



Our Mission

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Hartford enables all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring and responsible citizens.

2017

IMPACT REPORT



“*The Boys & Girls Club helped me grow into a better person.*”

Derrick Fields
2018 Southwest Youth of the Year

Life before the Club wasn't always great. In 2012, I was diagnosed with brain cancer. I found myself lost...and questioned who really cared. I was fortunate to find the Boys & Girls Clubs of Hartford.

At the Club, I would feel care-free, if only for a few hours. I could just be me, not a patient or a student, but a normal kid who wanted to have fun. The Club showed me no matter how tough your life can be, you can always strive and work hard to accomplish your dreams.

The Club provided me with an opportunity to step up as a leader and be held responsible. I am now the President of my Keystone Club, a leadership group focused on community service.

I am proud to announce that I will be continuing my education this fall at Morehouse College with the support of my Club family.



The Club Experience

Boys & Girls Clubs fill the gap between school and home. We provide welcoming, positive environments in which kids and teens have fun, participate in life-changing programs, and build supportive relationships with peers and caring adults.



The Need in Our State

Every day 112,100 kids in Connecticut leave school with nowhere to go.¹ They risk being unsupervised, unguided and unsafe.

Our Reach



Member Demographics



Demonstrating Our Positive Impact



ACADEMIC SUCCESS

The Need

28% of young people in Hartford, CT fail to graduate from high school on time.²

What We Do

Through programs like Power Hour, an after school homework assistance initiative, Club members have help and support to complete homework and get the extra assistance they need.

Our Impact

Among our teen-aged Club members, **93%** expect to graduate from high school, and **89%** expect to complete some kind of post-secondary education.

The Need

18% of high-school youth in Connecticut were involved in a physical fight in the past year.³

What We Do

Club members engaged in Keystone Club are exposed to opportunities within the Club and in the community centered around academic success, career preparation and community service.

Our Impact

74% of Club teen members volunteer in their community at least once per year, while **50%** volunteer in their community at least once per month.



GOOD CHARACTER AND CITIZENSHIP



HEALTHY LIFESTYLES

The Need

14% of young people ages 13-18 in Connecticut are overweight or obese.⁴

What We Do

Through programs like Triple Play, which promotes critical development in three main areas: Mind, Body & Soul, Club members learn how to make smart food choices and stay physically active.

Our Impact

84% of Club members ages 9 and older report getting at least an hour of physical activity on five or more days per week.

How You Can Help



With your generous support, Boys & Girls Clubs of Hartford will create opportunities to help more kids and teens achieve great futures. To make a donation or to learn about other ways you can help, contact **Matthew Broderick, VP of Development, Boys & Girls Clubs of Hartford, 860.929.7665. www.bgchartford.org**

GREAT FUTURES START HERE.



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¹ America After 3PM, Afterschool Alliance, <http://afterschoolalliance.org/AA3PM/>

² Connecticut State Department of Education - www.sde.ct.gov

³ Centers for Disease Control - www.cdc.gov

⁴ Obesity Prevention - www.cdc.gov