

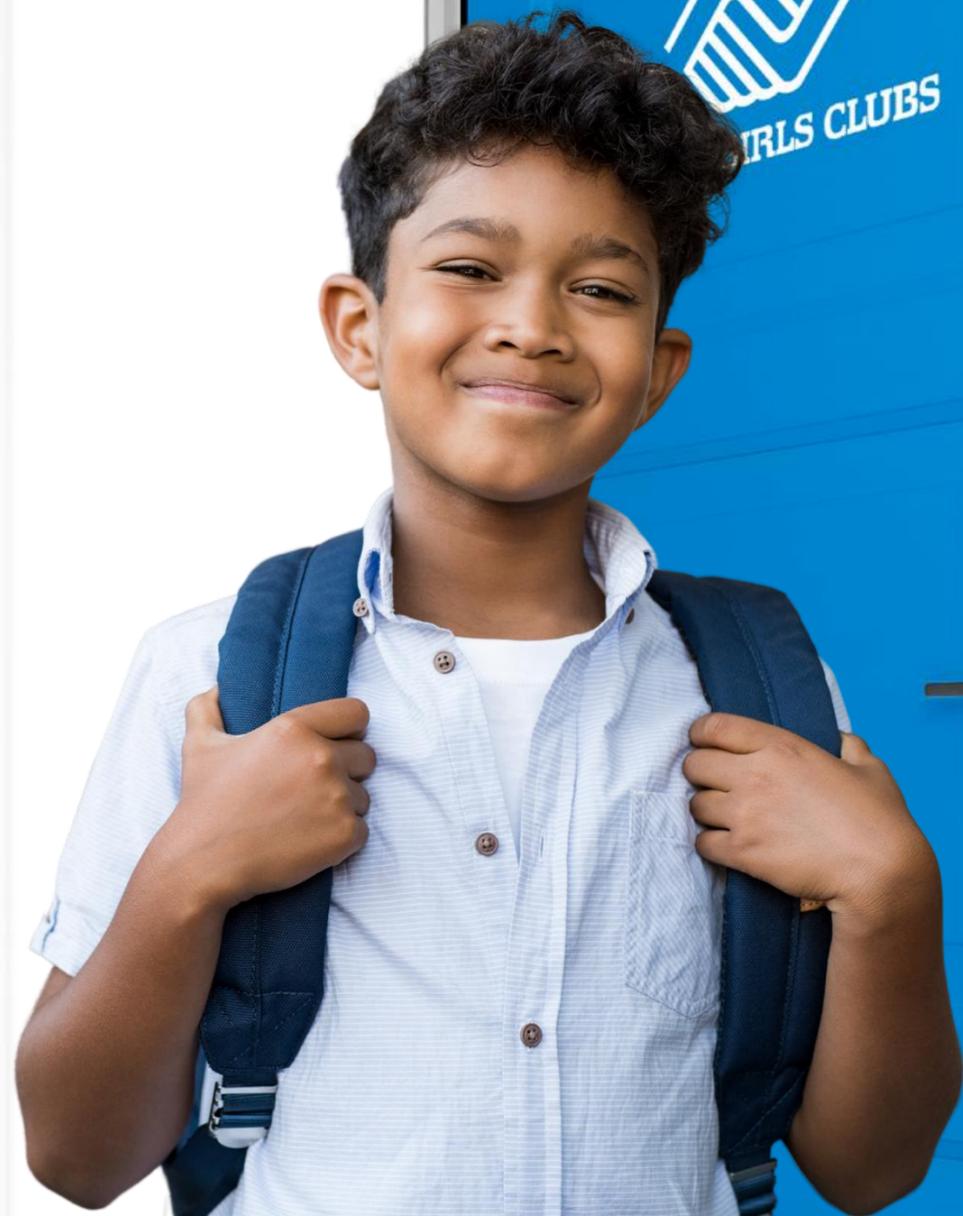


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Beyond the Bell: Leading with Purpose to Empower the Next Generation

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Our Mission

Our mission is to enable all young people to reach their full potential as responsible citizens through education, recreation, and positive community experiences.

Our Future

Boys & Girls Club Kids represent the best of our country. They are the next scientists, doctors, teachers and community change-makers. We are committed to equipping them with the skills they need today, so they can become the future leaders who shape our world.

Objectives



Highlight the academic, social, and developmental benefits of high-quality after-school programming for students.

Demonstrate how afterschool programs contribute to educational equity and community well-being.



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Our History

1938 O'Malley helped create a community space, Finney Avenue SW Youth Center

1942 Camp O'Malley opened

1958 the Seidman Center and the Steil Center were built

2000 Steil Club moved to it's current building

2007 the GRYC joined forces with Boys & Girls Clubs of America

2011 Paul I Phillips Recreation Center was acquired by BGCGR



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Our Clubs



STEIL

235 Straight Ave NW



SEIDMAN

139 Crofton St SE



PAUL I. PHILLIPS

726 Madison Ave SE

Hope Academy



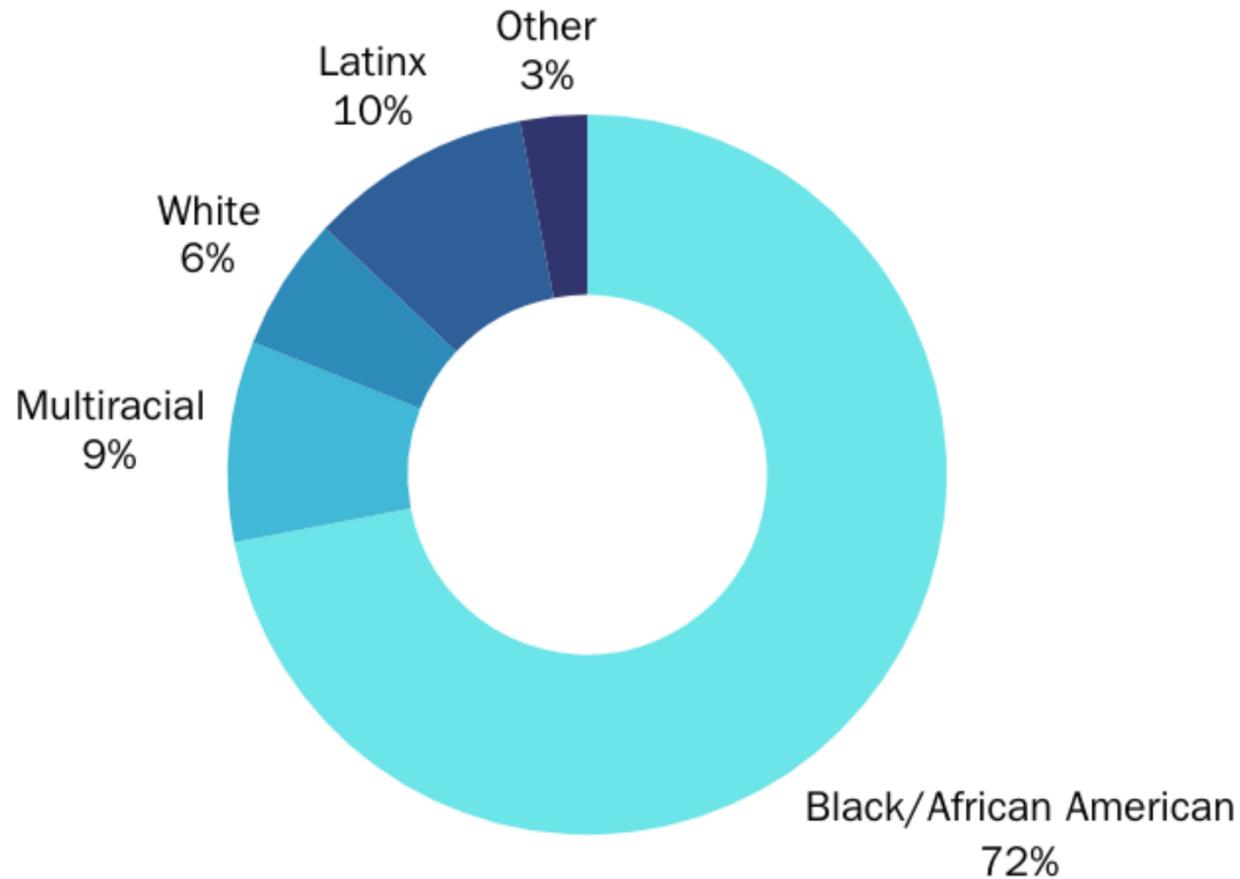
Camp O'Malley



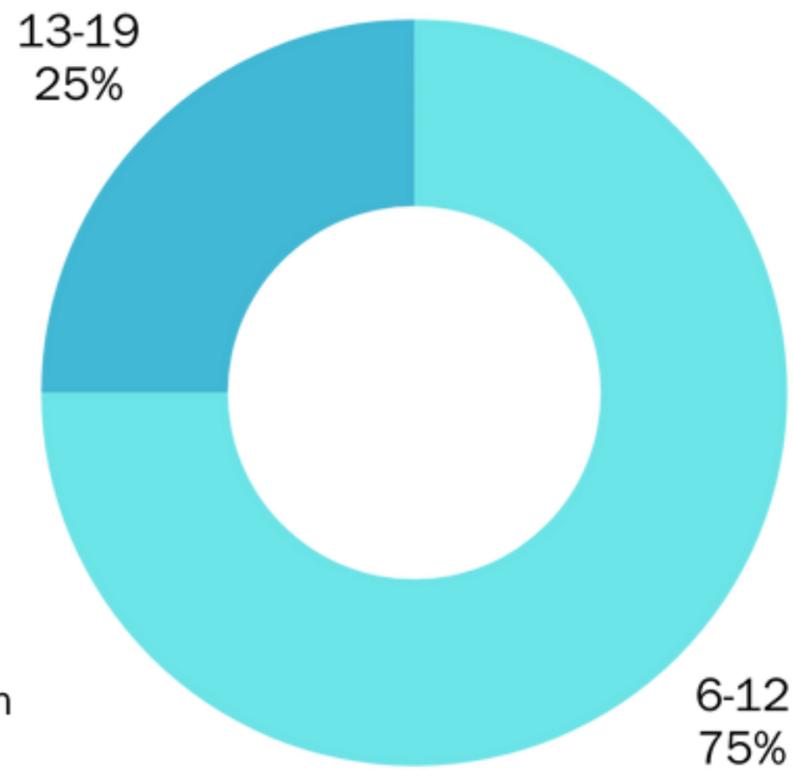
Who we serve

In 2024, 1,842 kids walked through our doors

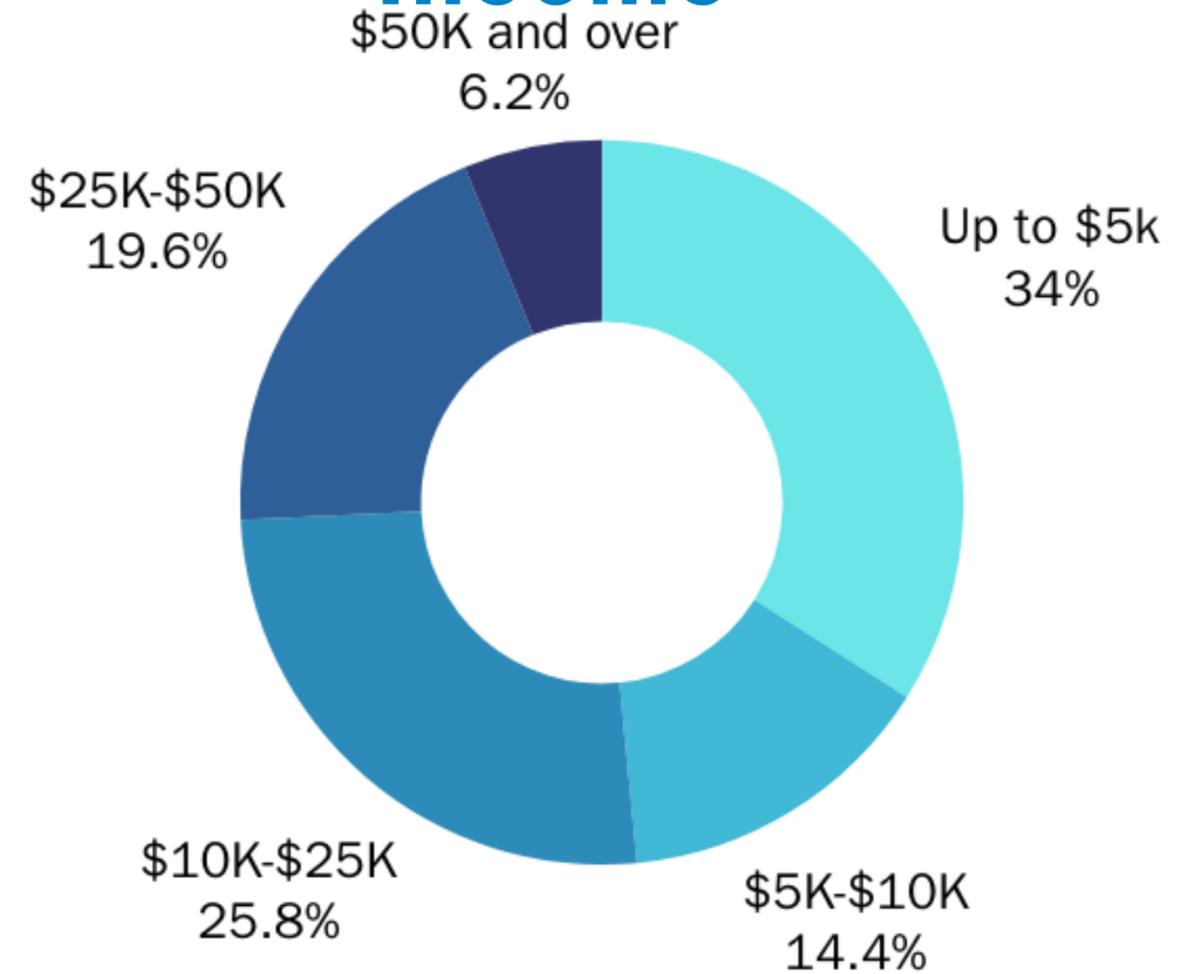
Race



Age



Household Income



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Membership



Average child care cost in Grand Rapids \$17.67-
\$24.50/hr

Average cost of child care for a year is \$8,600 or
8% of their household income

Cost of Membership for a year \$5 per child



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Economic Impact



Families struggle with maintaining a full time job, and providing childcare.

Nationally, \$122 billion dollars are loss related to family and child care related issues.

Every dollar invested in Boys & Girls Clubs has a nationwide impact, returning \$10.32 in U.S. economic benefits.



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Challenges our members face



Access to after-school care
Access to mental health services
Food insecurity
Community violence
High ACES
Housing instability



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Programming



Academic Support

- Power Hour - Homework Help
- Tutoring
- Reading Club
- Summer Brain Gain
- Workforce Readiness



Caring Relationships

- Mentoring
- Social Emotional Learning
- Trauma-Informed Care Staff Training
- Resource Referral
- Family Nights



Health and Nutrition

- Physical Activities
- Sports
- Healthy Meals
- Cooking Classes



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Youth Success & Well-being

Boys & Girls Clubs are the connection between school and home, helping to make sure kids' physical and mental needs are met.

Boys & Girls Clubs provide positive, nonjudgmental spaces where youth are listened to and supported. Nearly all Club teens (92%) say they have an adult to talk to at the Club when they need help, compared to only 40% nationally who have such an adult at school.

Clubs ensure kids eat daily nourishing meals after school and throughout the summer. **In 2024, we served almost 64,000 snacks and meals.**



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Academic Success

Boys & Girls Club teens are gaining the skills and experiences to be successful in future careers.

The average U.S. student is half a grade behind in school. **In our clubs, 88% of our students are on track for their grade level. And 84% of our members report A's and B's.**

U.S. high school graduation rates are dropping, with 38 out of 50 states projected to see declines through 2041. **Here in our clubs, 98% are projected to graduate.**

With nearly 12,000 STEM jobs anticipated by 2033, Boys & Girls Clubs offer hands-on opportunities for youth to engage in STEM from an early age. 4-in-5 Club tweens show interest in science, computers, and technology, while 1-in-5 Club teens are considering a career in STEM.

Response to Programming

Designing and reassessing needs of our club members and families

Ability to make changes quickly for the betterment of our programming

Constant communication, feedback and collaboration with families, partners and schools

Parent and member surveys- NYOI, measuring outcomes



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Revitalization



Call to Action



Volunteer/Social Impact



Events

Youth of the Year - March
Drive for Success Golf Outing - June
Be Great Tailgate - September



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Recap



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Grand Rapids
Needs

Club Kids

Club Kids Need You.

**VOLUNTEER
DONATE
STAY CONNECTED**

Thank you!

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