



2025 IMPACT REPORT



Our Mission

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

The Club Experience

Boys & Girls Clubs fill the gap between school and home. They 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 Nation

Every day in America, more than 11 million kids leave school with nowhere to go. They risk being unsupervised, unguided and unsafe.

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Valerie M.

2025 Youth of the Year
Boys & Girls Club of Camden County

"I FELT LIKE I BELONGED."

Valerie has been a Club Member for 9 years and is in JROTC. She was a top 4 finalist in the New Jersey Youth of the Year competition, is a mentor, and advocates for both english & spanish speakers providing support and guidance.

"The first time I stepped into the Boys & Girls Club, I did not know that this was to be the beginning of something great. I created bonds which have now developed into support, learning opportunities, and guidance and long-standing friendships. During summer camp, we created short presentations that were exciting and allowed us to develop important skills, which I now use in high school, such as planning, teamwork, effective communication and responsibility."

"My Boys & Girls Club experience began due to my mother needing help with childcare, however, it turned out to be much better for both of us. I've made many friendships, gained mentors, great skills and even obtained my first job out of it. This is and will continue to be, one of the most rewarding experiences for me. After attending summer camp for 6 years, I can say I do not know where I would be today without the Boys & Girls Club. This is a great opportunity for me to begin working on my goal of helping youth be on the right track and do positive things, instead of making poor decisions and committing crimes."

**"I learned how to swim,
thanks to the staff that
kept me motivated to
ensure my success."**





BeGreatCamden.org Social: @BGCCamden



Programs

The Club continues to serve young people in Camden, providing a safe place to learn and grow. We continue to change schedules and programing based on feedback and interests. For instance, we added a Pokemon Club and ESports league. We continue to add bi-lingual staff to effectively communicate with Club families.



Kids Served

The After-School Program (6 - 12 yr. olds) served 218 registered Club Members with an average daily attendance of 131, including Club Members that were part of the 21st Century Community Learning Center. There were 75 registered Teens with an average daily attendance of 45. Summer Camp had 130 registered Club Members with 118 average daily attendance.



Help us celebrate
25 years
of serving
Camden youth!

Family Food Boxes

The Club has distributed 923 supplemental food to our Club Families this past year. For Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas, the food boxes contained many extras, sometimes even a \$25 gift card to buy a turkey, ham, etc. at Shop Rite.



**923 Family
Food Boxes =
\$74,590**

FUTURE READY

Boys & Girls Clubs Reach:

5,200+

Boys & Girls Club sites in neighborhoods,
schools, public housing, U.S. military
installations and Native lands.



67,000

Adult Staff



320,000

Volunteers



1.7M

Youth Served through Community Outreach



1.6M

Registered Members



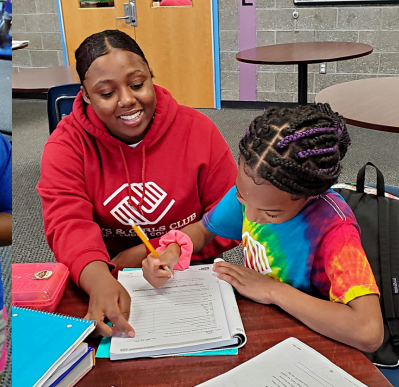
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Youth Served



MY FUTURE





Monthly Donors

Monthly Donors make a greater impact and offer the opportunity to spread the donation out over time. It provides consistent and reliable funds to support all the programs for our Camden youth. Please consider becoming a Monthly Donor or increasing your current level to make a greater impact.

Here are some of our amazing Monthly Partners doing great things.

Many heartfelt thanks to our monthly partners.

Michealia Bracey	Christopher McFadden
Geoff Carlton	Sabine Mehnert-Roehm
Edward Carr	Meghan Minton
Howard Chapman	Debra Moran
Erin Clarke	Heather Quinn
Robert Curley	Jason Rivera
Sandra Davis	Valerie Schlitt
Thomas Do	Barbara Seaman
Gerald Grossman	Bernadette Shanahan
Kettlie Hyppolite	Ralph Spohn
Juanita Jones	Reginald Stevenson
Altheia Leduc	Nicole Wadlinger
Ronald Lieberman	Anthony Welch

Much appreciation to our NEW & Increased monthly partners..

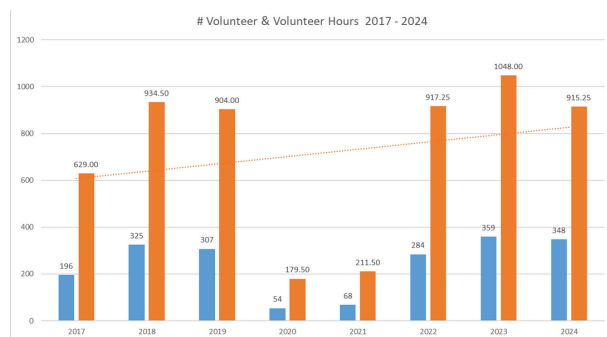
Dr. Nathaniel Evans	Jessica Hurst
Dr. Daniel Gottlieb	Jason Meldrum

Volunteers

Thank you to our incredible & increasing # of Volunteers.



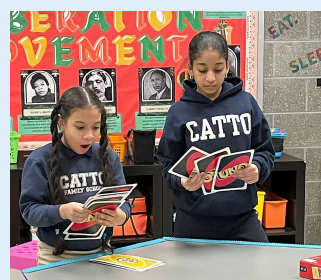
Clubsgiving Volunteers 2024



Club Highlights

Club Members participated in numerous STEAM projects, field trips, tutoring, reading challenges, swimming, sports, art projects, Clubs, mentoring, competitions ... and so much more. We honored Adam Malamut, Esq. and alkemy x at our Annual BE GREAT Gala. Club Families were blessed with monthly food distributions, a fabulous Clubsgiving dinner & a show, holiday gifts and shopping sprees at Kohl's and with Philadelphia Eagles' AJ Brown. Holiday blessings were abundant with the help of our Adopt a Family sponsors and WXTU Toy Truck Parade. Thank you all!!!

Looking forward to celebrating 25 years and so many more years of serving our Camden youth.





Message from the CEO

Dear Members and Partners,
As we reflect on the past year—one marked by meaningful progress and ongoing uncertainty—I remain deeply inspired by the strength, adaptability, and unity of the BGCCC community. In a time when so much remains in flux, your steadfast support continues to propel our mission forward.

Even as the world changes around us, our focus remains clear: building a resilient, future-ready organization that can meet the needs of our youth and families with excellence. Through our “Future Ready” planning, we’ve identified key areas for innovation, sustainability, and long-term growth. In addition, we will be launching an organizational sustainability plan to ensure that our impact endures for generations to come, and we are poised to launch an overarching organizational climate and culture survey to better understand and support the people at the heart of our work.

I am especially proud of the creativity, passion, and perseverance our youth have shown across all our programs. BGCCC continues to thrive as a vibrant hub of learning, connection, and opportunity. The dedication of our team and board members, coupled with the enthusiasm of our young people, has been nothing short of inspiring.

To our donors, sponsors, and partners: thank you. Your generosity and belief in our mission are instrumental in helping us serve and grow during times of both change and promise.

Together, we have navigated uncertainty with courage and clarity. And while the future will undoubtedly bring more questions, I am confident that—with your continued support—we will meet them with purpose, passion, and partnership. Thank you for being part of this incredible journey.

Warmly,
Bernadette A. Shanahan, CEO

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FUTURE READY

- **Academic Success:** Through our Project Learn and Power Hour, we support and complement the children’s schoolwork. The programs are designed to provide support needed to be successful scholars.
- **Health & Well Being:** Our Triple Play program is a comprehensive health and wellness initiative. We strive to improve the overall health of members ages 6 – 18, by increasing daily physical activity, teaching good nutrition, and helping to develop healthy relationships. Triple Play provides information about making balanced nutritional choices, leading an active lifestyle, and increasing self-esteem.
- **Character & Leadership:** Our programs build character and leadership opportunities leading our Club Members to develop into contributing citizens. We develop Club Member’s capacity to engage in positive behaviors that nurture their own well-being, set personal goals, and live successfully as self-sufficient adults.
- **Life & Workforce Readiness:** Our programs help Club Members develop life skills and be ready to enter the workforce with experience. The Job Ready program helps our Club Members research jobs, practice interviewing, learn about expectations and appearances, work on resumes and practice role playing. Our Money Matters teaches Club Members everyday life skills.

Club Alum Spotlight



Damien F.

Club Alum &
Graduate of Montclair State University

ESPORTS & POKEMON CLUBS

Damien leads the Pokemon Club and ESports League with passion, creativity and determination.





Damien Fuchs
Title: Youth Development Professional
School/Organization: Boys & Girls Club of Camden County
Location: New Jersey, United States

Damien Fuchs is a Youth Development Professional at the Boys & Girls Club Of Camden County. Damien was born in Camden, NJ and is also a alumni club member at the Boys & Girls Club of Camden County. He holds a Bachelors of Science in Information Technology from Montclair State University. He is also a member of the Theta Chi Phi chapter of the Alpha Chi Rho Fraternity.

"I chose to become a NASEF Scholastic Fellow because I wanted to expand my knowledge of the esports scene and be able to give back to my community."

“The Club was usually my sanctuary away from home.”

“I can outgrow the Club but the Club can’t outgrow me.”

The Club taught me “that it’s what I do with my story that determines a future outcome.”