



**Determination
& Mentorship
& Character
& Nutrition
& Service**



**STEM &
Tutoring &
Discipline &
Friendship &
Confidence**



2019 Community Impact Report



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUB
OF WHATCOM COUNTY**

Whatever It Takes to Support Our Mission

We thank you for doing **Whatever It Takes** to support our mission in 2019. Community members, businesses, foundations and volunteers that invested their time, talent and treasure helped us accomplish a great deal for the *kids who need us most* in 2019.

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Because of you, we were able to open state-of-the-art STEM labs, make significant upgrades to our Ferndale kitchen and continue to open our blue doors each day after school to provide kids with a safe space, healthy meal, and homework help.

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The information shared within this report is made possible through the support of community members like you. Thank you for doing **Whatever It Takes** to give every child in our community a [Great Future](#).



Whatever It Takes to Build Great Futures

self-expression

character building

teamwork

tutoring

life skills

perseverance

critical thinking

health



self-esteem

discipline

well-being

self-worth

health

fitness

service

courage

GIRLS

a second home

support

nutrition

dedication

consistency

homework help

safe places

dedication

confidence

consistency

homework help

STEM

arts



coaching

&

leadership

motivation

guidance

BOYS

problem solving

determination

stability



mentorship

graduation

compassion

safety

character

safe spaces



healthy choices

a plan for the future

drug prevention

health education

Everyday moments for youth. Greater communal good.

Community Impact

Board of Directors

Executive Board

Caroline Winfrey, Board President

Carlos Centurion, Vice President

Kristi Coy, Secretary

Michelle VanDellen, Treasurer

Board Members

Rob Brandland

Josh Cantor

Danny Day

Rob Lee

3,779 total members

Over **1,669** youth participated in Academic Success programs

1 in 2 kids

attending after school qualify for free & reduced lunch

Annual membership costs just

\$40

a year

919

athletic games were played in total

Over **52,600** meals and snacks served this year

44%

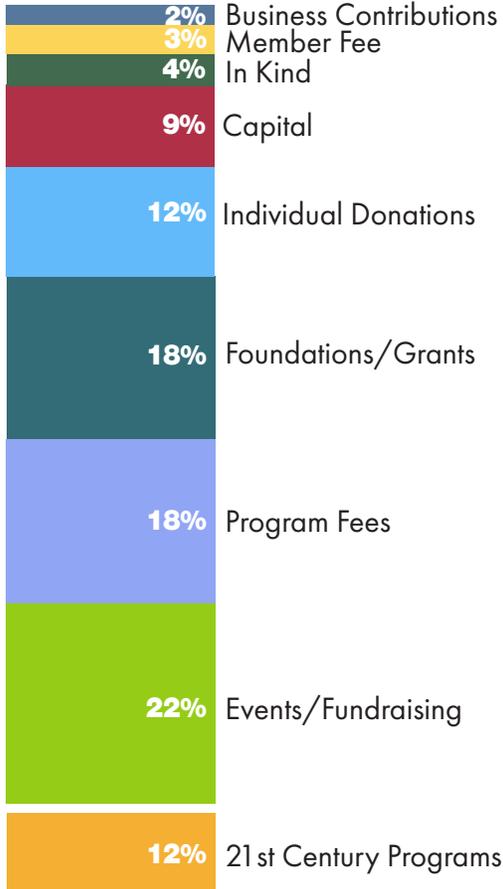
girls

&

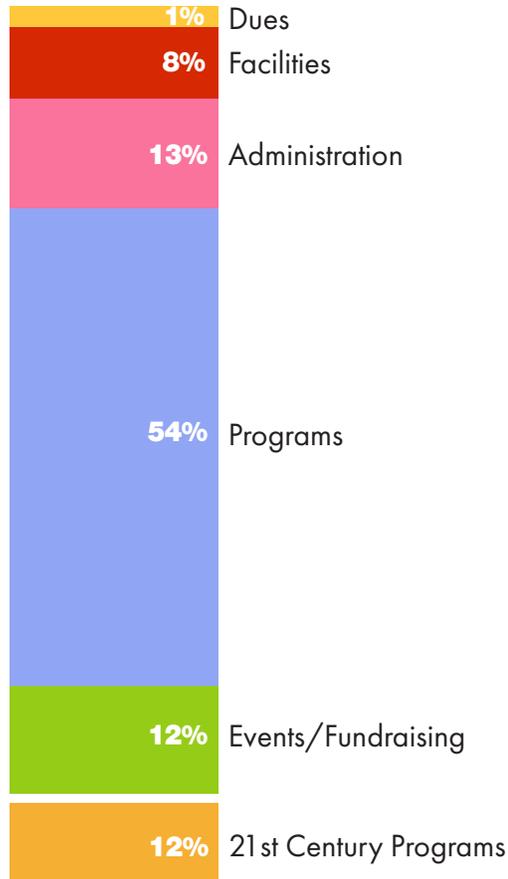
56%

boys

Income & Expense Summary



Total Income: \$2,486,000



Total Expense: \$2,618,000

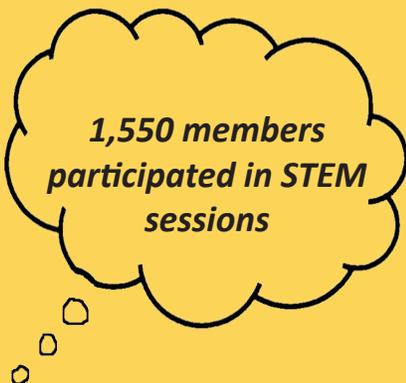
Endowment Fund

This legacy fund was established in 2002. It continues to support Boys & Girls Clubs of Whatcom County special projects, including capital improvements and maintenance, program capacity building, and staff development.

**Value in 2019:
\$2,258,416**

* All figures are estimated year-end and unaudited

Academic Success



*1,550 members
participated in STEM
sessions*



**STEM &
Literacy &
Discipline &
Graduation &
Career Prep &
Homework Help**

Boys & Girls Clubs know that education is a primary cornerstone in building great futures for our youth. Extracurricular academic enrichment helps kids stay in school and thrive there. Our trained youth development professionals work with our members to help them complete homework, hone skills, and overcome challenges on their path to graduation.

2019 saw a dramatic expansion of our STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) program, due to the generous support from Phillips 66. Our Bellingham and Ferndale Clubs underwent significant renovations to create dedicated STEM labs. All four Club sites received new computers and equipment that will allow members to experience everything from coding to Claymation, robotics to circuit sets.





Healthy Lifestyles

Healthy Lifestyles addresses the physical, mental, and emotional well-being of our members because we understand just how interconnected they are. We serve nutritious meals every day and we get our kids moving with fun games and sports.

We also provide programs that help members build self-esteem, practice respect toward others, and develop stable relationships. Every day we work to equip our kids with the tools they need to grow into healthy young adults prepared for the great futures they deserve.

*848 members
participated in healthy
lifestyle programs*



**Health &
Fitness &
Nutrition &
Confidence &
Safe Choices &
Drug Prevention**

Good Character & Citizenship

*151 members
participated in
community service
projects*



Service &
Life Skills &
Character &
Compassion &
Leadership &
Problem Solving

We help members build skills to persevere through the many challenges they face as they navigate their way through school, social situations, and home life. At the Boys & Girls Club, kids find a safe, supportive place where they see positive behaviors modeled every day.

Through our Good Character & Citizenship programs, members learn how to manage conflict and explore the many ways they can exemplify qualities such as kindness, respect, and integrity at the Club and throughout their communities.





Athletic Programs

At the Boys & Girls Club, we believe that youth sports play a valuable role in the social, emotional and physical growth of our children. Through our year-round athletic program children can play basketball, baseball, volleyball, flag football and fast pitch.

Our staff and volunteer coaches teach participants the importance of teamwork, communication, good sportsmanship and discipline. Our safe and positive environment encourages daily physical activity for all members to help build a healthy lifestyle today and in the future.

*1,940 youth
participated in five
sports*



**Resolve &
Coaching &
Teamwork &
Endurance &
Camaraderie &
Health Education**

Program Impact

Academic Success

Power Hour: Helps Club members ages 6-18 achieve academic success by providing homework help, tutoring and high yield learning activities. It operates every day after school and members are encouraged to become self-directed learners.

STEM: These programs close the opportunity gap in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) with innovative and creative programs that allow members to develop critical thinking and problem solving skills.

Healthy Lifestyles

Positive Action: Engages youth ages 6-18 in character development, social and emotional learning, and academic improvement.

Triple Play: A dynamic wellness program that is designed to help youth create opportunities to take charge of their personal health and wellness. It promotes the importance of physical activity and proper nutrition through the program's three components: mind, body and soul.

Good Character & Citizenship

Junior Staff: Helps cultivate tomorrow's leaders today. Available to Club members ages 13-18. Participants receive valuable tools such as development of interpersonal skills, work ethic, and a sense of community engagement.

Million Members, Million Hours of Service: Gets Club youth participating in volunteer and service projects that help them become successful and productive citizens.

987

kids participated in Power Hour



790

members participated in Triple Play



40

members participated in Junior Staff



21st Century Community Learning Centers



191 kids served in elementary and middle school



Fun &
Safe &
Focus &
Inspire &
Inclusive &
Collaborate

The 21st Century Community Learning Centers (CCLC), in partnership with the Mt. Baker School District, provide students with academic enrichment opportunities along with activities designed to increase social-emotional and conflict resolution skills, including improving school and community engagement. The 21st CCLC also encourages families to become more involved in their student's education and provides opportunities for learning and growth through resources and education.

Centers provide a range of high-quality services to support student learning and development, including tutoring and homework help, mentoring, and community service and engagement opportunities, as well as music, arts, sports and cultural activities. The centers are a safe and supportive environment for students when school is not in session. The 21st Century Community Learning Centers make a positive contribution to the students and families of Mt. Baker Junior High School, Kendall Elementary, and the surrounding community.



Youth of the Year

Youth of the Year is the Boys & Girls Clubs of America's premier recognition program, celebrating the extraordinary achievements of Club members. The journey begins locally and progresses to state, regional and national levels. Each year, one exceptional young person rises to the role of the National Youth of the Year.

Six youth from our Whatcom County Clubhouses began their Youth of the Year journey in 2019 with the help of staff and volunteer mentors.



Iannah Llanos, 7th Grade



Abraham Perez, 8th Grade



Logan Rehberger, 7th Grade



Diamond Hester, 12th Grade



Hailey Hermann, 9th Grade



Faythe Rick, 9th Grade

Giving Societies



The Jeremiah Milbank Society was initiated by the Boys & Girls Clubs of America in 2004. The society offers national recognition for individuals who demonstrate deep commitment to the children of their community with an unrestricted gift of \$10,000 or more in a year.

Jeremiah Milbank, the namesake of this society, exemplified a spirit of volunteerism, generosity, and compassion for those in need.

We are deeply grateful for our 2019 society members.

The Jeremiah Milbank Society
2019 Members

Anonymous (6)

Dave & Mary Lynne Courtney

Pete & Kristi Coy

Greg & Elizabeth Grant

Dale & Elaine Gorsegner

Lynda Hinton

*The Bernard & Audrey Jaffe
Foundation*

Patricia Kust

Joan Matz

Dave Mauro

Tim & Marcia McEvoy

Stan & Terri Salstrom

Dick & Sharon Skeers

Jerry & Michelle VanDellen

Chantee & Nick Ziemkowski



The Heritage Club is an association of friends of Boys & Girls Clubs from across the nation.

Members seek to ensure that the future needs of our nation's youth are met by including Boys & Girls Clubs in their estate plan.

This planning might include a will, a charitable gift annuity, a trust, or an insurance policy.

2019 Members

Patricia Kust

Lane & Karen Richards

2019 Year In Review

JANUARY



Youth of the Year dinner at the Ferndale Clubhouse

MARCH



Members participated in the National Youth Outcomes Initiative Survey

MAY



Bellingham Bells visited the Bellingham Club

FEBRUARY



5th Annual Bourbon Street Bingeaux Fundraiser

APRIL



Evening of fun at our Inspire Higher Dreams Gala & Auction

JUNE



Summer Program begins with a focus on STEM

JULY



Semiahmoo Yacht Club teaches Blaine members about boat safety

SEPTEMBER



Paella Dinner kicks off 2019 Campaign for Great Futures

NOVEMBER



Record-breaking results at 20th Annual All County Breakfast

AUGUST



Hosted 20 international exchange students from South Korea

OCTOBER



Unveiled the first brand new STEM lab in Ferndale

DECEMBER



2020 Youth of the Year retreat at Fort Casey



Thank you for doing **Whatever It Takes** to build Great Futures for the youth of Whatcom County. Because of your support, we are able to offer membership to every child in need, regardless of their ability to pay. Your investment in our mission allows us to reach *the kids who need us most.*

2020 Dates to Know

Youth of the Year

Tuesday, January 28
@ Ferndale Clubhouse

Bourbon Street Bingeaux

Saturday, February 22
@ Bellingham Clubhouse

Inspire Higher Dreams Gala

Friday, April 24th
@ Event Center at Silver Reef

Cornhole Tournament

Saturday, September 26th
@ Ferndale Clubhouse

All County Breakfast

Thursday, November 5th
@ Bellingham Clubhouse



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