



Virtual Gala & Auction Has Record-Breaking Community Support

Special thanks to our Presenting Sponsor



The third virtual *Inspire Higher Dreams Gala & Auction*, held on April 29th, was hosted by Chief Executive Officer, Heather Powell, and Chief Development Officer, Sara Maloney, outdoors in the great Pacific Northwest. The hour-long livestream showcased the impactful work that has happened this past year at the Clubs and early learning centers, and the live and silent auctions provided viewers with opportunities to bid on an array of unique items.

Thanks to our generous at-home audience and committed community sponsors, a record-breaking total of \$383,516 was raised during this event to benefit Whatcom county youth.

We are so incredibly appreciative of each and every participant who bid high, generously donated, and continued to be an advocate for the *kids who need us most* in our community. Your support is giving a gift of hope for future generations.

Gala by the numbers

1 hour livestream

Community sponsors: 28

104 auction items

\$383,516 dollars raised

Together, we INSPIRE HIGHER DREAMS



Message from the CEO

At Boys & Girls Clubs, we look forward to summer each year. Longer days, higher temperatures, and less rain means that our kids are able to play outside more often. After another winter of social distancing and mask wearing, the return of summer feels especially like a new start this year.

Perhaps the transition we most look forward to is the beginning of our all-day summer camp. Nine weeks of fun and engaging activities follow a weekly theme that allows young people to explore a variety of topics and interests.

Project L.A.N.E., our healthy lifestyles program provides nutritious meals and an array of enjoyable, physical challenges each day. Leadership opportunities are offered through our teen program, and academic success is strengthened through twice-weekly, stimulating, hands-on STEM sessions.

As we continue to build our understanding of the negative impacts that the pandemic has had on our children, our focus this summer remains on providing them with meaningful programs that foster youth development. We have also increased our emphasis on our social-emotional curriculum that helps members to reconnect with their peers and gives them the tools to self-regulate and communicate their emotions in a positive way.

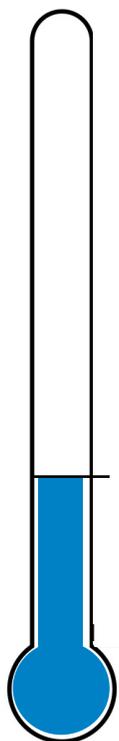
We remain committed to providing *every* child that enters our Club with the opportunity for a Great Future. Our annual campaign goal this year is to raise \$290,000 to allow the annual membership fee to remain at a modest \$40 a year, with scholarships available for those families where the fee may be a barrier.

We invite you to join us again this year in doing *Whatever It Takes* to provide a safe space, healthy food, and life-enhancing programs for Whatcom county youth. Thank you for considering a gift of hope for *the kids who need us most* in our community.

- Heather Powell, CEO

With your help, we are continuing to do *Whatever It Takes* to ensure kids will find a place...

Great Futures Campaign Goal



\$290,000

\$82,161

as of May 16, 2022

...where they are given emotional and educational support



...where they can reconnect and rebuild relationships with peers



...that empowers them to take chances and explore the unfamiliar



Project L.A.N.E.



Project L.A.N.E. and healthy lifestyles go hand in hand at the Clubs. Every day, we find creative ways to provide teamwork and movement. These interactive group games promote physical fitness while building knowledge that contributes to an overall sense of well-being.

Thanks to a matching gift from committed Club advocate Karen Richards and our generous community, we raised a total of \$229,650 for Project L.A.N.E. at this year's gala.

JOIN US FOR SUMMER CAMP

No matter what summer looks like, our Club professionals are committed to providing a safe, fun, and action-packed summer camp.

Best value in town! We offer unparalleled quality and service to our families at an affordable price.

No hidden fees! All activities, breakfast, lunch and snacks are included in the weekly fee.

High quality staff! Our highly trained staff members provide safe, inclusive, engaging programming and care for our kids.

Educational programming! We fight summer learning loss with fun, educational programs to keep minds ready to return to school.

For more information and to register your child, visit our website at whatcomclubs.org

Licensed Care Spotlight

We are so pleased to have our Ferndale early learning center open again! After a successful open house at the end of April, the site re-opened in early May. The children, families, and staff are loving the renovated space. The children have been excited about being back "home" and exploring the new classrooms as well as see familiar friends.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to this important remodel!



BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS ATHLETICS NEWS

Are you ready for fall sports to return? We have co-ed volleyball for third through eighth grade, and co-ed flag football for grades one through eight. Over 150 athletes participated in fall sports last year.

Registration opens on June 6th. Find more information on our website at whatcomclubs.org/athletics/



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at our Clubhouses & early learning centers

51,820 meals & snacks served at the Clubs and early learning centers 

484 athletic participants 

15  classrooms renovated

256  kids served per day

354 hours of academic success programs 

1,653 hours open to serve kids 

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