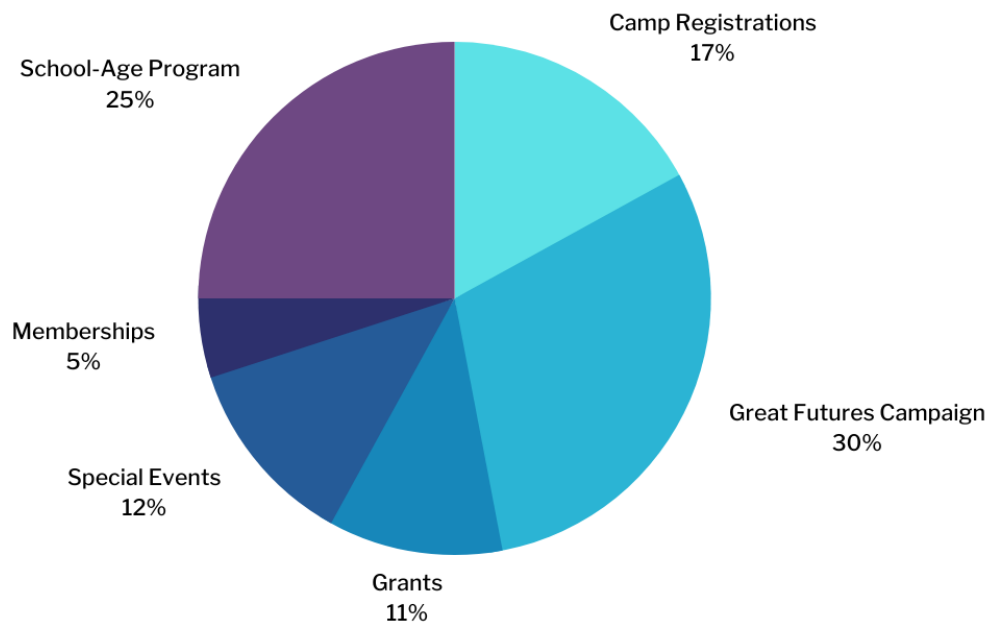
Alumni & Friends Raffle:  
\$14,755

Chowder Cup: \$37,860

Club Night: \$102,000

Great Futures Campaign:  
\$365,122

## Annual Income



# We couldn't have done it without your generous *support.*

The Great Futures Society are donors who believe in our mission and help the Club annually with a generous gift of \$750 or more.



## Charlie Horton (\$10,000 & up)

Anonymous  
Philip Kadet  
J. Griffin & Linda Leshner  
Bill & Stacy Oar  
Matt Romagnuolo  
James York

## Topaz (\$7,500-\$9,999)

Jim & Karen Dusel  
Michael & Dana Wymer

## Diamond (\$5,000-\$7,499)

John Blair & Tower Family Fund, Inc.  
Jerry & Christine Cully  
George & Jane Ferraro  
Kirk & Karon Mooney

## Platinum (\$2,500-\$4,999)

Casey & Dodie Assad  
Jeffrey & Jennifer Burke  
Paul Babbitt & Judith Van Nostrand  
Janet Coletti  
Linda Coletti & Chris Tolomeo  
Charles & Sue Creighton  
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Donald & Denise Fishback  
Jodyann Galvin & Robert Lane  
Barry & Tracy Heneghan  
Peter Kasprzyk  
Brett & Andrea Moldenhauer  
Paul & Mary O'Leary  
William & Joan Person  
Mike & Karen Sawicki  
Matthew & Alyssa Smycynski  
Dan & Beth Zampino

## Gold (\$1,250-\$2,499)

Robert & Linda Barnhart  
Don Denz  
Pat Dudley  
Jeff & Tracy Ensminger  
Larry Ensminger  
Jennifer Fee  
Amy & Ben Girard  
Erin & Brett Hannon  
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Gerald Paradise, III  
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Jackie & Jordan Rabey  
Rob Ruffner  
Gary & Chris Schutrum  
John Sigeti  
Marnie Smith-Uebelhoer & Scott  
Uebelhoer  
Don & Donna Smyczynski  
Paul Suozzi & Karen Spencer  
Michael & Jeanne Tribuzzi  
Geoff & Jane Vosseller  
Pamela Walters

## Silver (\$1,000-\$1,249)

Bob & Kathy Aures  
Brad Buyers & County  
Line Stone  
Amy Coletti & Bill Perry  
Michael & Jill Ervin  
Nick & Tina Gagliardo  
Richard & Jacqueline Hanavan  
Douglas & Ellen Hayes  
Gayle & Edward Hutton  
Tim Lilley, Jr.  
Donna Miller  
Gregory & Kelly Naber  
Robert & Pauline Nichols  
Jackie Schwartz  
Ted Spooner  
Kevin Sullivan  
Doty Whitney

## Bronze (\$750)

Toby Corcoran & Aurora  
Smiles Pediatric Dentistry  
Daniel & Jeremy Hubbard  
Stanley & Sherrill Kujawski  
Ed & Melissa Snyder  
Stephen & Lindsey Soroka  
Sean & Geralyn Spiesz

This list of donors reflects gifts received and recorded between 11/1/21 and 10/31/22, Please let us know if you notice any errors or omissions.



# Donating now to impact the *future.*

The Heritage Club is an opportunity to make a future impact on youth by identifying a gift to the Club in their estate plans.



Peter Allendorf  
Paul Babbitt & Judith Van Nostrand  
Merv & Peg Baker  
Stephen & Patricia Bartlett  
Mike Basehart  
Gary & Gale Bitterman  
Erie & Kristen Bittner  
Ronald G. Brass  
Jim & Sue Brazill  
Robert & Elizabeth Brooks  
Paul Brundage  
Douglas P. Burke  
Tim & Chris Burke  
The Family of Buke I. & Katharine  
M. Burke  
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Butler  
Donald Clark  
Jennie & Andrew Cline  
John Conkling  
The Crissy Family  
Jerry & Christine Cully  
Carl Dietsche  
The Dusel Family  
Larry Ensminger  
Jeff & Tracy Ensminger  
Daniel Ernst  
Bill & Diane Green  
Kevin Grew  
Davis & Nancy Heussler  
Chrissy & Frits Hoffman  
Jill & Paul Holbrook  
Gayle & Edward Hutton  
Paul, Mary, Zach Haley & Ryan  
Keller

Andrew & Donna Lee  
Dan & Judy Lee in memory of  
Joseph C. Steinwachs, III  
Bill & Micki Love  
Fred & Donna Malvin  
Doug & Marilyn Marky  
Jay & Shirley Marshall  
Sue & Erik MentECKI  
Maggie & Paul Miller  
David Moore  
Nichols family, in honor of Teddy  
Nichols  
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Nicholas, Jr.  
Shirley & Frank Nigro, Sr.  
Joe & Barb O'Donnell  
Mary & Paul O'Leary  
Stacy & Bill Oar  
Gerald Ogilvie  
Mike & Megan Ohler  
Cynthia Olson  
The Palmer Family in loving  
memory of Suzanne Palmer  
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Dale & Gayle Parrish  
Neil & Andrea Parrish  
Sam & Marie Petrell  
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Thomas L. Price  
Lucy A. Reed

George Roberts  
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Mike & Karen Sawicki  
Dan & Ginger Schmauss  
Martin Schneckenberger  
Gary & Chrissy Schutrum  
Thomas Schwartz  
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Matthew & Alyssa Smycynski  
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Katie & Michael Synor  
Douglas & Rosemarie Sweet  
David Vance  
Kevin & Celeste Walsh  
Mr. & Mrs. John Waterhouse  
Kathleen, Barb & Andrew  
West  
Frieda Whitney  
Donald William & Richard  
Henry Nicholas EAHS  
Class of 1955  
Thomas Wolf  
Michael, Dana & Riley Wymer

[Thank you for joining the Boys & Girls Club of East Aurora Heritage Club.](#)  
[Please let us know if you notice any errors or omissions.](#)





## Grant Funding

We are so thankful to these funders who make a difference daily by supporting these programs.

- Anonymous BGCA funder: Project Learn, support for families, mental health support, and teen programs.
- ASI of WNY: Art programming.
- Buffalo Bills Foundation & Play 60: Flag Football.
- Dollar General Foundation: Summer reading.
- Erie County Youth Bureau: After-school and summer services.
- Kelly for Kids Foundation: Services for the youth who need us the most.
- Kiwanis of East Aurora: Educational programming
- M&T Bank: Academic services.
- Michael Phelps Foundation: Swimming and healthy programs
- Mother Cabrini Foundation: Mental health support.
- NAMM: Instrumental music programs.
- NYS Alliance: Healthy snacks and cooking classes.
- OJP: Mentoring programs.
- Patrick P. Lee Foundation: Mental Health Services.
- PLAY BALL: Baseball and softball sports.
- Reebok BOKS: Healthy teens program.
- Town of Aurora: After-school and summer services.
- Variety Club: Art programs.

## A Look Into The Future

Although the pandemic has ended, youth continue to struggle with the impact it left.

### Struggles Among Youth:

- Mental Health Support: 1 in 4 youth are suffering from depression and 1 in 4 youth have an increased anxiety.
- Learning Loss: National test scores for math and reading are significantly down.
- Social Skills: Teaching youth healthy relationship skills.
- Coping Skills: Helping children to be resilient in any circumstance.
- Physical Activity: To keep kids active and off their phones.
- Decision Making Activities: Helping kids make positive choices.
- Leadership Programs: Encouraging teens through Torch & Keystone to give back to their community.

### Club Challenges:

- Raising the resources needed to provide these necessary services.
- A total of \$491,000 must be raised from individuals and sponsorships to meet our budget of \$1.5 million budget.
- Managing an increase in salaries, a rise in minimum wage, and high-levels of inflation.
- A projected Club deficit in the next year.



# 2023 Club *Leadership*

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## Board of Directors:

Mike Wymer, President  
Matt Romagnuolo, Vice-President  
Jim Dusel, Treasurer  
Marnie Smith-Uebelhoer, Secretary  
Rob Ruffner, Past President  
Eric Bittner  
Ken Boss  
Linda Coletti  
Pat Dudley  
Jeff Ensminger  
Jennifer Fee  
Vicki Feine  
Nick Gagliardo  
Tracy Gavin  
Frits Hoffman  
Colin Kujawski  
Justin Myers  
Jackie Rabey  
Michael Sawicki  
Matt Smyczynski  
Steve Soroka, Jr.  
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Kevin Walsh

## Club Staff:

### Administrative:

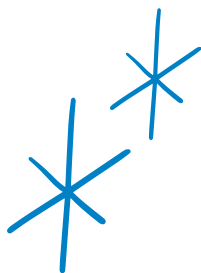
Gary D. Schutrum, Chief Executive Officer  
Lillian O'Connor, Office Manager  
Christina Potempa, Resource Development Director  
Lori Stein, Special Events Coordinator  
Nicole Marszalkowski, Bookkeeper

### Program:

Neil Parrish, Unit Director  
Matt Dembrow, Athletic Director  
Gavin Griffin, MSW, Teen Director & Prevention Specialist  
Mary O'Connor, Education Director & Alumni Director  
Michelle Wendelboe & Carlie Thompson, Arts & Crafts Directors  
Cora Rabey, Small Gym Director

### School-Age:

Deborah Becker, School-Age Program Coordinator  
Beth Wilcox, School-Age Teacher  
Rose Warner, School-Age Teacher  
Gail Baister, School-Age Teacher  
Kathy Pikett, School-Age Teacher  
Katie Ashton, Teacher's Assistant  
Toni Maggio, Teacher's Assistant  
Becca Jones, Teacher's Assistant



**Thank you to  
our Staff and  
volunteers.**



# Moving Forward

In 2023, the Boys & Girls Club of East Aurora has adopted program goals that will teach members to:

## **BELIEVE:**

Our members are fantastic kids capable of accomplishing anything they put their mind to. The Boys & Girls Club of East Aurora helps them see their full potential by building self-confidence and supporting their mental, emotional, and physical health.

## **SUCCEED:**

BGCEA will help youth learn that success means being the best possible version of themselves. Staff will teach how to succeed at school, positively interact with others, be job-ready and make healthy decisions.

## **DREAM:**

The Club is here to help youth reach for the stars and secure their great future. It starts with a great family foundation, and BGCEA provides the extra support and tools to help youth achieve great things and become healthy, productive citizens in the future.

**GREAT FUTURES START HERE.**

