

2024 ANNUAL REVIEW



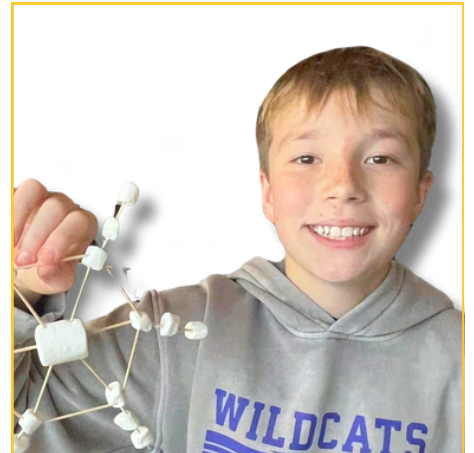
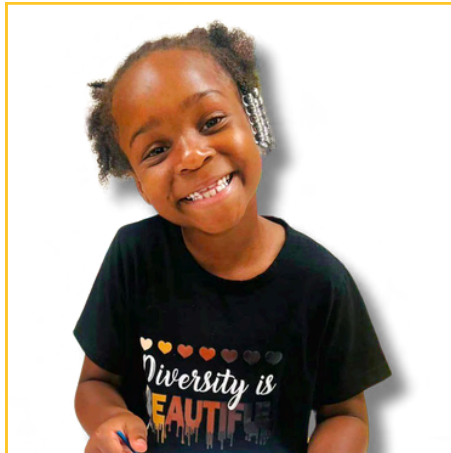
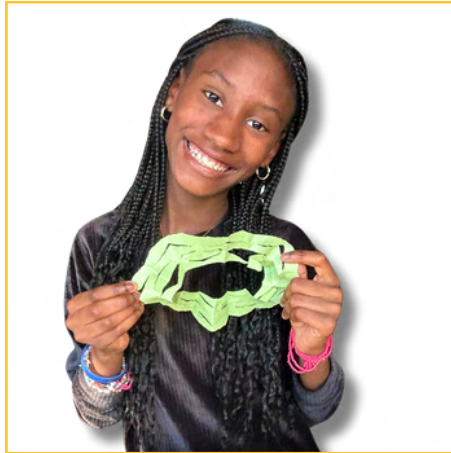
TO THE NEXT 20 YEARS!



BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
OF CHAMPION VALLEY

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GREAT FUTURES



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OUR STORY

Since 2004, Boys & Girls Clubs of Champion Valley have provided programs and services that promote and enhance the development of Weimar, Schulerburg 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.

OUR MISSION

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



Celebrating 20 Years!

STAFF

Executive Director - *Jennifer Owens*
Administrative Assistant - *Olivia Wettstein*
Club Coordinator - *Brian Novak*
Weimar Club Director - *Anita Cook*
5 part-time staff

Schulenburg Club Director - *Nikita Glass*
5 part-time staff

Columbus Club Director - *Mariza Ortiz-Verde*
7 part-time staff

BOARD

Board Chair - *Al Gilbertson*
VP Resource Development - *Morgan Barten*
VP of Support - *Vacant*
VP of Communications - *Vacant*
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Todd Jacobs
Rob Marshall
Nancy Stiles
Jannette Streit

Legal Advisor - *Ken Bigham*

OUR 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 our older 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.



The Girl Friends



Smart Girls

OUR 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.





OUR APPROACH

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.

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.

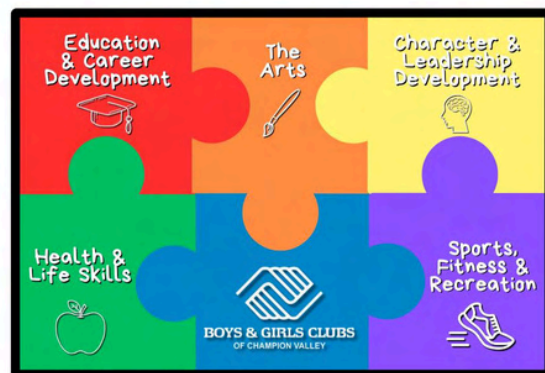
TRAINING

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

They 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.

BUILDING GREAT FUTURES



ONE SKILL AT A TIME

COMMUNITY



Best O' Luck Bingo



Taste of Columbus



Jingle Bell Ball

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT PT. 1

There are many local organizations and individuals in our communities that come together to show their support for Boys & Girls Clubs of Champion Valley!

GRANTS

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 2024, one of our biggest funders continues to be the Stanzel Family Foundation. Not only did they help bring Boys & Girls Clubs to our communities over 20 years ago, but we have been granted major funds from them to help with our general operations.

This past year, we were graciously granted funding from The Weimar Methodist Foundation to install a security camera system and upgrade a few other security related fixtures in our Weimar Club.

The Fayette Community Foundation generously awarded us funding to put towards updated computers and software, which will allow us to offer advanced programming to our members.



*Fayette Community
Foundation*

*Stanzel Family
Foundation*

FUNDRAISING

The other portion of our general operations funding is obtained through exciting fundraising events. These events 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.

Our Swing & Blast event was rescheduled for the spring of 2025. This is a golf and clay shoot tournament held at a private golf course, which includes other various skill related games, as well as lunch and dinner.

In 2024, we held two BINGO events and this year we will be adding a third! These events offer 4 hours of BINGO play amongst other games and raffles.

The Jingle Bell Ball is an elegant event that we capped off our year with. This event is held at our very own Columbus Club, which doubles as an event center. Complete with delicious cuisine, live music, raffles and games.

INVOLVEMENT



Weimar Encore Lions



Weimar United Church



Master Gardeners

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT PT. 2

COMMUNITY FUNDING

When it comes to funding, our community is always there with open arms. Whether it's through monetary donations or plain ol' hard work, they're always there to help. From drive thru dinners, to holiday program giving, to general donations; every contribution helps us provide better programming and assistance to our members.

- Weimar Lions Club
- Weimar Encore Lions Club
- RVOS Insurance
- Weimar United Church
- Dr. Kurt and Cami Kainer
- Master Gardeners
- Laura Weido
- Weimar PD
- Columbus PD
- Schulenburg PD
- Colorado County Sheriffs Dept
- St. Paul Lutheran Church - Columbus



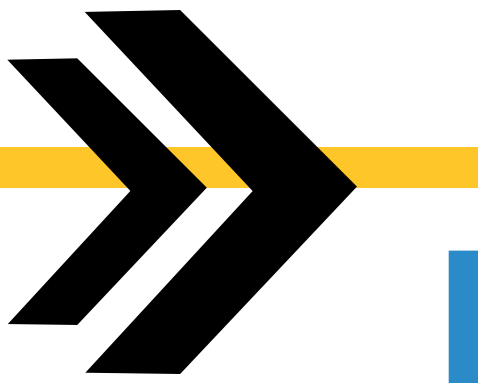
Kainer Kids



Shop With a Cop



R.V.O.S. Insurance



MOVING FORWARD

We would like to thank the Weimar Methodist Foundation, who graciously granted funds to install a security camera system at our Weimar Club. To help further strengthen the safety of our Weimar Club and abide by BGCA safety guidelines, we have upgraded our front entry doors as well as the emergency exit doors with the help of Seybro Door & Weatherstrip.

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. We are very appreciative of the Fayette Community Foundation's contribution towards this project as we continue to acquire updated computers and software that all of our Clubs have access to.

Reaching as many youth as possible is a revolving goal for us. We are seeking funding for additional transportation for our Clubs. We currently have only one passenger van and a bus that is ready to retire. Ideally we would like to have a van for each of our Clubs so we can transport members from the local private schools and other after school activities.



FEBRUARY 2025
WEIMAR CLUB
DRIVE THRU DINNER

MARCH 2025
BEST O' LUCK
BINGO

APRIL 2025
SCHULENBURG
CLUB DRIVE THRU
DINNER

APRIL 2025
SWING &
BLAST

JUNE 2025
BEACHIN'
BINGO

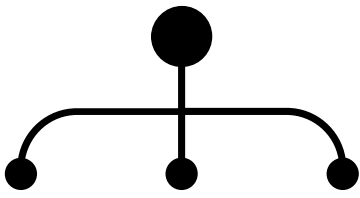
JULY 2025
TASTE OF
COLUMBUS

OCTOBER 2025
OKTOBERFEST
BINGO

NOVEMBER 2025
COLUMBUS CLUB
DRIVE THRU DINNER

DECEMBER 2025
JINGLE BELL
BALL





FROM THE TOP

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



JENNIFER OWENS
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

As Executive Director, I have set a number of goals for 2025. High among them is to see our registered membership and average daily attendance increase. We will do this by building on our core Boys & Girls Clubs' programs with outside programs such as Master Gardner's, local artists, and successful people to discuss their various careers.

Another goal is to monitor and improve the safety of our clubs. In particular, we will re-do entry doors at the Weimar club to have crash bars and open outward. Other items may include new bathroom stalls, safer handicap ramps, and the installation of AEDs at each Club.

A third goal is to focus on new ongoing funding, such as having local businesses setup employee paycheck giving programs. We already have a successful example with the Cavender's Auto Group, which is in the second year of employees funding.

Our fourth, and really primary goal, is to help the children to grow, as they are our future. We have seen how the Boys & Girls Club has helped the Club Members become more confident, caring, and respectful. We look forward to seeing the amazing things they do in this world.

All this is possible because of our dedicated Club Directors, staff, administration, and Board of Directors. With these, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Champion Valley will exceed expectations and continue to provide quality programs, care and support to our members.

FROM THE BOARD CHAIR

As we look to our future challenges and objectives we must reflect on where we have been. 2024 was a very challenging year, we overcame severe staffing shortages as well as the postponement until 2025 of one of our major fundraising events.

As usual our club personnel and Board stepped up and collectively kept the clubs operating until the next fundraiser, this positioned us well to head into 2025.

We were also blessed to have the support of our donors and community which allows us to make a difference in the lives of the youth of our community.



AL GILBERTSON
BOARD CHAIR



DIRECTOR'S CUT



ANITA COOK
WEIMAR CLUB DIRECTOR

I've been with Boys & Girls Clubs of Champion Valley for over 20 years and have never been more passionate about our movement and our Club members!

My favorite thing about my job is getting to watch our Club members grow into young, respectful citizens in our community.

My goal for 2025 is to grow our membership and serve as many of our local youth as possible. I am looking forward to see what this year has in store for our Club!

My name is Nikita Glass and I have worked at the Schulenburg Boys & Girls Club for over 17 years, the past 9 years as Club Director, where I continue to lead my team!

I absolutely love my Club members. They are truly a blessing to be around.

As Club Director, I have provided hope and opportunity to my Club members and staff, enabling them to reach their full potential. Utilizing our mission - *to enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens.*



NIKITA GLASS
SCHULENBURG CLUB DIRECTOR

As an alumna of Boys & Girls Club, Chicago, I am grateful for the opportunity granted to me as the newest member of Club Directors to join the Boys & Girls Clubs of Champion Valley ~ Columbus Unit.

Working as a substitute teacher for Columbus ISD led me to the Boys & Girls Club in Columbus, where I joined during the fall semester of 2024 as a part-time program staff, bringing continued love and passion for the positive growth of children. During this time, I saw the need for a director and considered how my full-time attention to the children at the club could impact them and therefore led to my decision to move forward in the direction of the Club Director.

As I learn and grow with the club, I am seeing on a daily basis positive growth amongst the members of Columbus Boys & Girls Club.

The future looks bright for the Boys & Girls Clubs of Champion Valley, and I am ecstatic to be a part of its growth!



MARIZA ORTIZ-VERDE
COLUMBUS CLUB DIRECTOR

THEIR STORIES

BRANTLEY
2ND GRADE
MEMBER SINCE 2024



Brantley joined our Columbus Club in the fall of 2024. His favorite program is Triple Play because he loves all the different games our staff play with the members. Brantley's favorite thing about the Club is the staff because "they are very sweet people."

Railonie has been a member of our Weimar Club for 4 years. Her favorite program is Arts & Crafts because she loves making slime! Railonie's favorite thing about the Club is the programming, because "they are cool and fun."

RAILONIE
6TH GRADE
MEMBER SINCE 2021



ADONIS
1ST GRADE
MEMBER SINCE 2023



Adonis joined our Schulenburg Club in 2023. His favorite colors are green and tan. When asked what he wanted to be when he grows up, he said a doctor, because he likes helping others. His favorite thing about the Club is all of the programs, because they are all fun!

THEIR STORIES [CONTINUED]

BERETTA
4TH GRADE
MEMBER SINCE 2022



Beretta has been a member of our Weimar Club for 2 years. Her favorite program is Arts & Crafts because she enjoys being creative! Beretta's favorite thing about the Club is spending time with her friends and making new ones, because "they are fun to play with."

Zayne joined our Columbus Club in the fall of 2024. His favorite program is Triple Play, because he loves all the different games our staff play with the members. Zayne's favorite thing about the Club is spending time playing with his friends and making new ones!

ZAYNE
6TH GRADE
MEMBER SINCE 2024



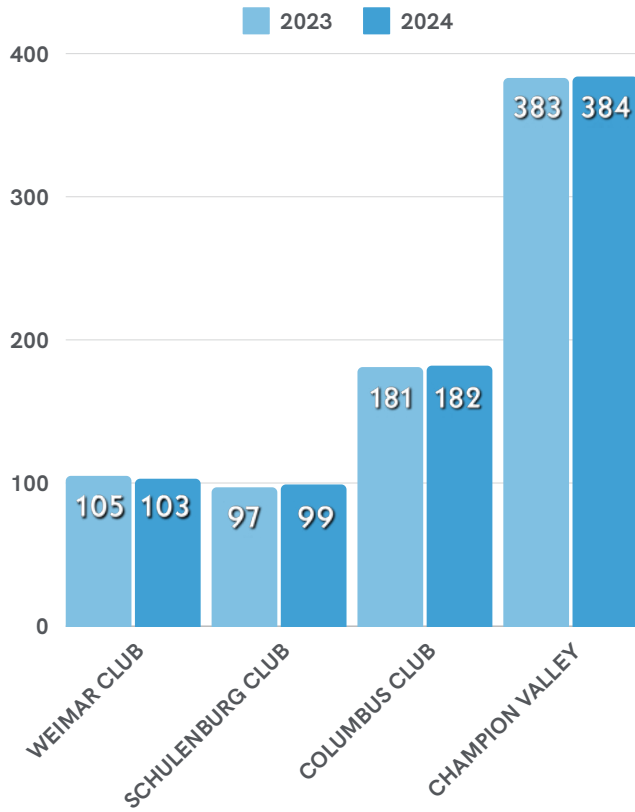
BROOKLYN
1ST GRADE
MEMBER SINCE 2023



Brooklyn joined our Schulenburg Club in 2023. Her favorite color is pink and her favorite thing to do is play outside. She aspires to be Wonder Woman, because she can fly! Her favorite part about the Club is the Arts & Crafts and STEM programs, because she gets to create stuff for Miss Nikita.

ENROLLMENT

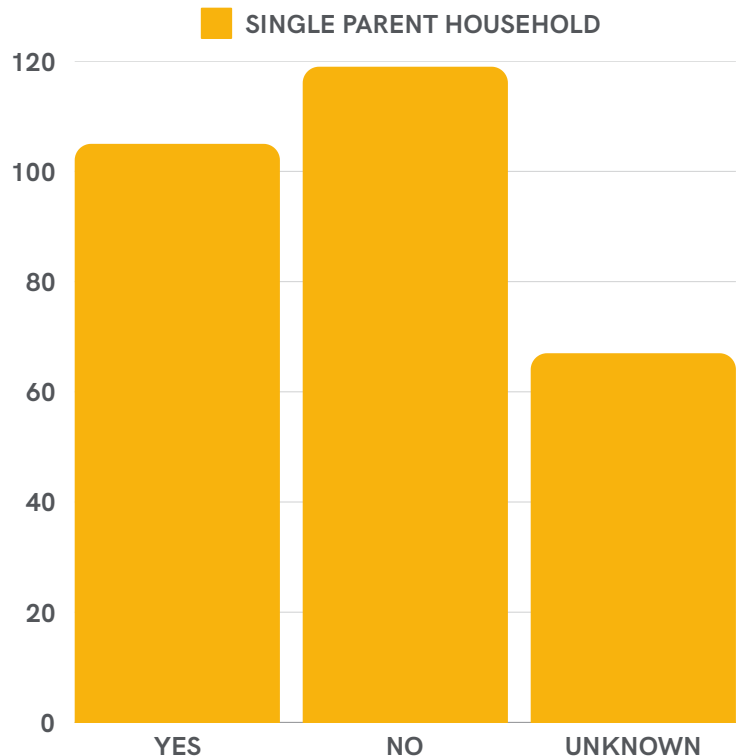
2023 VS 2024



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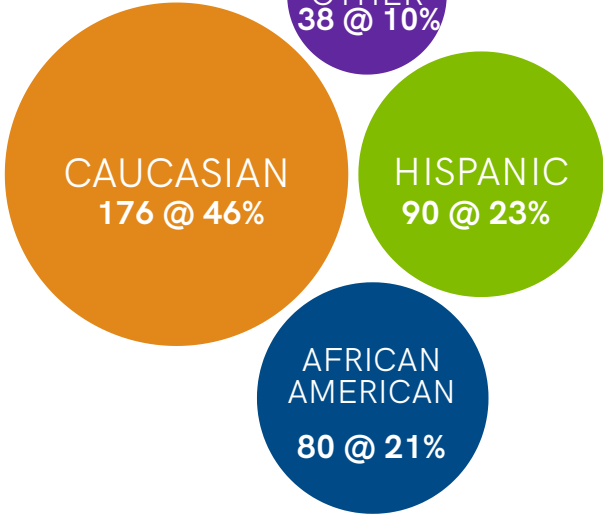
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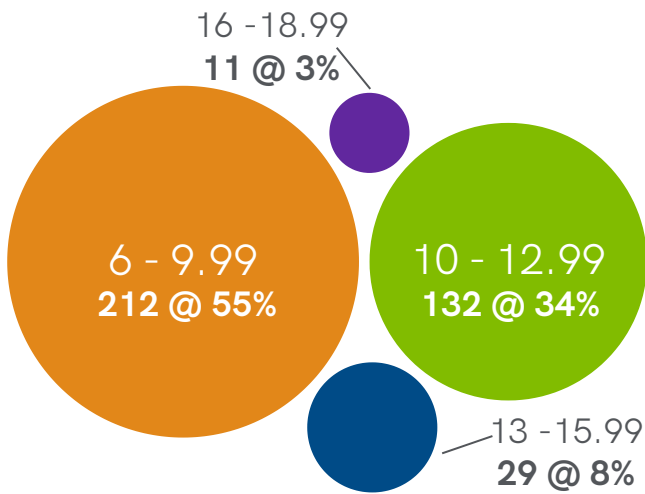
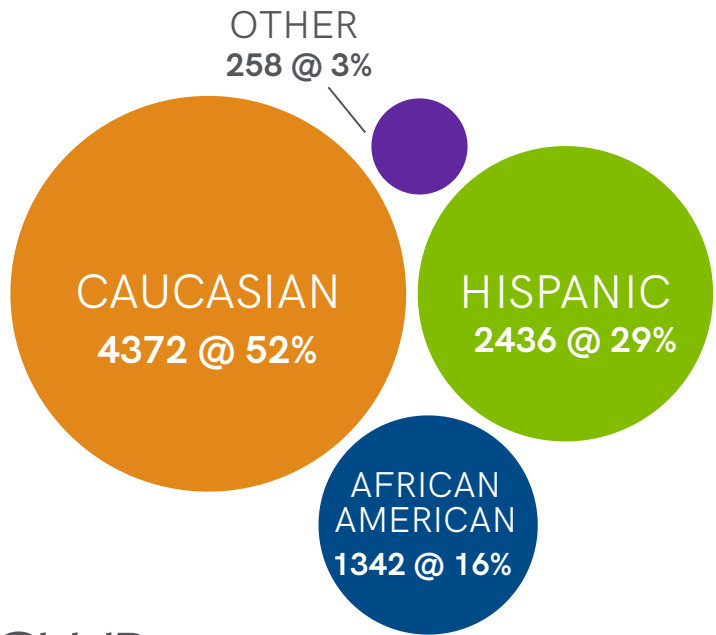


MEMBER STATS 2024



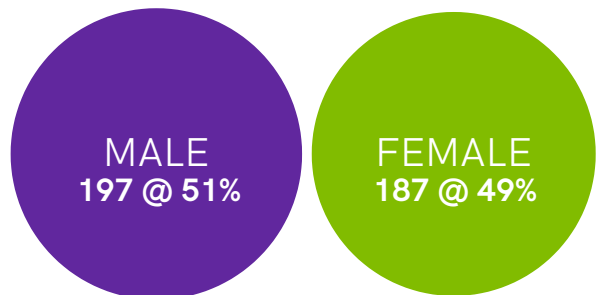
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CLUB RACE

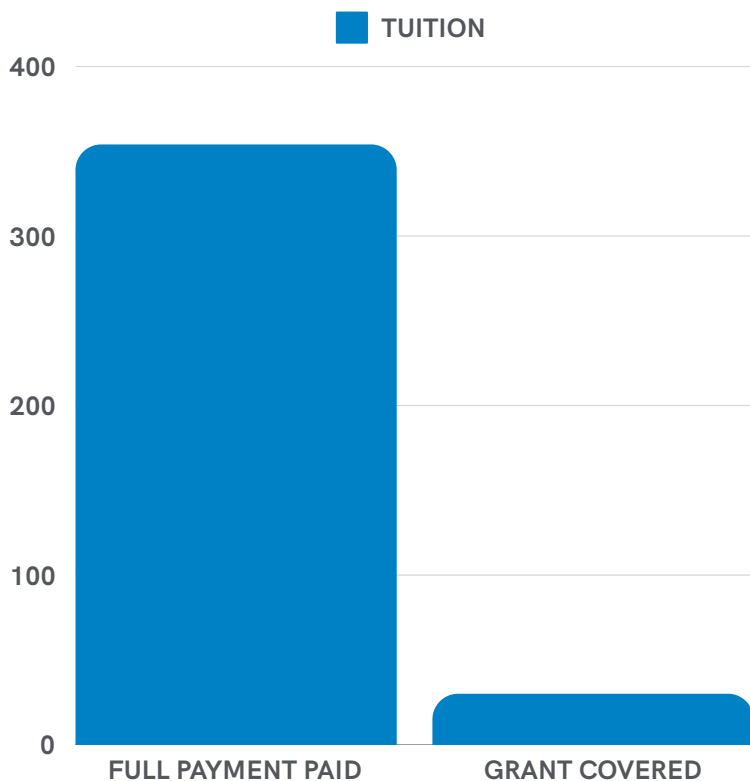


CLUB AGE

CLUB GENDER



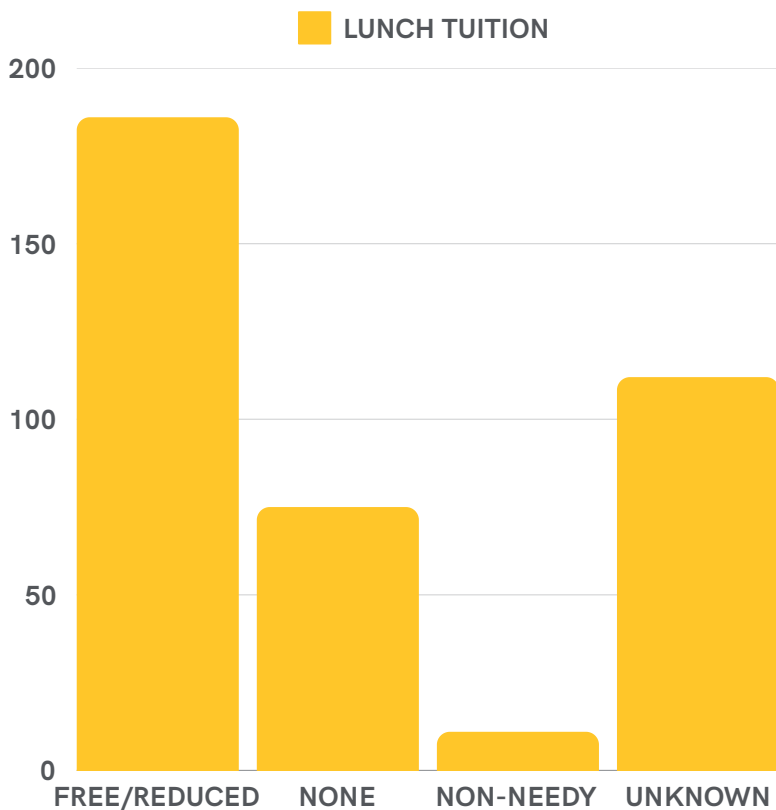
MEMBER STATS 2024



At Boys & 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 or Texas Statewide Youth Services Network - provides grants to assist in paying tuition dues for those who qualify.



FREE/REDUCED LUNCH:

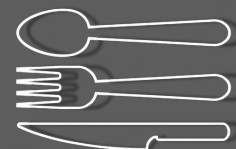
Members that come from households with incomes below 130% of the Federal poverty level get free or reduced lunch costs.

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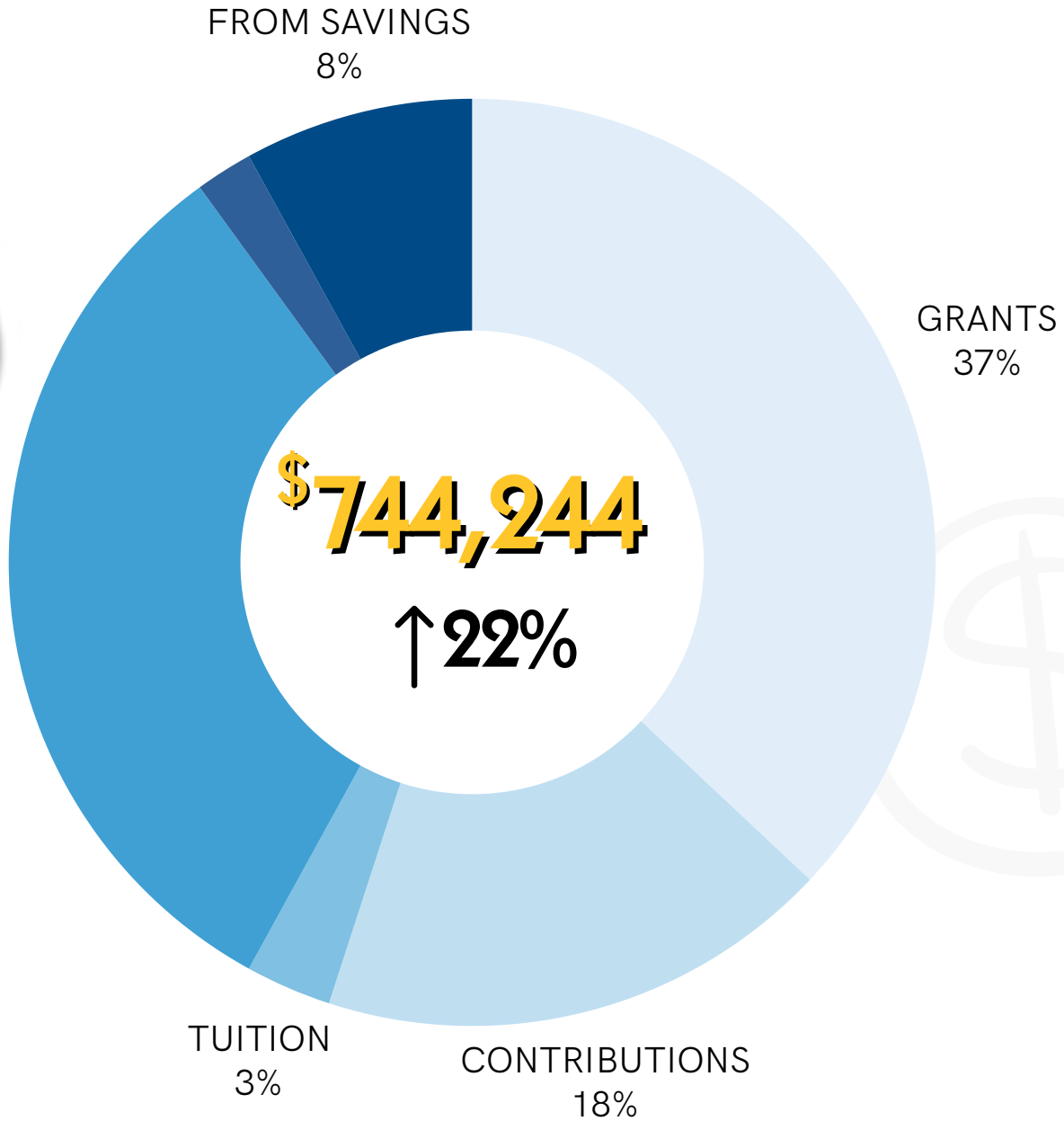
Members pay for their own lunch.

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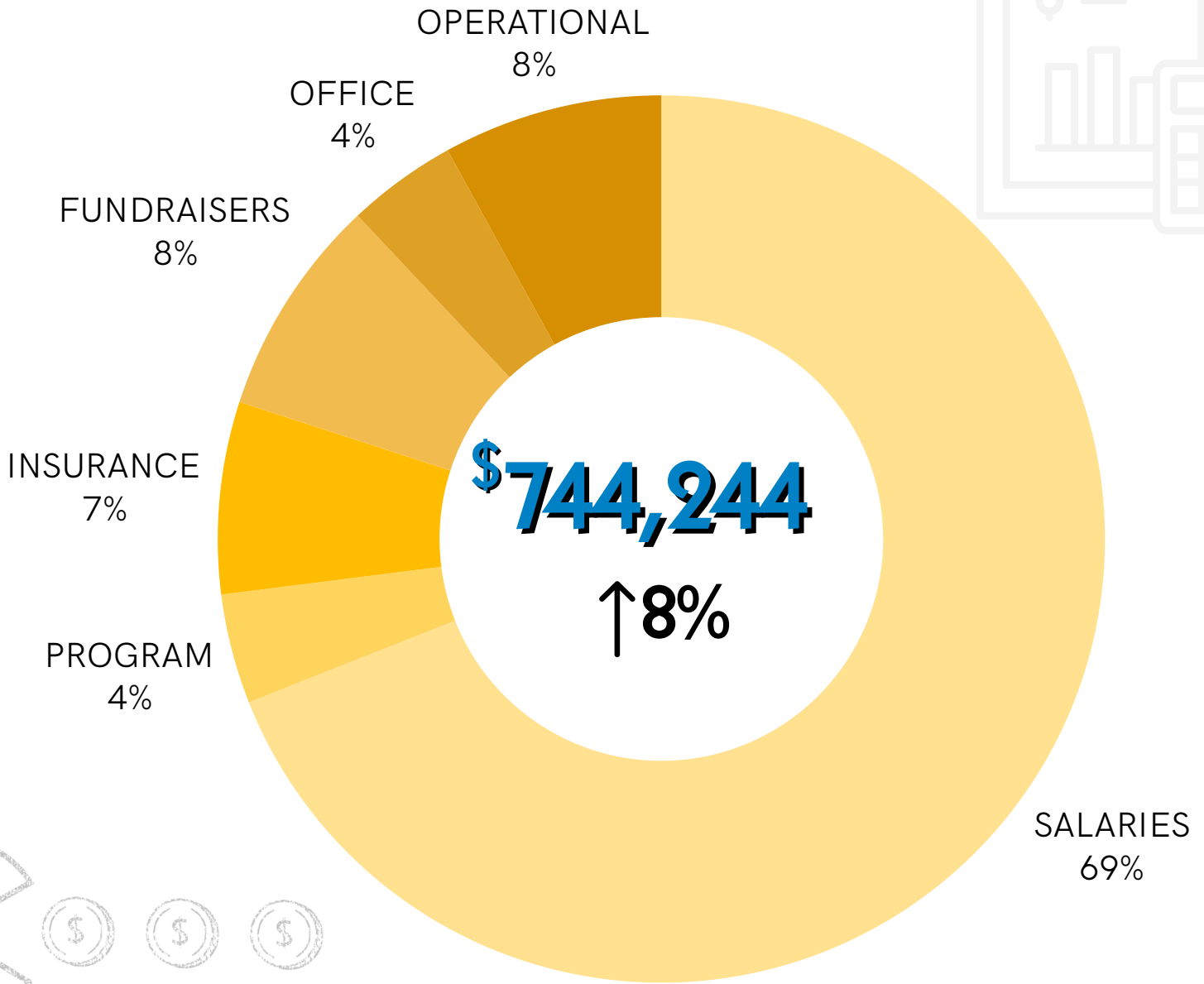
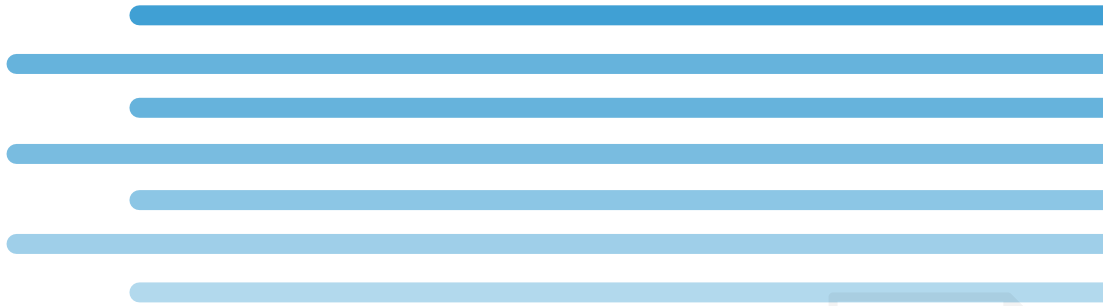


2024 INCOME



- **GRANTS** - \$277,073
- **FUNRAISERS** - \$238,178
- **CONTRIBUTIONS** - \$135,705
- **MISCELLANEOUS** - \$11,748
- **TUITION** - \$21,213
- **FROM SAVINGS** - \$60,328

2024 EXPENSES



- SALARIES** - \$277,073
- FUNDRAISER** - \$238,178
- PROGRAMS** - \$135,705
- OFFICE** - \$11,748
- INSURANCE** - \$21,213
- OPERATIONAL** - \$60,328



GET

**Working with youth today, you're a
big part of the future for everyone tomorrow.**

VOLUNTEERING

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.



Scan the QR code to find out more information on volunteering our website! There, you can also find a downloadable volunteer application.

**"Ain't Nothin' to It,
But to Do it!"**

- Maya Angelou.

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INVOLVED!

GIVING

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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Scan the QR code to donate today!

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"Happiness doesn't result from what we get, but from what we give."

- Ben Carson

RECOGNITION

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