

2023Year in Review

Thank you for making a difference at the Boys & Girls of East Aurora. Because of you, the Club can teach youth to Believe, Succeed, and Dream.



Who We Are?

For over 80 years, the Boys & Girls Club has played a critical role in East Aurora. We fill the gaps between school and home by offering a safe place for youth after school and during the summer. Programs provide meaningful experiences emphasizing academics, career preparation, healthy lifestyles, good character, and citizenship.

Boys & Girls Club Mission

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

Club 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.

Main Services Throughout the Year

- After-school programming from the end of the school day to 6:00 PM.
- Licensed School-Age Licensed Program for children in grades Kindergarten 5th grade.
- Evening activities include sports leagues, teen programs, and dance from 6:00 PM 9:00 PM.
- Full-day summer services at Camp Ska-No-Ka-San Day Camp and the School-Age Licensed Program.
- Special events on school holidays and breaks.

Size & Scope

Most members reside within the East Aurora school district. In a typical year, the Boys & Girls Club helps:

2,597
Youth served annually

Age range of Club members

76%Of youth in the EA School District attends the Club

\$1.39
Daily cost/child for families

What Youth Are Facing

We live in a complicated world where youth are struggling. National school test scores are at their lowest in decades, and youth are challenged by school work. Kids also lack a positive role model and turn to bad choices like drugs, alcohol, and other substances. Youth also struggle emotionally with 1 in 4 youth suffering from depression and anxiety.

The Club's Response

The Boys & Girls Club does whatever it takes to help youth succeed emotionally, socially and physically. Programs teach children to make good decisions, stay active and:

- Believe in themselves: Our members are fantastic kids capable of accomplishing anything they put their minds 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 at their goals: 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 choices.
- **Dream about their Great Future:** The Club is here to help youth reach for the stars and secure their great future. It starts with a great family foundation. BGCEA provides the extra support and tools to help children achieve great things and become healthy, productive citizens.

The Members We Serve

Age of Registered Members: 5-18

Average Daily Attendance During the School Year: 350

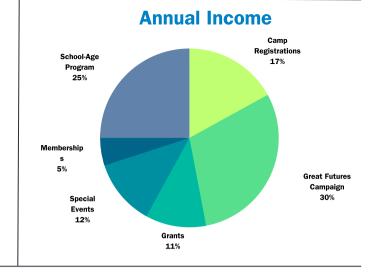
Average Daily Attendance During the Summer: 300

Youth in the School-Age Program (School Year): 84

Youth in the School-Age Program (Summer): 76

After-School Scholarships: 80

Weeks of Summer Camp Scholarships: 50



Future Goals

The Boys & Girls Club of East Aurora will teach youth to become leaders by:

- Teaching Social Skills: Mentoring kids and developing their relationship and communication skills.
- Developing Coping Skills: Helping children to be resilient in any circumstance.
- Offering Physical Activity: Keeping kids active for at least 60 minutes daily through sports leagues, games, and daily challenges.
- Introducing Decision-Making Activities: Helping kids make positive choices over negative influences like drugs and alcohol.
- **Providing Mental Health Support:** The Club offers social, emotional, and mental health support after-school.
- Defeating Learning Loss: Education programs help kids graduate on time
- Offering Teen Programs: Turning youth into leaders by giving back to their community and teaching job-ready skills for their future careers.



Due to a rate of inflation, higher staff salaries with increased minimum wage, lower staff to member ratios, increased membership requirements from local and State governments, higher operational costs and an increase in membership requirements from Boys and Girls Clubs of America the Club is faced with a \$98,600 budget deficit for the 2023-2024 fiscal year. If we are going to be able to continue to provide the quality and quantity of program services that we do for over 1250 members, 320 youth members per day and the 400 youth who attend camp we are going to need to exceed our current budget goals for Individual Giving, Special Events (Raffle, Golf Tournaments, Auction), increase program and membership fees from our parents and continue to find grant funding from local businesses and foundations. In order to accomplish these goals we will need the support from our entire EA community. Thank you in advance for your continued support.

How you can help the Boys & Girls Club of East Aurora?

YOU can make a difference in the lives of EA youth. Please consider supporting the Boys & Girls Club of East Aurora by:

- Making a gift to the Great Futures Campaign: Your donation to our annual appeal provides the
 necessary funding for staff and programs. Please mail your donation to 24 Paine Street, East Aurora,
 NY 14052, or go to www.bgcea.org to make an online gift.
- Supporting a special event: Have fun and support youth by attending the Club Night Auction, 100 Holes of Golf, Chowder Cup, AB Open Golf Tournament, and alum events, including the 100 Club Raffle
- Including the Club in estate planning: Help future Club kids by adding the Boys & Girls Club of East Aurora as a benefactor in your will, donate through your IRA, or include us as a legacy gift through your life insurance policy.