



BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
OF DUMPLIN VALLEY

2024 ANNUAL REPORT

GREAT FUTURES START HERE.

LETTER FROM LEADERSHIP



At Boys & Girls Clubs of Dumplin Valley, we are equipping youth with the skills and support they need to reach their full potential—both now and in the future. Across our Clubs, young people are receiving academic support, developing leadership skills, building healthy habits, and forming lasting relationships with caring adult mentors. In recent years, we've expanded our reach to include four Club sites in Cocke County, complementing our three long-standing sites in Jefferson County. This growth reflects our ongoing commitment to serving more youth across both counties with high-quality, life-changing programs during the critical out-of-school hours.

With seven Club locations across two counties, our reach has grown, but so has our responsibility. Every day, more and more young people walk through our blue doors looking for support, stability, and a place to belong. And we remain committed to being that place. Because the truth is: Jefferson and Cocke County need Club kids—young people who grow up more confident, more capable, and more prepared to lead.

As we scale our impact, we also face challenges. Like many nonprofits, we are monitoring potential changes in government funding. While we continue to advocate for these vital resources, we also recognize the importance of diversifying our funding base to ensure long-term sustainability. We are actively pursuing new partnerships with private donors, local businesses, and community organizations to help secure the future of our programs. Your continued support, whether through time, funding, or advocacy, makes our mission possible. You are investing not only in programs and services, but in the futures of the young people who need us most.

On behalf of our board, staff, and the hundreds of Club members we serve every day: thank you. Together, we are building a stronger future—because **GREAT FUTURES START [HERE](#)**.

With deep appreciation,

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Josh Mathys
Interim Board Chair
Board of Directors

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Josh Yarbrough
Chief Executive Officer
Boys & Girls Clubs of Dumplin Valley



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MISSION & VISION



Boys & Girls Clubs of Dumplin Valley (BGCDV) is an afterschool and out of school youth development organization serving **over 1,200 youth annually in Jefferson and Cocke Counties** across seven Club sites: Bridgeport, Edgemont, Jefferson City, Newport, Parrottsville, Strawberry Plains, and White Pine.

OUR MISSION

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

OUR VISION

Provide a world-class Club Experience that assures success is within reach of every young person who enters our doors, with all members on track to graduate from high school with a plan for the future, demonstrating good character and citizenship, and living a healthy lifestyle.

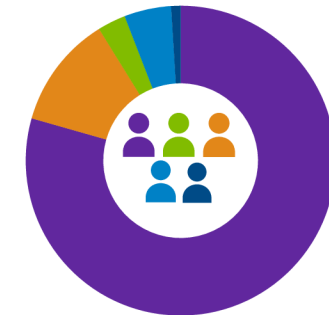
WHO WE SERVE



**CLUB MEMBERS BY
AGE**



**CLUB MEMBERS BY
RACE & ETHNICITY**



**CLUB MEMBERS BY
GENDER**



FORMULA FOR IMPACT

We provide youth and teens with environments, relationships and experiences that build essential skills and equip them to achieve positive outcomes.



HEALTH & WELL-BEING



At BGCDV, we're committed to helping every child lead a healthy life. Our Triple Play program encourages physical activity and healthy eating through fun, engaging games and sports, teaching kids the importance of staying active and making smart food choices. Through SMART Moves, youth build the confidence to make positive decisions and resist peer pressure. Programs like Smart Girls and Passport to Manhood promote self-esteem, leadership, and personal growth. By partnering with families and community organizations, we create a supportive environment where all kids can thrive—physically, emotionally, and socially.



OUR IMPACT

"Rescue 180's partnership with Boys & Girls Clubs of Dumplin Valley is one of our most powerful and meaningful investments. We believe that children are our future, and we are passionate about building strong relationships and helping to shape young lives. Working alongside other dedicated prevention educators in our community, we take pride in supporting the growth and success of the next generation."

Rev. Debra Shultz, BCPS
CEO/Founder
Rescue 180 Jefferson County's Substance Abuse Coalition

51%

of Club members reported engaging in at least 60 minutes of physical activity on five or more days each week.

76%

of Club members report having strategies to calm themselves down, reflecting strong self-regulation skills

CHARACTER & LEADERSHIP



BGCDV is dedicated to fostering character and leadership in our members. Through our Youth of the Year program, we celebrate young leaders who exemplify resilience and service. Our Torch Club provides younger members a chance to develop leadership skills and self-esteem, while the Keystone Club empowers teens to lead impactful community projects. By working closely with families, schools, and community partners, we are deeply committed to nurturing future leaders who are not only ready to succeed, but ready to make a lasting, positive difference in the world around them.



OUR IMPACT

74%

of Club members believe they can make a difference in their community.

79%

of Club members volunteer to help out at the Club throughout the year.



"WestCare Tennessee and Boys & Girls Clubs of Dumplin Valley have partnered for several years to strengthen the character and leadership of our community's youth by integrating proven prevention education into Club programs. Through this collaboration, young people are empowered to make positive choices, resist peer pressure, and build the confidence to lead by example. Together, we are creating a safe, supportive environment where youth grow into resilient, substance-free leaders."

Sydney Jernigan

Strategic Prevention Framework Program Director
WestCare Tennessee

2024 YOUTH OF THE YEAR



The Youth of the Year program is the Boys & Girls Clubs' premier recognition initiative, designed to honor young people who exemplify leadership, service, academic excellence, and strong character. More than just an award, it celebrates the resilience and potential of youth who have overcome challenges and emerged as role models. Through their stories, Youth of the Year honorees inspire others and represent the very best of what it means to be a Club member. At its core, the program cultivates the next generation of leaders—empowered, driven, and committed to making a difference.

We are proud to spotlight our 2024 Youth of the Year, Laney Whitaker, from the Jefferson City Club. Known for her unwavering dedication and natural leadership, Laney has become a cornerstone of positivity and support. Whether she's mentoring younger members, assisting with Club operations, or offering a kind word to someone in need, Laney leads with both heart and purpose.

She consistently steps up in meaningful ways—like using transition times to read aloud to younger members, turning downtime into a moment of connection. Her initiative and selfless actions reflect a deep commitment to creating an inclusive and uplifting Club environment.

A sophomore at Jefferson County High School, Laney lives out the values of the Boys & Girls Clubs through her consistent service, sense of responsibility, and passion for uplifting others. Her leadership shines not just in big moments, but in everyday acts of kindness and encouragement. She even practices her Youth of the Year speech with younger members—believing her story matters to them too.

Laney's journey is a powerful example of leadership in action. We are incredibly proud of her and can't wait to see all she will continue to accomplish within her Club and community.



LANEY WHITAKER
Jefferson City Club
Class of 2028

ACADEMIC SUCCESS



BGCDV is dedicated to fostering academic success by providing a supportive environment where learning thrives. Our programs, such as Power Hour and Project Learn, offer not only homework help but also engaging educational activities that make learning a joyous experience. Our staff work closely with members to build essential skills, boost confidence, and nurture a lifelong love of learning. During the summer months, our Summer Brain Gain program keeps young minds active and engaged, while our STEM initiatives spark curiosity and innovation.



OUR IMPACT

"As we strive to meet the academic needs of our students, we partner with the Boys & Girls Club to provide after school programs at several of our elementary schools. Not only do these programs help with homework to support classroom success, they also provide enrichment opportunities through fun and exciting activities. We are so grateful for our partnership with Boys & Girls Clubs of Dumlpin Valley as the services provided are critical to the academic success of our students."

Kathy Holt
Special Projects Supervisor
Cocke County School District

91%

of Club members in grades 5 through 12 are on track academically, performing at grade level for their age group.

76%

of Club members showed strong academic performance in 2024, earning mainly A's and B's.

LIFE & WORKFORCE READINESS



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At BGCDV, we're committed to preparing young people for the future by equipping them with essential skills and experiences for workforce readiness. Through hands-on learning and mentorship, we empower youth to explore career paths and develop the confidence needed to thrive in tomorrow's job market. Our Career Launch program helps teens explore careers through workshops, job shadowing, and internships, while Money Matters teaches financial literacy. These programs provide practical experiences and mentorship, empowering youth to confidently tackle tomorrow's job market.



OUR IMPACT

74%

of Club teens plan to continue their education through college or other postsecondary programs after high school.

100%

of Club high schoolers completed a paid part-time job or internship in 2024.



"First Horizon proudly supports Boys & Girls Clubs of Dumplin Valley and their commitment to workforce readiness and career exploration. We believe this partnership not only helps guide current members toward career success but also strengthens our communities by building a skilled workforce. The Club's Life & Workforce Readiness programming reflects First Horizon's dedication to meeting community needs and fostering progress and prosperity."

Julie Rex

VP/Private Client/Sr. Community Banker & Board Member
First Horizon Bank

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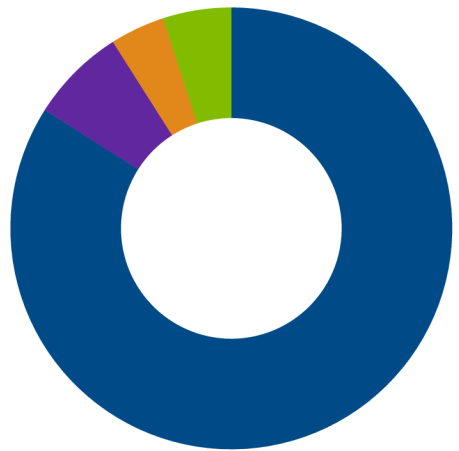
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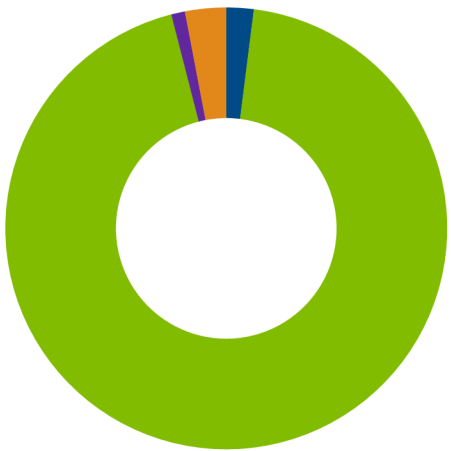
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INCOME



Grants.....	84%
Resource Development.....	7%
Membership Fees.....	4%
Other.....	5%

EXPENSES



Programs.....	94%
Operations.....	3%
Resource Development	1%
Other.....	2%

WAYS TO SUPPORT



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MAKE A DONATION

Every gift—large or small—provides access to academic support, mentorship, and life-enriching opportunities for youth in our community. You can support us in ways that work best for you:

- **One-time Gifts:** Make an immediate impact with a single contribution.
- **Monthly Gifts:** Provide ongoing support that helps sustain programs year-round.
- **Annual Gifts:** Commit to a yearly gift that fuels long-term initiatives.
- **Major Gifts:** Make a transformative difference with a larger, strategic contribution.

CORPORATE GIVING

Corporate giving strengthens our community and showcases your company's commitment to social responsibility. By partnering with us, your organization helps fund essential programs and life-changing initiatives that support and empower local youth.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Attending a special event is a great way to support us and connect with others who care about empowering youth. Each year, we proudly host the following special events:

- **Behind the Blue Door Showcase**
- **Todd Collins & Dr. Chris Jones Golf Tournament**
- **Draw Down Reverse Lottery**

These events raise vital funds to support programs that make a difference in the lives of local youth in Jefferson and Cocke Counties.

PLANNED GIVING

Planned gifts offer a powerful way to ensure your impact lasts beyond your lifetime. By including us in your estate plans or making a deferred gift, you create a lasting legacy that supports our mission and helps secure great futures for the youth we serve.

VOLUNTEER WITH US

Volunteering allows you to make a lasting impact on local youth by mentoring, tutoring, or simply being a positive role model.

INVEST IN GREAT FUTURES TODAY!

- ✓ Scan the QR code to make a donation now!
- ✓ Text “BGCDV” to 50155
- ✓ Visit our website at www.bgcdumplinvalley.org
- ✓ Mail a gift to PO Box 669 White Pine, TN 37890
- ✓ Drop off a gift at a local Club site!
- ✓ Call our administrative offices at 865-761-0143





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White Pine Club & Administrative Offices

Shared Space Club
3107 Circle Dr
White Pine, TN 37890
865-761-0143

Jefferson City Club

Traditional Club
218 TN-92
Jefferson City, TN 37760
865-471-0733

Strawberry Plains Club

Shared Space Club
3168 W Old AJ Hwy
Strawberry Plains, TN 37871
865-898-6211

COCKE COUNTY

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1935 Edwina Bridgeport Rd
Newport, TN 37821
423-720-1242

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375 Carson Springs Rd
Newport, TN 37821
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Newport Club

Public Housing Club
531 Bailey St
Newport, TN 37821
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School-Based Club
1901 Old Parrottsville Hwy
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