



# 2026 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.

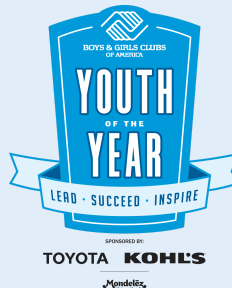
## The Need in Our Nation

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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**Ethan F.**

2026 Youth of the Year  
Boys & Girls Club of Camden County

**I WAS TOLD, "YOU'VE GOT A LOT OF ENERGY THAT CAN BE USED TO WARM A ROOM OR BURN IT DOWN. IT'S YOUR CHOICE."**

What I learned at the Club:

"He didn't give me a speech – he gave me a job... it was the first time someone had given me responsibility instead of consequences."

"The skills I once used to argue and deflect – my loud voice and stubbornness – slowly transformed into tools for communication and perseverance. I learned to set goals, not just for winning games, but for helping younger members learn to play or finish a worksheet. I went from avoiding peers to building real friendships, and from seeing adults as enforcers to viewing mentors like Mr. King as guides."

"I learned to cooperate instead of argue. I started casual conversations that turned into real friendships. It was where I let my guard down and allowed myself to belong."

"It felt like a place where I could reset, connect, and enjoy being at the Club. Through that enjoyment, I found belonging. It taught me positive change... sometimes it comes from having a place where you can just be – and in being, become better."





## Programs

The Club continues to provide a safe place to learn and grow. We change schedules and programming based on feedback and interests. For instance, we added a Pokemon Club and ESports league last year, with the ESports Girls Team making it to the playoffs again this year. 3-D printer projects, football & basketball watch parties, and the teen pottery class are all big hits this year. Extra enrichment & tutoring by certified teachers, skills building games for math & vocabulary, and the pop-up library are helping those most in need. Monthly pep rallies encourage and recognize members. Clubs and theater provide opportunities for social & emotional growth, public speaking, team work and building confidence. We add bi-lingual staff to effectively communicate with Club families.



## Kids Served

The After-School Program (6 - 12 yr. olds) served 139 registered Club Members with an average daily attendance of 87, including Club Members that were part of the 21st Century Community Learning Center. There were 55 registered Teens with an average daily attendance of 26. Summer Camp had 150 registered Club Members with 116 average daily attendance.

## Family Food Boxes

The Club has distributed 905 supplemental food to our Club Families this past year at a 14% increase in cost. For Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas, the food boxes contained many extras, sometimes even a \$25 gift card to buy a turkey, ham, etc. at ShopRite.



**905 Family  
Food Boxes =  
\$84,746**

## FUTURE READY Boys & Girls Clubs Reach:

**5,500+**

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



**4 Million+**

**Youth Served**





Pool Repairs  
2026



## 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.

|                      |                         |
|----------------------|-------------------------|
| Philip Attardi       | Sabine Mehnert-Roehm    |
| Michealia Bracey     | Jason Meldrum           |
| Edward Carr          | Meghan Minton           |
| Erin Clarke          | Debra Moran             |
| Robert Curley        | Heather Quinn           |
| Sandra Davis         | Jason Rivera            |
| Thomas Do            | Jacquelyn Torres Roscoe |
| Dr. Nathaniel Evans  | Valerie Schlitt         |
| Dr. Daniel Gottlieb  | Barbara Seaman          |
| Gerald Grossman      | Bernadette Shanahan     |
| Denise Jackson       | Jason Spang             |
| Juanita Jones        | Ralph Spohn             |
| Altheia Leduc        | Reginald Stevenson      |
| Thomas Leisse        | Nicole Wadlinger        |
| Ronald Lieberman     | Anthony Welch           |
| Christopher McFadden | Denise Wildish          |

## Club Highlights

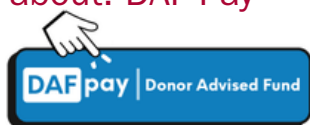
Club Members participated in numerous STEAM projects, field trips, tutoring, reading challenges, swimming, sports, art projects, Clubs, mentoring, competitions ... and so much more. We celebrated 25 years at our Annual BE GREAT Gala. Club Families were blessed with monthly food distributions, a fabulous Clubsgiving dinner & a show, holiday gifts and shopping sprees at Kohl's & Dick's. Holiday blessings were abundant with the help of our Adopt a Family sponsors, Philadelphia Eagles and WXTU Toy Truck Parade. We also had to repair the pool surface in time for Summer Camp.

Thank you all!!!

Looking forward to celebrating another 25 years of serving our Camden youth!

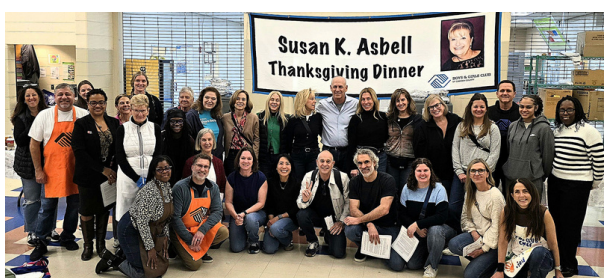


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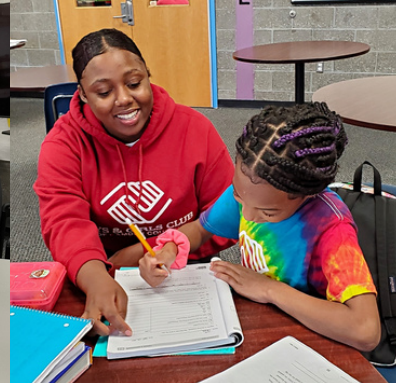
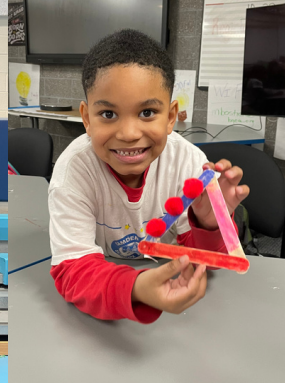


## Volunteers

Thank you to our incredible & increasing # of Volunteers. We had 10% more volunteers and 25% increase in volunteer hours.



Clubsgiving Volunteers 2025



## Message from the CEO

Dear Members and Partners,

As we celebrate 25 years of serving the children and families of Camden County, I am filled with gratitude and optimism for all we have accomplished together. This year reminded us that while challenges are inevitable, our commitment to our mission—and to the young people who count on us every day—never wavers.

Throughout the year, we continued preparing the Club for the future by investing in our facilities, programs, and people. We successfully brought our new HVAC system online, expanded opportunities for teens through our growing Esports program, and continued to build a Club where every young person can discover their passions, develop new skills, and feel a true sense of belonging.

Like many organizations, we faced unexpected hurdles. Significant repairs to our pool, including replacing the pump and addressing the aging pool surface, required considerable time and resources. Yet, because of the dedication of our staff, supporters, and partners, we never lost sight of what mattered most—ensuring children had access to life-changing programs, including our annual Water Safety Camp, which continues to equip young people with lifesaving skills and confidence in and around the water.

When changes in child care funding threatened many local families, our team rallied alongside parents and community partners to advocate for the children who needed us most. Supporting families extends beyond our walls, which is why we also continued our monthly grocery distribution program, helping ease food insecurity for hundreds of households, and expanded learning opportunities through our Pop-Up Library, putting books directly into the hands of children and encouraging a lifelong love of reading.

None of these accomplishments would have been possible without the unwavering support of our Board of Trustees, staff, volunteers, donors, community partners, and, most importantly, the families who place their trust in us every day. Because of you, we are not only celebrating 25 years of impact—we are building a Future Ready Club that will empower the next generation of leaders for decades to come.

Thank you for believing in our mission and investing in the limitless potential of every child who walks through our doors. The future has never been brighter.

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



### Amir King

#### Club Alum & Club Professional

At 7 years old, I stepped into the Boys & Girls Club as just another kid looking for a place to exist—but what I found there would go on to define every version of me that followed. From 7 to 14, I didn't just grow up—I was built. Mentors like Mr. William Hillman, Mr. Jahmir Daaliyah, Ms. Asha, and Mr. Darius poured into me, teaching me discipline, creativity, emotional intelligence, and leadership when I needed it most.

At 16, I came back as a youth worker, determined to give back to the place that gave me everything. Through the Job Ready program, and under the guidance of Mr. Newlin Marshall and Mr. Patrick Faulk, I found purpose in hard work, professionalism, and service—earning over 100 hours while giving my all to the Club and to Camden.

By 18, I became a Youth Development Professional, carrying a mission bigger than myself. With leaders like my supervisor Mr. Rasohn—who became a major figure in my life—and Ms. Bernadette, who continues to open doors and believe in my greatness, I've been empowered to grow, lead, and inspire. I now stand in front of young people who remind me of myself, determined to be the same role model I once needed.

I was blessed with a full-ride scholarship from Brett and Andy Levin of MHS Lift to attend Rowan University—a testament to what's possible. But my journey hasn't been without pain. In 2022, I lost my best friend Tra'von to gun violence. That loss changed me—but it didn't stop me. It fueled me. It gave me a deeper purpose: to reach kids before the streets do, to give them hope where there is doubt, and to show them that their story doesn't have to end the way statistics say it will.

As I approach 26 years old and step into my 10th year working at the Club, I don't just reflect on the path—I honor it. I think about all those who came before me, the greats who set the bar high, and I carry their legacy with me. But I'm not here to simply follow in footsteps—I'm here to build my own legacy. I want to be one of the greatest to ever do it, to give my all to Camden, and to make sure the next generation has even more than I did.

The Boys & Girls Club didn't just save me—it shaped me, tested me, and sent me back with purpose. And I carry that purpose with pride, because every day I carry something heavier than myself—the weight of Camden, and the responsibility to make sure it rises.

***I didn't always know who I was supposed to become—but now, after everything, I know exactly who I am becoming.***