



Our Mission

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

2019

IMPACT REPORT



“*The Club is my safe haven. Whenever I walk in here, I know that I am safe.*”

Paris Hancel

Asylum Hill SMART Girl of the Year

Paris Hancel is a 10th grader at East Hartford High School and a five year member of our Asylum Hill Club. Dealing with bullying and self-esteem issues, Paris looked to her friends and staff members at the Club for guidance and advice.

Paris credits the SMART Girls program with making her more confident and self-aware: "Participating in SMART Girls has taught me the importance of self-love, self-pride, my character and to better understand and navigate uncomfortable situations. I have found my worth here."

When she isn't in school, Paris assists with her school athletics program, is on the yearbook committee and is the Vice President of Student Council, all while maintaining a 4.0 GPA. After high school, she hopes to attend the University of Florida, and continue on to law school.

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 109,150 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

29% of young people in Hartford fail to graduate from high school on time.²

What We Do

Our unique approach to workforce readiness prepares youth for success in their first jobs and creates a clear pathway to their chosen career goals.

Our Impact

Among our teen-aged Club members, **94%** expect to graduate from high school, and **87%** expect to complete some kind of post-secondary education.

The Need

17% 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

68% of Club teen members volunteer in their community at least once per year, while **54%** volunteer in their community at least once per month.



GOOD CHARACTER AND CITIZENSHIP



HEALTHY LIFESTYLES

The Need

12% of young people ages 10-17 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

56% 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. Visit www.bgchartford.org/donate to donate online.

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

² Connecticut State Department of Education - <http://edsight.ct.gov>

³ Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System (YRBSS) - <https://nccd.cdc.gov/youthonline>

⁴ State of Childhood Obesity - <https://stateofchildhoodobesity.org>