

OUR MISSION

The mission of the Boys & Girls Club of Collier County is to empower all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens.

OUR VALUES

To 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.

"A child's zipcode or family finances shouldn't determine their future. Every child, no matter their upbringing, background or personal circumstances, should have opportunities for lifelong success."

- MEGAN MCCARTHY BEAUVAIS





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Dear Friends.

This year Boys & Girls Club of Collier County celebrates our 25th anniversary - one quarter century as a source of hope and opportunity for our community.

Our milestone anniversary offers the perfect opportunity to look back at all we have accomplished. The past few years have presented numerous challenges, but our Clubs have been able to overcome many obstacles. It's all thanks to the committed community of partners, supporters and donors who have made it possible for us to keep our mission moving forward.

Today, we have six thriving and successful core program areas that engage kids outside of school hours. These innovative, quality programs are designed to empower youth to excel in school and lead healthy, productive lives. Moving forward, you will see us advance efforts in areas like job readiness and sports, fitness, and play. We recognize that each of these areas contribute to our members' success in life.

We are grateful to all partners, supporters, board members, donors, volunteers, and staff who have committed themselves to the success of the Boys & Girls Club of Collier County and the young people we serve. Please accept our heartfelt gratitude for the past 25 years and stay tuned for the exciting things to come in the next 25!

After all, great futures start here.





Megan McCarthy Beauvais President & Chief Executive Officer



Susan Bass Bolch Chairman of the Board



Programs That Make a Difference

ART APPRECIATIONDancing into the Future

Arts programs are designed to foster creativity in young people and provide outlets for self-expression. In December, our dance team represented the Club at the annual Immokalee Community Parade while expressing their artistry through movement. Together, the team brought The Nutcracker to life as they danced, sang and walked alongside the float, inspiring the community around them.





CHARACTER & LEADERSHIP Shaping the Next Generation

The Junior Women of Initiative offers young women the opportunity to work side by side with an adult female mentor to develop important life skills. Club members like Thaisha gain a better understanding of themselves, envision a brighter future and set goals to help them accomplish their dreams. "Boys & Girls Club of Collier County has empowered me to build healthy relationships, value myself more, and communicate more effectively," she said.

EDUCATION & CAREER DEVELOPMENT

Enriching Academics with **STEM**

A beacon of learning for our Club members, the Cal Ripken Sr. Foundation STEM Center is the perfect example of an educational program that fosters academic growth. This year, a team of third and fourth grade students won bragging rights after landing in second place at this year's STEM competition. The creative group invented a game that explores how volcanic eruptions work. Using Rok blocks, Ozobot robots and circuit sets, the game poses academic questions in the fields of STEM.









HEALTH & LIFE SKILLS Observing World Kidney Day

Our wellness programs encourage youth to develop healthy habits, learn how to make positive choices and take personal responsibility for their actions. Fresenius Medical Care, along with The Kidney Kid, visited Club members to share all about why our kidneys are the superhero organs. Through educational discussions about health and wellness, our youth learned about positive behaviors that nurture their well-being and help them grow physically and emotionally.

SPORTS & RECREATION

Embracing Commitment & Community

Through sports clinics, league participation and recreation programs, kids can increase their self-esteem, accountability and engagement with others. Club members learn life lessons from the game of soccer by joining the Cobra Soccer Team in Immokalee, Florida. While Coach Touron and Coach Damas taught the fundamentals of soccer. young players also learned the importance of teamwork, dedication and community.





WORKFORCE **READINESS SKILLS Cooking Up a Better Future**

The Junior Culinary Arts Program provides teens 15 to 18 years with meaningful work, life and leadership skills through education and training that prepares our youth to join the workforce. Club teens like Juan build and master skills in the culinary arts, restaurant management and entrepreneurship. A six-year Club member, Juan completed his training and has now served as a junior staff member in this program for two years. According to Juan, "I have become more patient both at work, and at home. Our culinary coordinator, Jeremy, taught me what is now my favorite task - cleaning up after a long day!"

Dreaming of a Better Future

Featuring the Joseph Family





Dreaming of a better future for their children, Pierre and Marie Joseph moved to Immokalee, Florida in 2007.

Over the years, the entire family has engaged with Boys & Girls Club of Collier County. The oldest, Sotayouna was the first to join, immersing herself in programs and activities such as dancing, volunteering, becoming a Junior Staff Member, and even serving as president of the Keystone Club!

It's hard to believe that the ambitious and thoughtful Sota of today was once a shy, timid girl just eight years ago. "I was nervous when I first joined Boys & Girls Club. My first day, I walked in and sat by myself, scared that everyone was judging me. I found peers and staff members who were not judging me and wanted the best for me," she remembers.

"The Club shines on each of our children's potential and provides them with room to grow and fail – and the opportunities to try again. It's an extension of our family."

- Pierre Joseph

Sota credits her teacher Ms. TaSheekia, as well as the Mr. and Mrs. Manners program, for teaching her to respect herself and be the best she can be. Today, she is in her sophomore year at Florida Southwestern State College and aspires to become a radiologist.

Her brother, Lawence, joined with encouragement from his parents because he was going down the wrong path.





"I was hanging out with the wrong group of people, and the Club taught me leadership and how to be independent," he said.

Today, Lawence is entering his senior year of high school at Immokalee High School and concurrently obtaining vocational training in culinary skills at Immokalee Technical College. His goals include attending Florida Gulf Coast University and studying business management.

The younger Joseph children are also learning to take flight and dream big at Boys & Girls Club. Paola, 13, volunteers at the Club while her younger brothers Marlensky, 11, and Herbert, 6, enjoy drawing, playing with friends and growing up to become future community leaders.

Pierre is also involved and takes the time to tutor children through our after school programs at Miracle. A former elementary school principal in Haiti, Pierre has always valued education and the role schools play in a child's life. Leading by example and eager to provide the best for his family, he enrolled at Hodges University and completed English as a Second Language courses. He has since graduated with a bachelor's degree in clinical mental health, showing his children firsthand how to pursue their dreams and empower their future.

When Pierre and Marie think about their children's future. it brings smiles to their faces.

"Our kids are happy, kind to others, and making a difference as leaders in their communities," they explained.



Meet the Club Members You Are Supporting

For over 25 years, Boys & Girls Club of Collier County has been there for thousands of local kids and families when they need us most: after school, all day in the summer, and even during days off from school. Our Club members have access to a wealth of programming that has the power to positively shape and change their lives. We do whatever it takes to ensure all kids have a great future.



CASSANDRA

Nichols Club

When Cassandra first came to The Club, she was shy and reserved. Through her time here, Cassandra has blossomed. Today, she is developing great relationships with other members and staff, and growing in independence. She is known around the club for showcasing her many talents on the drums and stellar dance moves.

JUAN

Bolch Club

Juan has always loved being in the kitchen. During his spring break, Juan participated in the Lorenzo Walker Technical College Spring Career Exploration Camp. During this time, Juan and his fellow Club members explored automotive, culinary, drafting, healthcare and marine service careers. Juan was inspired by the opportunities available after high school in the Culinary Arts. A future chef in the making!





MIA & LEILANI

Miracle

Mia and Leilani have been Club members for two years. Staff has seen their greatest growth take place interpersonally. Both have learned how to express their emotions in a positive manner, respect each other's differences and have become best friends. Their favorite game to play is the "smiling/talking" game, where they both end up laughing as they practice actively listening and responding to each other and growing their bond of what is sure to be a lifelong Club friendship.

SOFIA

Alum Member

The staff at The Club encouraged Sofia to give dance class an opportunity when she first joined. It was in the dance studio that she began to feel comfortable and confident in herself. Sofia is graduating FGCU in December 2022 and has plans of attending medical school. Sofia credits The Club for teaching her discipline and showing her that she is capable of anything she sets her mind to.



25 Years 2 Clubs 7 School-Based Sites 112 Club Staff 33 Community Partners 620 Committed Donors

+ 4,000 = YOUTH



1997

Boys & Girls Club of Collier County forms to enable all young people to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens.

2000

A \$4 million fundraising campaign allows a 10-acre site on Davis Boulevard to be purchased, and construction begins on a permanent facility.





2012

The Baker Field and Technology Center are completed at Nichols Campus along with three schoolbased sites, reaching a total of 2,000 children and teens.

1998

The Club and its programs outgrow the capacity of the leased space after serving 100+ youth each day.





2006

Nichols Campus in Naples, Florida is open for all youth and teens, increasing the number served to 790 children.

2013

Boys & Girls Club of Collier County earns a 4-Star Charity Rating from Charity Navigator.





2015

A groundbreaking ceremony dedicates the new Bolch Campus in Immokalee, Florida for use.





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2019

Construction of Baker Field, a new turf soccer field, is completed at Bolch Campus. Made possible through partnerships with the Naples Children & Education Foundation and the Cal Ripken, Sr. Foundation, Baker Field offers numerous physical education and wellness options for students.

Boys & Girls Club of Collier County celebrates its 25th anniversary, annually serving more than 4,000 youth from two Club locations, Nichols Campus and Bolch Campus, along with seven school-based sites in Immokalee.



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2022





2016

The grand opening of Immokalee's new Bolch Campus attracts nearly 500 youth at initial enrollment.

2020

The Miracle program is acquired, and quickly Boys & Girls Club becomes the largest out-of-school provider in Immokalee, with seven school-based sites and one Club location.



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Giving Is Living

Featuring Mary Pat Hussey







Mary Pat Hussey and her late husband Frank moved to Naples in 1972, where they raised their three children in paradise. Anxious to get involved, Mary Pat immediately immersed herself in Collier County's philanthropic education communities.

From volunteering at her children's schools to being a founding trustee of the Naples Winter Wine Festival, community involvement has always played a central role in Mary Pat and Frank's lives. "After immersing myself in the community, I wanted to get involved with one thing, one thing that I believed in, and be able to pour my heart and soul into it. That was and still is very important to me." said Mary Pat.

She learned about Girls Incorporated at a luncheon.

and at that moment, she knew she found her calling. She immediately joined the board. Six months later, she was asked to serve as chair of the board. The rest is history!

"I feel like it was just yesterday that we (Girls Incorporated) joined Boys & Girls Club of America, welcoming boys into the Club. We then purchased the 10 acres of land that is now home to the Nichols Campus in Naples, later expanding to Immokalee where we have seven school-based sites and one Club," recalled Mary Pat.



For more than 25 years, Mary Pat has served a multitude of roles including board president, board member, and chair of multiple committees such as the capital campaign and board development. By far, her favorite role is introducing new people to the Club and the youth.

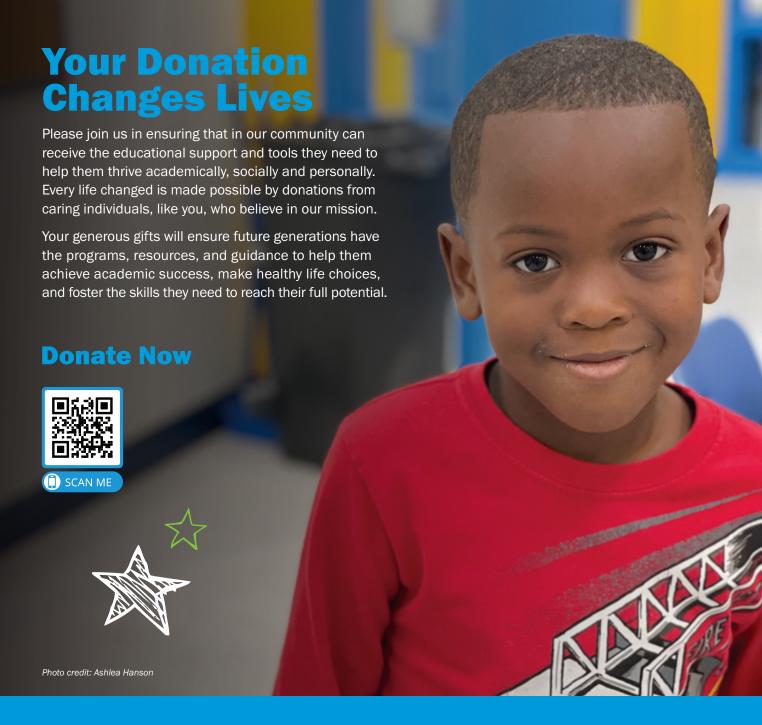
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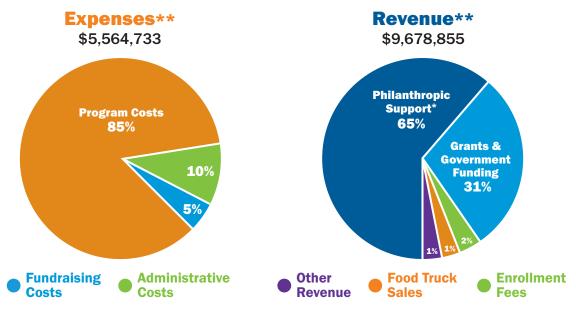
Mary Pat has made an undeniable impact at Boys & Girls Club of Collier County. When it came time to identify the 2022 Giving is Living recipient, President and CEO Megan McCarthy Beauvais knew exactly who to honor. "The Giving is Living award recognizes the everyday heroes who support the youth in our community. Mary Pat is selfless in her service - and passionate," said Megan.

"I was honored, but it's not about the recognition for me," explained Mary Pat. "It's important to give to your community. Growing up, my parents were blue-collar workers and instilled the importance of giving back and helping no matter what."

Mary Pat's investments continue to provide youth in the community a place to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens. "We are a second home, a safe space for youth, and that's powerful," said Mary Pat.



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