

Boys & Girls Clubs of Delaware FY23 Annual Report



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

# **Our Vision**

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.

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# **Our Story**

For over 90 years, our Clubs have provided a safe place for thousands of youth to learn, grow, and interact with their peers. Our more than 40 locations teach foundational life skills focused on Character & Leadership, Education & Career, Arts & Culture, Health & Life Skills and Sports, Fitness & Recreation.

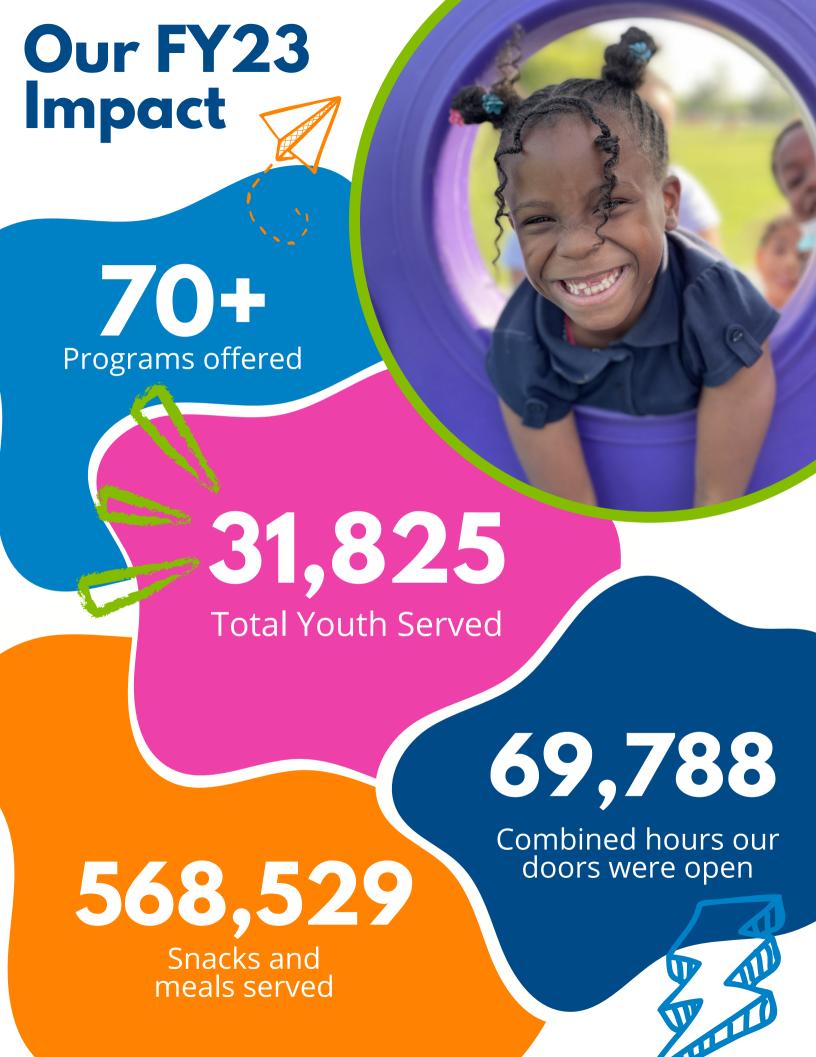




We are excited to share our FY23 Boys & Girls Clubs of Delaware Annual Report with you. This report offers insight into the programs that we offer, our partnerships with the community, and highlights the impact our Clubs have every single day on Delaware's youth.

During this past year, our organization underwent a restructure designed to better serve our members. We implemented new programs designed to meet the changing needs of today's youth, such as mental health and filling the education gaps caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. More than ever before, our Clubs serve as a place where members can have their needs met for community, food, and education. We are proud of our staff who continue to go above and beyond for our youth, ensuring that our Clubs remain a safe haven from the issues that they face on a daily basis.





### Character & Leadership

# Youth of the Year

This is my second year being a finalist, and it's really taught me that when you fall it's important to pick yourself back up again.

Shianne Reams-Bennett 2023 Delaware Youth of the Year

For 76 years, Youth of the Year, our signature leadership development program, has been a highlight for members, staff and supporters across the organization. Clubs select the young person they believe best represents the determination, talent and hard work our young people exhibit. Each nominee completes a detailed application process that focuses on the impact the Club has made in their life. The nominees then prepare to present their speech and be interviewed by a panel of judges. This year, our 2023 finalists had the opportunity to develop and improve their public speaking skills through the Dale Carnegie program, giving them the confidence they needed to tell their stories and share their experiences.



Our middle school-aged members also have the opportunity to showcase their hard work and Club kid mentality through Jr. Youth of the Year. This smaller-scaled program focuses on character, grades, and public speaking. Many of our Club locations hold Jr. Youth of the Year events to provide members with the opportunity to debut their public speaking skills, and get a taste of the Youth of the Year experience.

### **Arts & Culture**

# **SETA Pilot**

This year our Claymont Club, Clayton Elementary Club, and Oak Orchard Club locations had the opportunity to participate in a pilot program called Students Engaged with Traditional Arts (SETA). Funded by the Delaware Division of the Arts, the SETA program seeks to achieve three main goals:

**Arts Education**: Encourage exposure to diversified arts experiences for Delaware students (in and out of school)

**Artistic Diversity**: Introduce students to artistic expression and provide access to art forms that celebrate diverse cultures, including folk and traditional arts

Community Engagement: Expand community outreach and ongoing program support



I liked doing the needle art because it was a challenge and I learned something new.

Raniyah R. Oak Orchard Club Member

The Delaware Arts & Culture Sector contributed \$860 million to Delaware's economy in 2020

The Claymont Club located in New Castle County hosted Serena Joy. As a poet, rapper, and public speaker, Serena taught the students about poetry and storytelling while incorporating curriculum that discusses social-emotional learning. Together, Serena and participants wrote a poem titled "My voice".

The Clayton Elementary Club located in Kent County hosted Paco Samb. Paco is a master drummer with a special focus on African Drumming. He provided classes to groups of students, leading participants in a variety of beats and rhythms using 5 gallon buckets and drum sticks.

At the Oak Orchard Club, Kesha Braunskill taught lessons to students on beading and fish tanning. Participants descaled and dyed fish skins before drying and using the material to create beaded horseshoe crabs.



### **Education & Career**

# Capital One "Coders"

I learned how to make a
website using css and html,
and how to use everything
that is involved.
Neo S.
Capital One Coders Participant

At our Clarence Fraim and Greater Newark Clubs, Capital One employees volunteered their time to run the Capital One Coders program. This program explores mobile app development, web design, artificial intelligence, cybersecurity, and other emerging technologies through engaging mentorship. The purpose of the program is to demystify coding and provide exposure to career pathways that students can pursue even after the program ends.



Using Replit.com, students utilized templates that allowed them to understand the basic components needed for a website. From there, they created their own websites based on individual interests using html and css. Participants created websites focused on gaming, flowers, basketball, and even promoting their own YouTube channels. Each participant was matched with an individual mentor in order to receive focused instruction and assistance. Many participants fell in love with coding, doing research on their own time to bring ideas and questions to their mentors during the weekly sessions.

"I feel a sense of duty to be a present example of a software engineer who is black," said Tyler Andrews, software engineer at Capital One and a mentor from the program. "There aren't many of us and I want to show that this is a potential career path that anyone can obtain."

Capital One plans to continue the program in 2024 using the feedback they've received to make continued improvements to benefit participants. Programs like this equip our youth with the knowledge and skills they need to pursue successful careers!



### Health & Life Skills

## **Youth Support Services**

More than ever, our Club members face life challenges that can have devastating impacts to their mental health.

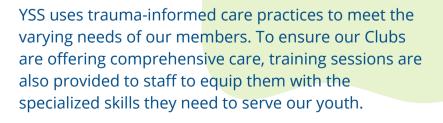
In response to this need, we launched Youth Support Services (YSS), a program designed to equip members with the knowledge and skills they need to handle these difficult situations. Thanks to initial funding from Highmark and ARPA, Boys & Girls Clubs of Delaware hired three master's level mental health professionals, one in each county, to address this growing need.

These mental health professionals led members through exercises and activities that taught them how to process and handle their emotions.

Members participated in art activities to express their feelings, filled mason jars with positive affirmations to motivate them at home, and participated in yoga, basketball and Jazzercise to understand how moving their bodies helps to regulate emotions. Using an evidence based program called CopetoThrive, our mental health professionals led groups in discussions of positive talk and affirmations. Parents were then provided with information so that families could implement the learned practices at home.

We have a wide range of children and families with a multitude of challenges including homelessness, food insecurity, child abuse/neglect, foster care and domestic abuse. Youth support services is able to help families navigate complicated systems to get the help they need.





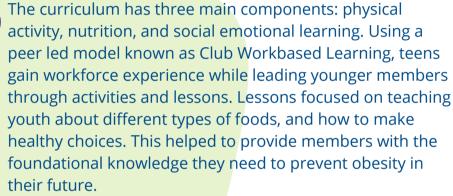


49% of Delaware children continue to struggle with mental health concerns

# Sports, Fitness & Recreation Triple Play

806 members participated in the Triple Play program

A subset of the Delaware Department of Health, the Physical Activity, Nutrition, and Obesity Prevention Program uses a public health approach to address the role of physical activity and nutrition in improving health and preventing chronic disease for Delawareans. After a successful pilot program in each of the three Delaware counties, nine of our Clubs across the state implemented the program this summer.



Following the lessons, students participated in a series of games and activities to get their bodies moving while learning about different ways to exercise. Afterwards, participants filled out exit tickets to ensure that they understood key takeaways from the program.

After the successful implementation of the program,
Boys & Girls Clubs of Delaware was invited to present the
program at the inaugural Advancing Healthy
Lifestyles conference and will present again to the
Delaware Cancer Consortium - Cancer Risk Reduction
Committee. Partnerships like Triple Play with the
Delaware Department of Health help to ensure our
members have the skills they need for a healthy future.

We learned about dairy, proteins, grains and vegetables. I learned it all for the first time.

Anthony R. Triple Play Participant



# Looking to the Future



Dear Friends,

I rejoined the Boys & Girls Clubs of Delaware team in 2022. Having spent my early career in our Clubs, I was excited to see the progress the organization had made during my time away. Today, I feel that same excitement looking at the programs and initiatives that are set to expand in 2024.

Our Youth Support Services team has plans and funding to expand services and bring on additional staff, allowing us to meet the mental health needs of even more youth in our Clubs through a programmatic response. These foundational teachings go far beyond being just a program for our members. They ensure that all aspects of their Club experience support their specific mental health needs. From our approach to youth interactions, program development, and outfitting spaces, all of these efforts should be guided by our commitment to social emotional learning and trauma-informed practices.

Our BookNook program continues to improve the reading and comprehension skills of our members. In 2024, we plan to increase the number of active users on the platform (youth who have completed 10 or more sessions) as well as lay the groundwork for implementing a similar math-focused program. Eventually, our Clubs will provide additional programming that targets all core academic supports.

I am also excited for our increased focus on program quality and emphasis on developing our staff and leaders. In 2024, we will invest more in professional development, creating clear systems and good pathways that grow staff skills and capabilities to provide the best Club experience for our members. We know this is key to driving greater impact for our kids.

I look forward to the upcoming year and know that our members will continue to grow and achieve incredible things within our Club walls!



# Thank You To Our Community Partners!



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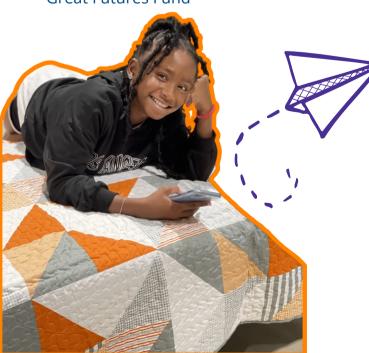
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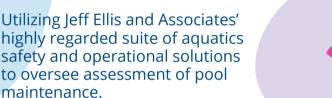
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**Commitment to Safety** 

We remain committed to providing safe and secure experiences for our members. In addition to following the guidelines of Boys & Girls Clubs of America's Child & Club Safety Team and Boys & Girls Clubs of Delaware's Safety & Security Committee, our Clubs have taken the following steps to ensure the safety of our kids.



Providing mandatory and regular training for all staff in child abuse awareness and reporting, in addition to monthly emergency response protocol drills.





Implementing updated standard response protocols developed by the "I Love You Guys" Foundation. These protocols are used nationwide and are aligned with FEMA.



Continuous improvements to our security camera systems and security procedures, with equipment and monitoring at all of our standalone Clubs.



Conducting comprehensive facility safety assessments on a regular basis.





Conducting criminal background checks and National Sex Offender Registry checks for all staff, board members and volunteers who have direct contact with children. Available resources include a confidential 24-hour toll-free Child Safety Hotline.



Adhering strictly to policies and procedures governing the supervision of children and youth, not only while they are on-site but also during activities outside of our facilities (e.g. field trips, playground).



# The Heritage Club

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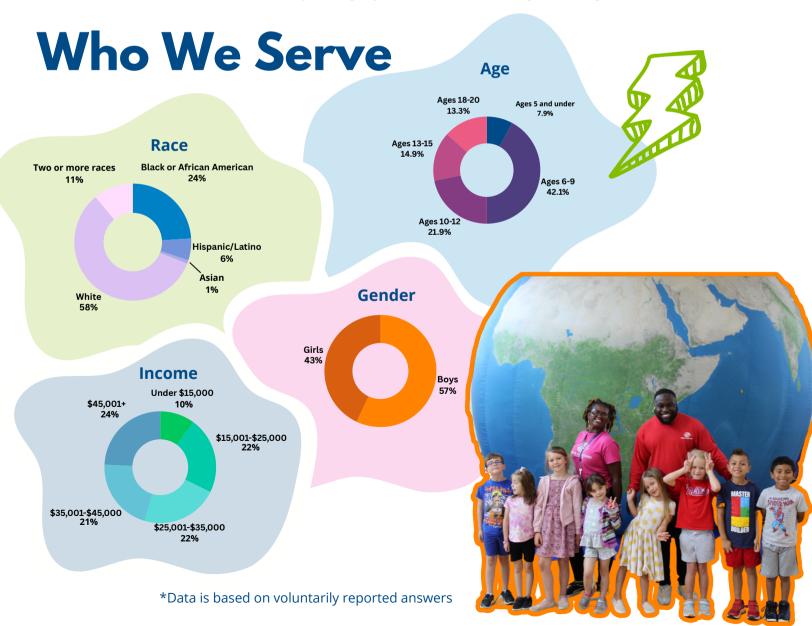
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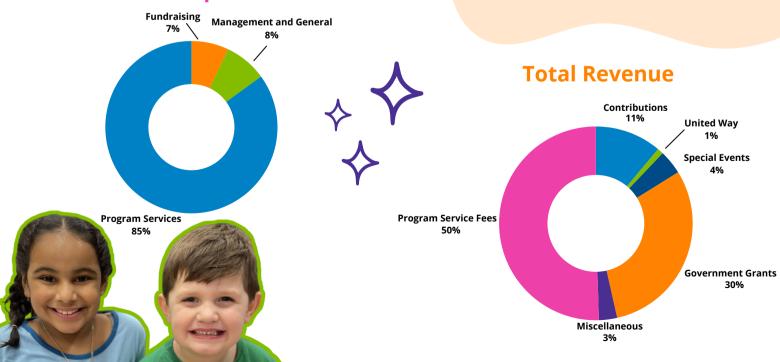
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# FY23 Financials

Assets	2023	2022
Cash and Cash Equivalents. Cash and Cash Equivalents- Restricted for Investment in Capital	\$5,789,871 \$1,080,714	\$8,127,835 \$2,312,598
Accounts Receivable (Net) Promised to Give (Net) Inventory Prepaid Expenses Investments Property & Equipment (Net)	\$1,485,255 \$93,461 \$28,936 \$144,180 \$16,603,810 \$22,574,959	\$2,345,034 \$47,939 \$29,306 \$61,763 \$15,756,475 \$18,350,964
Right-of-Use Asset - Operating Lease Retirement Assets (Section 457(b) Beneficial Interests in Charitable Trusts	\$495,439 \$99,553 \$2,086,620	\$46,239 \$2,033,102
Total Assets	\$50,482,798	\$49,111,255
Liabilities and Net Assets	2023	2022
Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenses	\$1, <mark>910,314</mark>	\$1,373,164
Refundable Advances	\$461 <mark>,115</mark>	\$103,689
Operating Lease Liabilities	\$495,4 <mark>39</mark>	-
Retirement Liabilities - Section 457(b)	\$99,553	\$46,239
Total Liabilities	\$2,966,4 <mark>21</mark>	\$1,523,092
Total Net Assets	\$47,516,3 <mark>77</mark>	\$47,588,163
Total Liabilities & Net Assets	\$50,482,7 <mark>98</mark>	\$49,111,255

### **Total Expenses**



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