

Why Boys & Girls Clubs?

Boys & Girls Clubs are a safe place to learn and grow – all while having fun. It is the place where great futures are started each and every day.

In every community, boys and girls are left to find their own recreation and companionship in the streets. An increasing number of children are at home with no adult care or supervision. Young people need to know that someone cares about them.

With today's uncertain economy, families are facing difficult choices as they try to provide the best for their children. The Boys & Girls Clubs of the Midlands offer affordable solutions for building the foundations for a GREAT future. We believe that every child can be great and have fun in the process. The Boys & Girls Clubs of the Midlands is truly where greatness grows!

OUR MISSION is to inspire and enable all young people, especially those who need us the most, to realize their full potential as productive, responsible and caring citizens.

Our Program Core

- ★ Character & Leadership Development
- ★ Sports, Fitness & Recreation
- ★ Education & Career Development
- ★ Health & Life Skills
- ★ The Arts



THE NEED: By the Numbers

75% of mothers of school age children are in the work force.

\$220 per month: Average cost of after school care.

21,000 children live below the poverty level and cannot afford after school care.

12,790 children live in a single parent household below the poverty level.

33% of 8th graders will not graduate from high school.

BGCM Results

IN SCHOOL...

98% of participants say it is important to do well in school.

97% of participants plan to go to college.

59% of participants improved their letter grade in math.

52% of participants improved their letter grade in reading.

IN LIFE...

91% of participants state that the club has helped them get along with a person of another race.

85% state that they like to meet people of different races.

42% less likely to engage in sexual experience by the age of 15.

24% less likely to use drugs/alcohol regularly.

