



Year End Review | 2023



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OF CHAMPION VALLEY

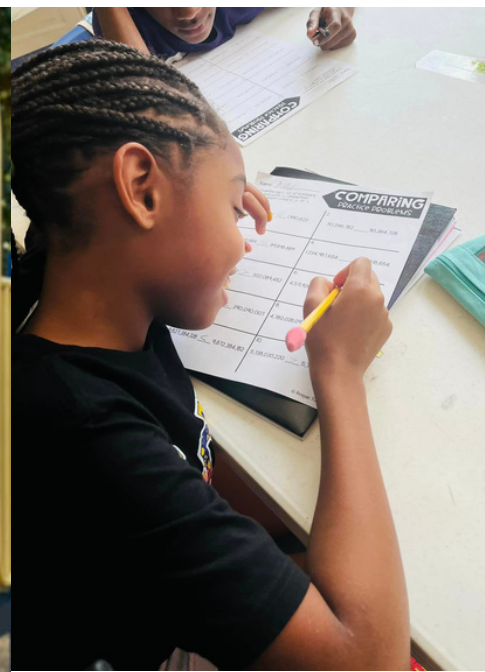
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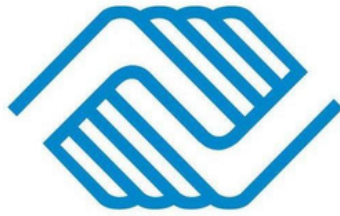


MISSION

**TO ENABLE ALL YOUNG PEOPLE,
ESPECIALLY THOSE WHO NEED US
MOST, TO REACH THEIR FULL
POTENTIAL AS PRODUCTIVE,
CARING, RESPONSIBLE CITIZENS.**

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR JENNIFER OWENS

“I have been with Boys & Girls Clubs of Champion Valley now for a total of over 5 years and can honestly say that I never thought I could be so passionate about something. After about 4 years I left due to personal reasons. I was gone for a year and a half and felt like something was missing the entire time. The Clubs is what was missing. The fire that I had in my heart for this organization was missing because I wasn’t there anymore. When I came back in 2022, that flame was reignited and has never burned brighter.

Our 3 Clubs mean so much to me. I have watched so many of our Club members grow as young people just from being at the Clubs. Some were so shy, but now from having the true Club experience, they can talk to anyone. Some were so afraid of getting in front of people to speak, but now we see them in speaking events in UIL or giving presentations at school because those are the types of things we help them with here.





I can honestly say that we have amazing Club Directors, program staff, administration and Board of Directors that truly care about our members. We work together with one goal in mind which is to stay true to our mission: *to enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens*”.



BOARD CHAIR MELANIE RAMIREZ

“As we reflect upon the challenges and transformations of the past year, it is evident that the Boys & Girls Clubs of Champion Valley has endured them with resilience and unity.

Since our establishment in 2004, we have consistently provided programs and services that go beyond the ordinary in Weimar, Schulenburg, and Columbus communities. Boys & Girls Clubs are more than safe havens; they are vibrant spaces where learning, growth, and fun intersect, laying the foundation for countless great futures.

We are grateful for the unwavering support of our dedicated community,   volunteers, donors, and staff. It has been instrumental in bringing our mission to life and we are excited about the opportunities that lie ahead, building new collaborations with local organizations and businesses, fresh fundraising initiatives, and elevating our marketing efforts.

This annual report encapsulates the impact made on the lives of youth we serve, highlighting the transformative experiences, growth, and positive outcomes resulting from our programs and support.

Together, we will continue to make a lasting difference in the lives of the youth in our rural communities.”



CLUB STAFF

Executive Director - Jennifer Owens
Administrative Assistant - Olivia Wettstein
Club Coordinator - Brian Novak
Club Directors

Weimar Club - Anita Cook
5 part-time staff

Schulenburg Club - Nikita Glass
5 part-time staff

Columbus Club - Royce Caldwell
5 part-time staff



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Board Chair - Melanie Ramirez
VP Resource Development - Morgan Barten
VP Support - Tina Robinson
VP Communication - Troy Brenek
Secretary - Mariette Bellamy
Treasurer - Walt Rognerud
Ken Bigham
Terri Brasher
Al Gilbertson
Todd Jacobs
Rob Marshall
Nancy Stiles
Jannette Streit



OUR STORY



Since 2004, Boys & Girls Clubs of Champion Valley have provided programs and services that promote and enhance the development of Weimar, Schulenburg and Columbus youth by instilling a sense of competence, belonging, usefulness and influence.

We are a safe place to learn and grow, all while having fun. A place where great futures are started each and every day.

OUR BELIEFS



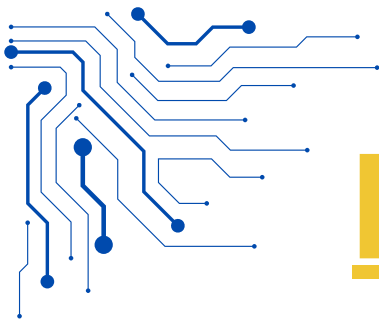
A safe place to learn and grow.

Ongoing relationships with caring adult professionals and character development experiences.

Life-enhancing programs and character development experiences.

Hope and opportunity.





LOOKING FORWARD



One of our biggest goals in 2023 was to be able to install a camera system at our Weimar Club as it was the only one of our 3 Clubs to not have one. We were graciously granted funds from the Weimar Methodist Foundation to be able to do this and are currently in the middle of making these plans come to fruition.

We continue to work toward our goal of upgrading our technology at all of our locations. Many of our members do not have access to computers and/or internet outside of the Club which puts them at a huge disadvantage in this day and age. Updated technology will definitely help our Club members be able to work on any online homework and/or projects during Power Hour each day and it will allow us to bring in new programs.

UPCOMING EVENTS



BGC CHAMPION VALLEY 20TH CELEBRATION!



MARCH 2024
BEST O' LUCK
BINGO



JULY 2024
TASTE OF
COLUMBUS



OCTOBER 2024
SWING &
BLAST





OUR APPROACH ON EDUCATION

- **Education & Career Development**

- Club members create aspirations for the future providing opportunities for career exploration and educational enhancement.

- **Character & Leadership Development**

- Helping our youth become responsible, caring citizens and acquire skills for participating in the democratic process is the main thrust of these programs.

CLUB

PROGRAMMING

- **Health & Life Skills**

- These initiatives develop young people's capacity to engage in positive behaviors that nurtures their own well-being.

- **The Arts**

- Programs in this core area enable youth to develop their creativity and cultural awareness.

- **Sports, Fitness & Recreation**

- These Club programs help develop fitness, a positive use of leisure time, reductions of stress, appreciation of the environment, and social and interpersonal skills.



COMMUNITY PROGRAMMING

In 2023, we saw an influx of community support for our organization. Our Columbus Club has a group of women, The Girl Friends, who come in every week to meet with some of our girls. At our Weimar Club, the Weimar Encore Lions Club comes in every other week to work with our Smart Girls group. In both of these programs, our members learn how to become respectful and well-mannered young women, they learn about different careers that they can possibly have when they get older, hobbies they can partake in such as photography, making floral arrangements, or cooking/baking, and so much more.



OUR APPROACH ON COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT



FUNDING

When it comes to funding our organization, we are primarily funded by 3 main sources: grants, fundraisers, and individual giving.

While we are blessed enough to have received multiple local grants in 2023, one of our biggest funders continues to be the Stanzel Family Foundation. Not only did they help bring Boys & Girls Clubs to our communities, but we have been granted major funds from them to help with our general operations. Last year, we hosted our annual Taste of Columbus event at our Columbus Club and our Swing & Blast event was held at the Big Easy Ranch in Columbus. We are currently in the midst of planning our first ever Best O' Luck Bingo event on March 17, 2024 at The Oaks at High Hill.

These events also include silent and/or live auctions, raffles and other means of additional fundraising.

Taste of Columbus and Taste of the Towns are events where local organizations form chef teams and prepare a dish of their choosing for a chance to win best dish, voted by the public.

Swing & Blast is a golf and clay shoot tournament. This event is held at a private golf course, which includes other various skill related games, as well as lunch and dinner.

Best O' Luck BINGO is a new event we are planning in 2024. This event will be located at a local private venue and will offer 4 hours of BINGO play amongst other games and raffles.



HEART & EXPERIENCE

Our staff are Youth Development Professionals who plan, implement, supervise members and evaluate activities provided within a specific program area, supporting our priority outcome areas of Academic Success, Healthy Lifestyles, Good Character and Citizenship.

These individuals have a passion for working with youth through hands on activities and programming.

They provide guidance and role modeling to our members, promote and stimulate program participation and uphold our mission, purpose and values.

OUR APPROACH ON STAFFING



TRAINING

Between each spring, summer and fall session, our staff undergo regular training in order to remain current on any new topics.

They collectively work together to create master programming calendars each session to ensure all of our members receive the same content across all three Clubs.

Boys and Girls Clubs of America also offers an extensive library of training courses online for any refreshers needed throughout the year.

OUR APPROACH ON SAFETY



The safety of young people at Boys & Girls Clubs of Champion Valley is always our top priority. Youth who are mentally and physically safe are better able to learn, grow, and thrive. Boys & Girls Clubs of America works continuously to enhance safety policies, practices, and trainings to ensure they are centered on youth's needs. There is nothing more important to us than keeping children safe and protected.

Boys & Girls Clubs of Champion Valley do not tolerate inappropriate behavior of any kind, including child sexual abuse or misconduct. From strict adherence to policies and guidelines within Club facilities and staffing structure, to equipping young people with the critical thinking and social-emotional skills to make healthy, safe choices, ensuring Club members are safe is the first step to their success.

Boys & Girls Clubs of America advocated for the passage of the U.S. PROTECT ACT, which improved background screening systems and access.



THEIR STORIES



HARLIE L.

Club Member of 6 years.

"I like when my friends and staff help me with my homework."

Harlie wants to see more arts and crafts activities, her favorite program.



CHANNING B.

Club Member of 2 years.

"I like playing games upstairs and going outside."

Channing's favorite programs are during the spring doing outdoor activities.



TUFF B.

Club Member of 3 years.

"The Club is cool. I like snack bar and free time outside but my favorite is power hour with Ms. Anita."

Tuff wants to make edible slime and play a game of basketball in future programs.



ELIZABETH W.

Club Member of 3 years.

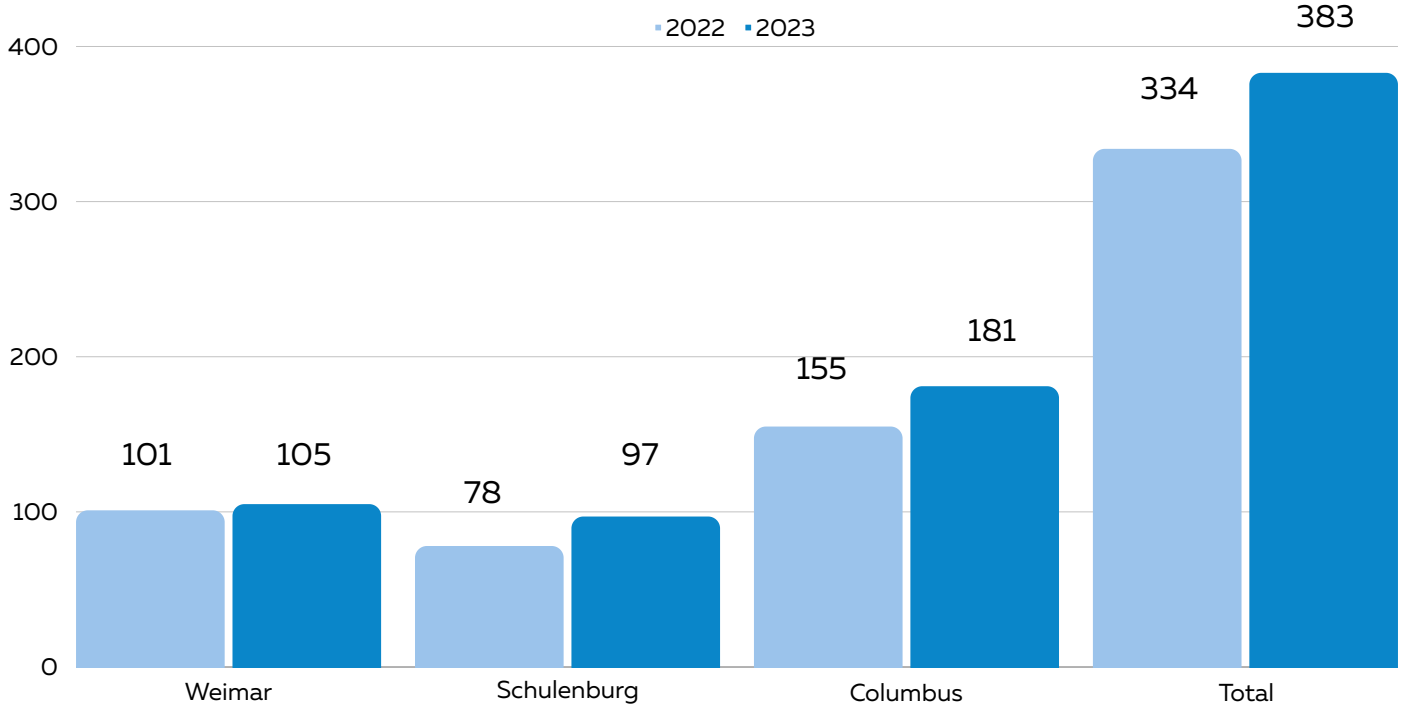
"I like the games we play with the staff."

Elizabeth wants to see a program that focuses on the art of nail care; manicures & pedicures.



2022 VS 2023 ENROLLMENT

This year we continued to see an increase in enrollment, especially with our Columbus Club seeing the highest increase of +18%.



**ANITA
COOK**

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**NIKITA
GLASS**

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Club Director
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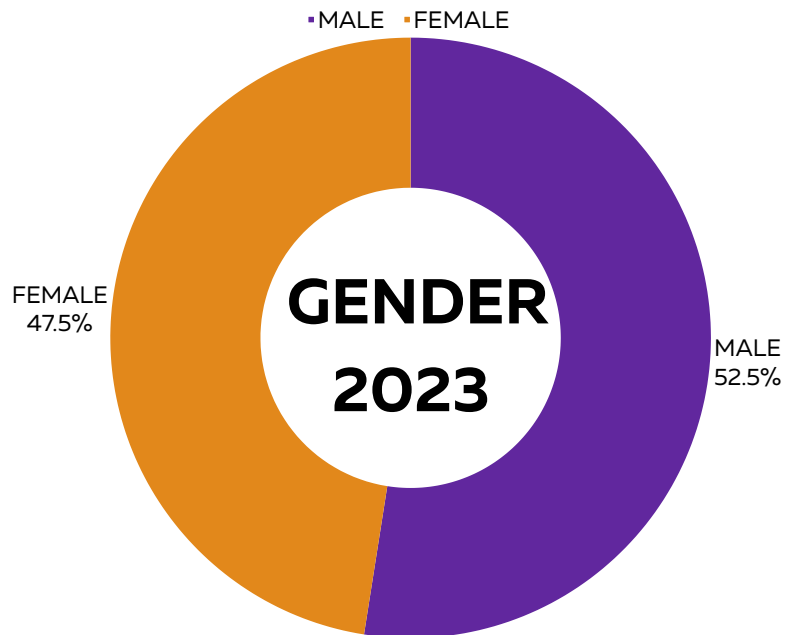
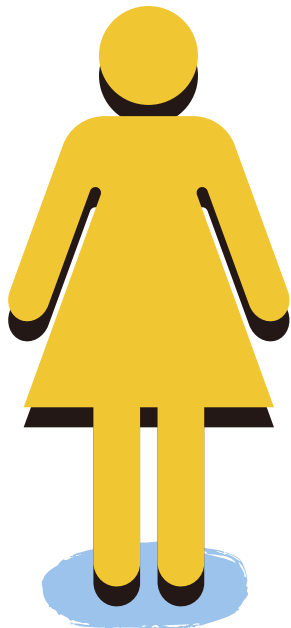
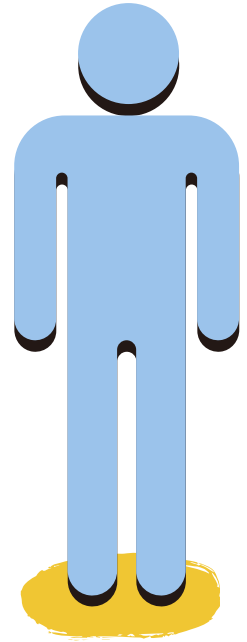
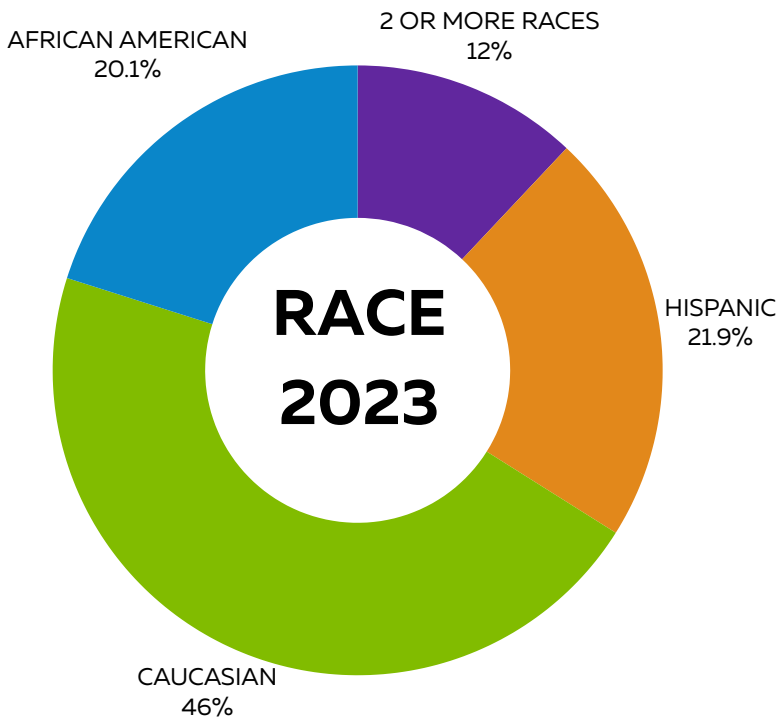
**ROYCE
CALDWELL**

Columbus
Club Director
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OUR MEMBERS



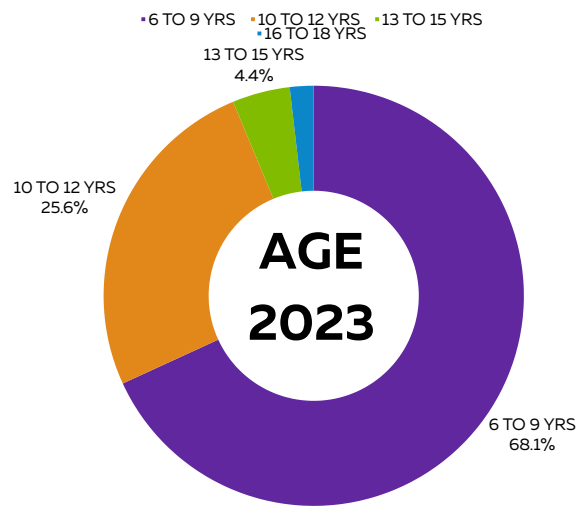
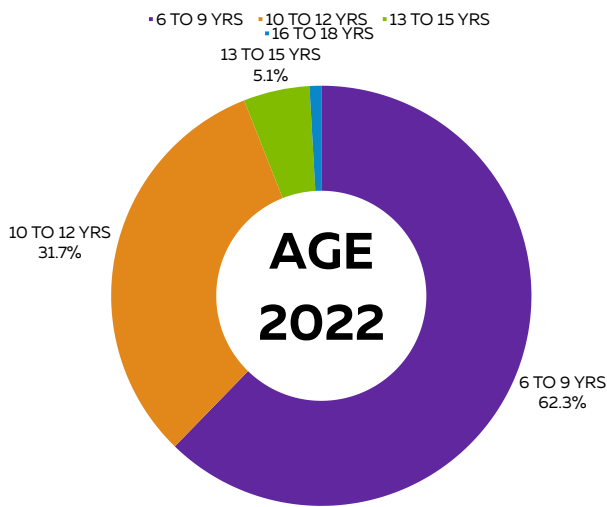
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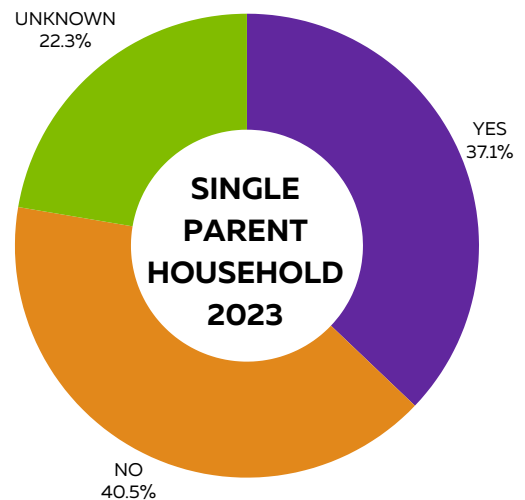
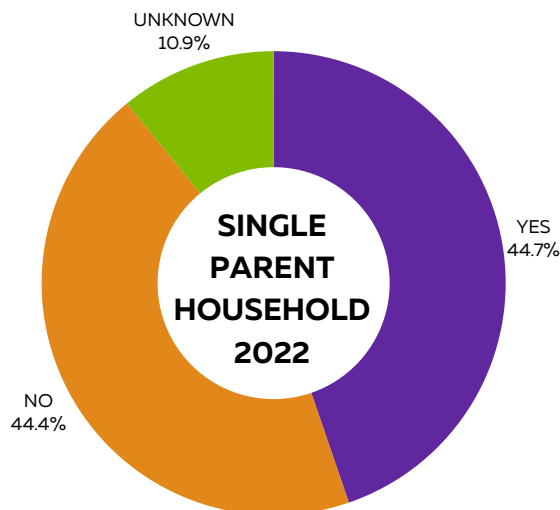
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YES - The member lives in a single-parent home.

NO - The member lives in a dual-parent home.

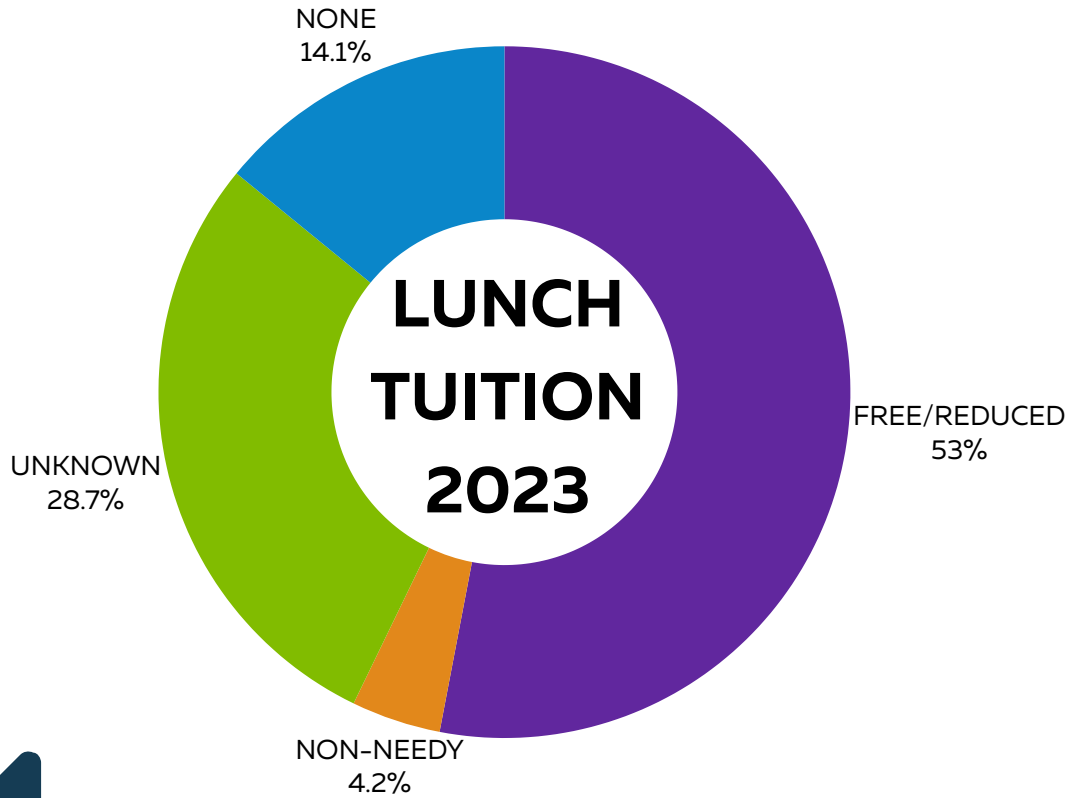
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OUR MEMBERS



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FREE/REDUCED LUNCH:

Members that come from households with incomes below 130% of the Federal poverty level get free or reduced lunch costs.

NON-NEEDY:

Members pay for their own lunch.

UNKNOWN:

The members did not fill out this section.



OUR MEMBERS



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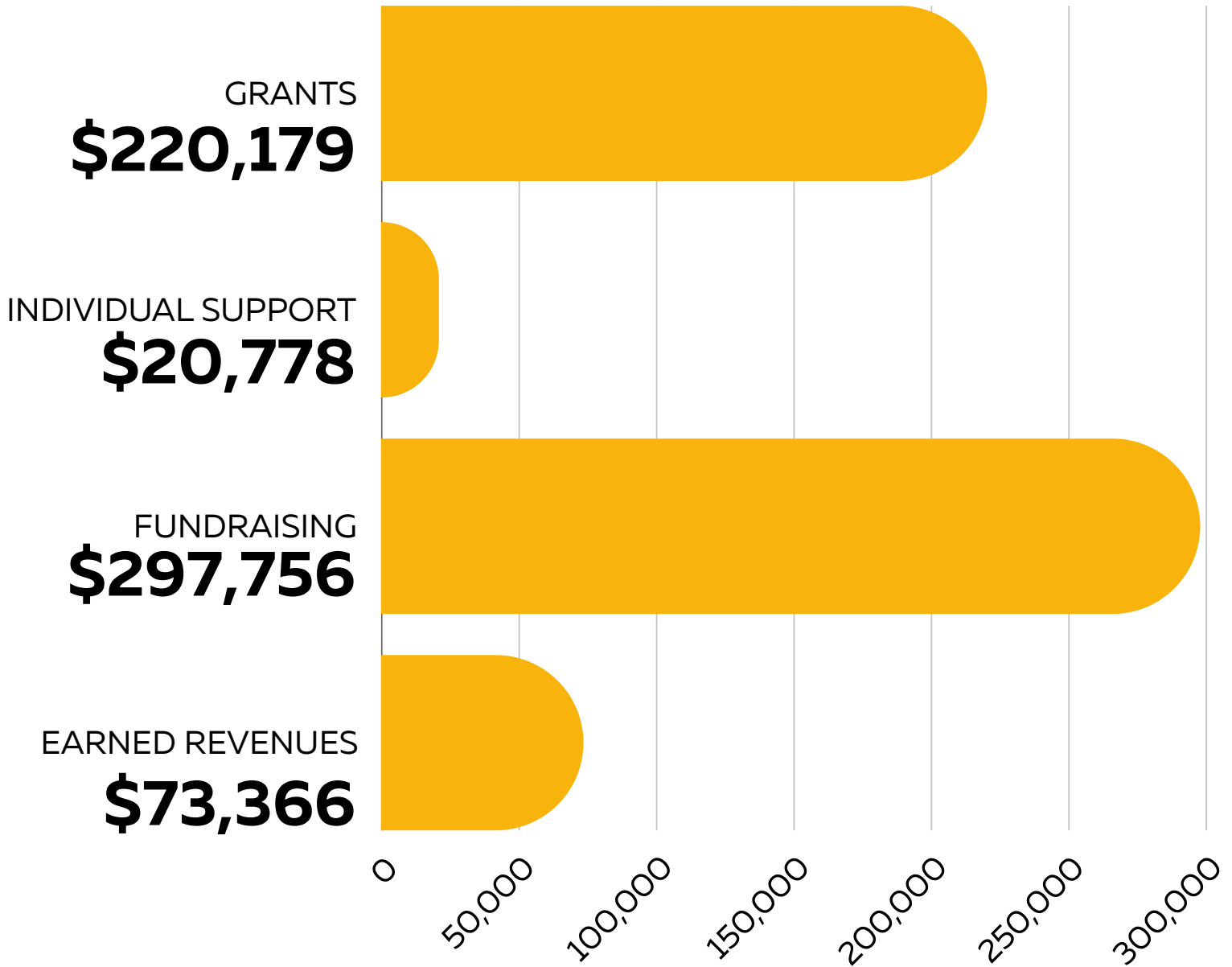
At Boys and Girls Clubs of Champion Valley, we never turn away a child in need.

We offer payment plans for those families in need of assistance.

TEXSYN - Texas Statewide Youth Services Network - provides grants to assist in paying tuition dues for those who qualify.



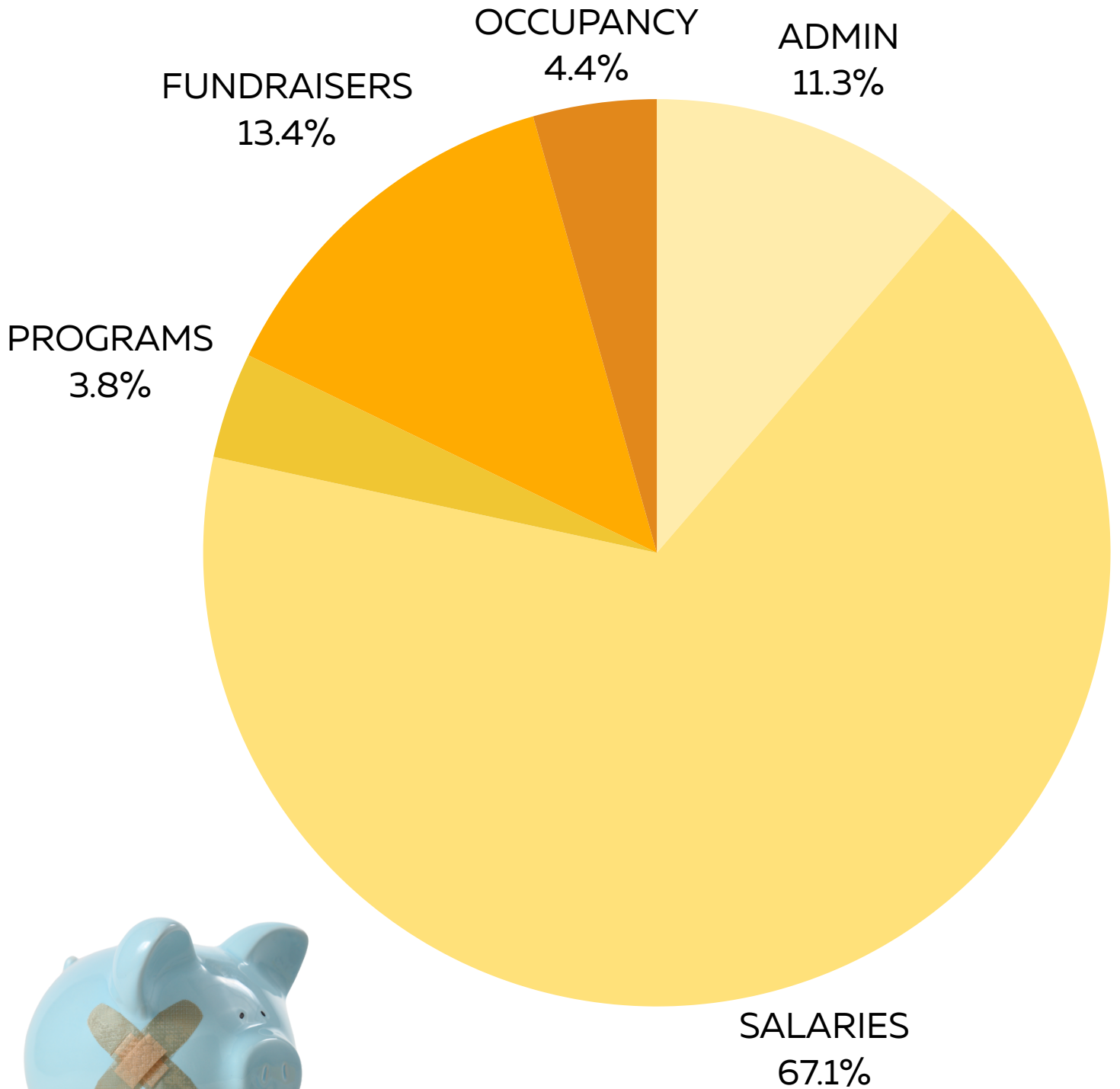
2023 INCOME



\$612,079



2023 EXPENSES





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**“LIFE’S MOST PERSISTENT AND URGENT QUESTION IS,
WHAT ARE YOU DOING FOR OTHERS?”**

- Martin Luther King Jr.

**Working with youth today means
a brighter future for everyone.**

Volunteering at a Boys & Girls Club is a great way to help teach young people valuable life lessons and learn something about yourself in return.

When you volunteer at a Boys & Girls Club, you can make a difference in the lives of youth and give back to your community. Within the first few minutes of walking into a Club, you know you’re in a special place. Filled with the sounds and energy of spirited children and friendly, caring professionals, the Club is a fun and hopeful environment. Whether you help with homework, coach a game, or teach an art project, you’ll have the opportunity to build healthy relationships with young people eager for adult guidance, and have a positive impact on their lives. In turn, you will find that spending time with these young people has a positive impact on you as well.





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YOUR INVOLVEMENT

Our many programs & services impact the lives of young people in the most influential years of development. You can play a significant role in shaping the lives of young people in our rural communities. Help us make sure our youth receive the guidance & encouragement needed to become productive, caring, responsible citizens.





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