

# MISSION, VISION

## CORE BELIEFS



### **VISION**

Provide a world-class Club experience that assures success is within reach of every young person who walks through 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.

A Boys & Girls Club Provides:

- A safe place to learn and grow
- Ongoing relationships with caring adult professionals
- Life-enhancing programs
- Character development experiences
- Hope and opportunity

### **Whatever It Takes** to build great futures \_\_\_\_\_

### A Message From the CEO and Chairman of the Board

For over 50 years, Boys & Girls Clubs of Palm Beach County's commitment to meet the needs of every child that walks through our doors has remained strong. Despite the challenges of the last two years, we continue to provide a safe environment, high-quality programs, and unique experiences that are life-changing to children and families. We believe every child not only has the ability, but should also be given the opportunity, to have a great future. It is that belief that drives us each and every day.

During this past year, there have been many achievements and milestones to celebrate. We launched our **Expect More** campaign to expand our services and to build our endowment, which will ensure our doors are never closed to the youth of our community. We are proud to share that we have reached 30% of our goal in less than one year, including a transformational gift from Julie and Mike Connors that will help build our new Club. Our 50th Anniversary Winter Ball, chaired by Gretchen Leach, brought together the Who's Who of Palm Beach County's philanthropists and community leaders and shattered all previous fundraising records. We have forged community partnerships that have allowed us to increase the resilience of the children we serve through evidenced-based mental health initiatives. We have secured record-breaking funding from the Florida Department of Education that will allow us to expand from 17 to 20 Clubs and serve new communities including Pahokee and Jupiter. And, most importantly, we have invested in our staff, so they are not only highly trained youth development professionals, but are also appropriately compensated in order to meet the needs of their own households.

Today, our Clubs are serving more kids than ever. We must continue to do Whatever It Takes to meet the needs of the communities we serve and empower our youth to make positive life choices that will fuel their success. As you turn the pages of this impact report, you will learn more about our exciting plans for the future. We thank our volunteers, staff, Board of Directors, partners, and community members who help us advocate for our children and teens in Palm Beach County and beyond. Your investments allow us to strengthen programs and continue our promise to provide world-class Club experiences that change lives every day.



Jaene Miranda President & CEO



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### **Whatever It Takes**

### to help children in need



Above: Julie & Mike Connors at The Winter Ball

### WE INVITE YOU TO BE PART OF THE HERITAGE CLUB.

Join others who have made a charitable contribution to help reach and serve more of our county's most vulnerable children through a bequest or estate plan.



### Transformational Giving

The first thought many people have of Palm Beach County is the beautiful island of Palm Beach; however, just across the bridge and throughout the county, desperately poor neighborhoods are home to families facing the enormous challenges of homelessness and hunger.

As Boys & Girls Clubs celebrated 50 years of service in Palm Beach County, they were gifted with a remarkable opportunity to expand geographically to serve even more disadvantaged children. During the Clubs' Winter Ball in April, Julie and Mike Connors responded to the need in the community by providing a lead gift to build a new Boys & Girls Club complex in the City of West Palm Beach's south end. This Clubhouse and Career Readiness Center will expand Club services to a large number of low-income Hispanic children, teens, and families.

Well before the Neil S. Hirsch Family Boys & Girls Club opened in Wellington, Neil had a long history of helping the Clubs' young people. "Mr. Neil," as the kids called him, wasn't a silent partner. Whether it was dropping in for a visit or making sure every Club family had a turkey for Thanksgiving, Neil's commitment never wavered. With Neil's passing, the community and our Club kids have lost a dear friend, a mentor, and an ardent supporter. Neil took care of his Club kids with a bequest to the Club's endowment to help guarantee his Club's doors never close.

Far too often, children grow up without the support they need to succeed. Benefactors like Julie, Mike, Neil and many others have made it possible to help children who are in desperate need and waiting for the critical services provided by the Boys & Girls Clubs.



### From Club Kid to Mission Leader

Little did eight-year-old Victor Rivera know when he first walked through the doors of the Boys Club in East Harlem that his life would be forever changed. Rivera was at the Club for three years before moving back to Puerto Rico and returning at age 14. "Back then, the Club staff would go out to the streets to recruit kids that were headed for trouble. I was one of them." While Rivera never joined a gang, he says he was friendly with kids who were members of the Latin Kings. "Howie Silston, the Club's Director, actually came to my house to talk to my parents. That day changed my life. I lost contact with all those kids as I was at the Club 24-7."









Victor Rivera
Vice President of Talent Development & Safety

As neither of his parents spoke English, the Club staff helped Victor get through high school and offered him his first job in their Environmental Education Department in 1973. The Club also helped with financial support so he could attend college. Moving up the ranks, Rivera took a job as a Club Director in Jacksonville, Florida, before joining the ranks of Boys & Girls Clubs of Palm Beach County as the Club Director in Wellington in 1989 and then as Vice President of Operations in 1999.

Rivera says the lessons learned at the Club fostered what he calls "A Serving Heart."

"Victor's passion for the work we do every day positively impacts those around him," stated Jaene Miranda, President & CEO of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Palm Beach County. "His contributions to and experiences at the Club could fill volumes. His legacy will be the founding of our Training Club which not only onboards every new employee but also inspires our next generation of youth development professionals to answer the call of service to our children."

Now, nearly 50 years since Rivera started his first Boys & Girls Club job in East Harlem, he is still walking through the doors of our 17 Boys & Girls Clubs. Sadly, he will be retiring in January of 2023. "My job is to pay attention to every child and to do whatever it takes to get the job done." For thousands of young people, he has done just that and, like Howie Silston, Victor Rivera will be remembered as the man who changed their lives.

# Whatever It Takes to support mental health & wellbeing

### Club Programs Addressing the "Whole" Child

The last two years dramatically changed routines, livelihoods, and the well-being of our neighbors, family, and friends. This has led to anxiety, stress, fear, and a feeling of helplessness for many. Prior to the pandemic, mental health challenges had already been associated with social inequality. While home life for many is a refuge, for underprivileged children and adolescents it can be the opposite. They find additional stressors at home, making them more vulnerable to depression, anxiety, and suicide.

As more and more young people exhibit stress-related behaviors due to trauma or continued uncertainty in their lives, Boys & Girls Clubs of Palm Beach County continues to invest in the lives of Club members.



The new Mental Wellness Initiative is responsible for targeted tiered programs that include **Social & Emotional Skill Building Programs** for staff, **Prevention Programs** to promote positive outcomes among our youth, and **Intervention Programs** that get to the root of the problem through different treatment approaches.

"While at Boys & Girls Club, my daughter's behavior has changed for the positive. My daughter is now in tune with her emotions and more open to speaking with me about issues she has. She loves being part of the Social Emotional Learning program and feels comfortable speaking with Mr. Wen, who does mentoring sessions with her," said Nisha, a parent of a Club member at the Boys & Girls Club of Delray Beach.

One of the mental wellness programs unites three institutions to form a new partnership to deliver on an research informed, cognitive therapy model called Rebound & Recovery, which was created by Florida State University's (FSU) Center for the Study and Promotion of Communities, Families and Children. With the support of the Community Foundation for Palm Beach and Martin Counties and training and ongoing technical assistance from FSU, the Clubs' mental wellness coordinators and instructors utilize age-appropriate activities to help youth regulate themselves emotionally so they can better control their feelings and behaviors.



400%

of member families report an increase in depression and anxiety-related issues 26%

of teens admit to suicidal thoughts

**57%** 

of teens report suffering from depression or anxiety

94%

of members report feeling emotionally safe at their Club

## Supporting the Growth and Development of Children through Good Nutrition

As prices rise on critical items such as shelter, food, and transportation, families are struggling financially. Currently, nearly 53,000 children in Palm Beach County do not have enough food to eat daily, making the Hunger Relief Programs a critical part of the Clubs' recovery plan. Without the Hunger Relief Programs, 95% of Boys & Girls Clubs of Palm Beach County families would struggle even more since they live at or below the federal poverty level.

This year, Boys & Girls Clubs of Palm Beach County distributed more than 675,000 healthy snacks and hot meals. Clubs not only continued to tackle food insecurity but are also educating youth on the benefits of eating fresh produce and healthy food preparation through numerous garden programs.

At the start of the Clubs' gardening programs, members initially struggled with being able to identify the different vegetables growing in the garden and lacked knowledge of the benefits of eating fresh produce or how to prepare and serve fresh fruits and vegetables. These young master-gardeners-in-training went on to learn how to plan and install a garden, plant, maintain and harvest produce, and how to prepare healthy foods with the garden produce they helped to grow during the program.

"We want our members to have hands-on experiences in preparing healthy foods, as well as becoming more physically active in order to feel more connected to the environment around them while breaking the pattern of obesity," said Kimberly Sovinski, Boys & Girls Clubs of Palm Beach County's Chief Development & Programs Officer.

Participating Club members experience the joy of sharing their natural treasures with family, fellow Club members, and the community at the end of each harvest.





53,000

kids go hungry in Palm Beach Country

95%

of club families fall below the poverty line (up 5% over last year)

675,000+

meals will be served in our Clubs this year

80%

of members maintain a healthy lifestyle (based on frequency of exercise and consumption of fruits & vegetables)

### **Whatever It Takes**

### to close the academic achievement gap

### Afterschool Academic Programs to Improve Classroom Performance in New Markets

For over 20 years, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Palm Beach County has been a grateful recipient of the Florida Department of Education 21st Century Community Learning Center grants. Encompassing academic enrichment in English Language Arts and Math, along with homework help and tutoring provided by state-certified teachers, this program provides the foundational support for the Clubs' Formula for Impact. Ambitious in scope and design, the program, which currently serves 4,387 Palm Beach County children with 110 Certified Teachers, will grow to serve nearly 5,000 members with 130 Certified Teachers in the 2022-23 school year. The Club will expand services to three new locations, Pahokee Middle-Senior High School, Conniston Middle School and Jupiter Elementary School. The need for academic support and enrichment programs at these schools is critical. On average, nearly 58% of the students had inadequate or below satisfactory English Language Arts Levels and over 60% had inadequate or below satisfactory Mathematics Levels. Over 88% of students at these schools are minorities, 89% receive free/reduced lunch, and 90% are economically disadvantaged.



"Children fall behind in school for so many reasons, and it is our mission to eliminate as many obstacles as we can," stated Lotus Holem, Vice President of Programming. "Kids may have a hard time focusing on learning, getting their homework done, or getting the support they need to succeed at home or from specialists at school. Our 21st Century Community Learning Center afterschool programs, supported by certified teachers and enrichment instructors, help to mitigate the academic challenges our Club members face."

Emerging evidence shows the pandemic has also negatively affected academic performance, widening pre-existing disparities. The communities and youth served by the Clubs were impacted the most. Boys & Girls Clubs of Palm Beach County is working tirelessly to do whatever it takes to reduce the historic achievement gap by providing all Club members the essential tools needed to be successful in the classroom.



**19** of **20** 

Clubs were awarded 21st Century Community Learning Center grants from Florida Department of Education

100%

graduation rate among our high school senior Club members

100%

of Club members receive daily homework help and routinely enjoy STEM activities

98%

of our teachers and program staff increased certification completion, continuing education credits, and/or professional development opportunities

### Transportation Critical to Afterschool Learning

As it is Boys & Girls Clubs' mission to be where we are needed most, Clubs are traditionally located in low-income neighborhoods with higher adult and juvenile crime rates. This poses a substantial risk for youth to safely arrive at afterschool venues. In response, Clubs maintain a fleet of buses to guarantee access to much-needed after school education opportunities for all, regardless of income.

"We have learned through the years that our transportation program is an essential service for families," said Steve Cornette, Chief Club Operations Officer. "Most parents in the communities we serve lack the means to retrieve their children at the end of the day, nor do they allow their children to walk home due to safety concerns."

If not for the Club and the transportation services it provides, Club members would have no other alternative than riding their regular school bus at the end of the school day to an empty home. They would remain unsupervised during these critical afterschool hours when they are most vulnerable. The Clubs' transportation and programming promote peace of mind for families. Parents know their child is in a safe environment, being



nurtured by caring youth development professionals, and receiving homework help and academic support. This also affords parents the ability to maintain their employment. During the summer months, the availability of safe, reliable transportation ensures that members at all Club sites enjoy a full day of superior programs, which will include the same, high-quality, fun, and educational field trips that their peers experience at other camps. Many of the members' favorite destinations are located at least an hour away from Club locations. Safe transportation helps to ensure equity across all Clubs.

20

buses and vans in the Boys & Girls Clubs fleet 1,200+

kids rely on the Clubs bus transportation to arrive safely at the Clubs daily 22

Palm Beach County school pick-ups daily



# 2022 Youth of the Year Jermaine Lovely



The highly anticipated annual Youth of the Year event was nothing short of motivational. Boys & Girls Clubs of Palm Beach County announced Jermaine Lovely, from Smith & Moore Family Teen Center of Belle Glade, as the 2022 Palm Beach County Youth of the Year. The dinner, filled with tears of joy, celebrated Boys & Girls Clubs' mission of enabling all young people to reach their full potential while raising a recording-breaking \$387,000. Lovely, a senior at Glades Central Community High School, was crowned the winner after competing with the other finalists from the seven teen-serving clubs in Palm Beach County.

"When they called out the winner, I could not believe it was me," said Lovely. "Becoming Youth of the Year was truly a blessing, as I had a dream about going away to college, but I didn't know how I could make that happen. I will use the four-year University Scholarship (with Room and Board) at Florida Agricultural & Mechanical University (FAMU). The Club has been a home for me, a place where I can go to help myself and grow as a person. This recognition was the icing on the cake."

"Providing four-year college scholarships to all seven finalists is transformational for these teens," said YOY event Chairman Wilder Regalbuto. "It's exciting to witness the passion of the finalists and to hear their heartfelt stories. Serving as chairman for this event is always an honor, and I can't wait to see what the future holds for Jermaine and all of the other amazing Club members."

Above: Jermaine Lovely - 2022 Youth of the Year

\$132,945

in scholarships received by Youth of the Year finalists

\$50,931

value of scholarship plus room and board received by the Youth of the Year

Right: Jermaine and his mother are presented a scholarship check by YOY scholarship benefactors Hon. Lesly Smith and Hon. Danielle Moore of The Mary Alice Fortin Foundation.





### 2022 Palm Beach County Youth of the Year Finalists

FRONT ROW

### **MARISSA ALTEUS**

Marjorie S. Fisher Boys & Girls Club of West Palm Beach

#### **ARYATHA DORNEZON**

Boys & Girls Club of Delray Beach

### **JERMAINE LOVELY**

Smith & Moore Family Teen Center of Belle Glade

### **ALYSA WILLIAMSON**

Max M. Fisher Boys & Girls Club of Rivera Beach

BACK ROW

### **JEAN DALMACY**

Boys & Girls Club of Boca Raton

### **VALENCIA JEAN**

Neil S. Hirsch Family Boys & Girls Club of Wellington

#### **KALEB ROLLE**

Florence De George Boys & Girls Club of West Palm Beach

# Where Are They Now?

Boys & Girls Clubs of Palm Beach County's mission is to ensure all youth reach their full potential by graduating on time with a plan for the future. The typical graduation rate for a Boys & Girls Clubs of Palm Beach County member is 98%, significantly higher than last year's 90% state average and 91% average for Palm Beach County students.

The Clubs' impact on members is lifelong, as demonstrated by the success stories of our Club alumni. Our programs are designed to keep children engaged from grade school to college. The most significant progress occurs when our Club kids form long-lasting relationship with our staff. We caught up with our past Youth of the Years winners to see what they are up to now!



2021
ANAJIAH GRAHAM

Anajiah is thriving at FAMU and getting involved in numerous student organizations to network with like-minded individuals. She is majoring in Political Science and hopes to be a Politician!



2020
ALIVIA LATIMORE

Alivia was invited to join the Honor Society at the University of Central Florida where she is majoring in Psychology. She is looking forward to joining different clubs on campus and wants to be a Clinical Child Psychologist.



2019

### **KALAYAH SAMUELS**

Kalayah is majoring in Counseling at Palm Beach Atlantic University and is interested in a career in Human Services. Her favorite class is Theatre Appreciation!



2018

#### DAVID WOOTEN

David recently graduated from Florida Atlantic University with a major in General Studies. He is currently working as a pharmacy technician and hopes to be an entrepreneur one day.

### **Whatever It Takes**

### to prepare our future workforce and leaders

### Career Bound delivers on Clubs' vision

During the past six years, Boys & Girls Clubs of Palm Beach County has experienced exponential growth in the Club's teen membership base, increasing by 400% from 500 to 2,500. Preparing teens for the future has never been more important. Unfortunately, far too many of young people are ill-equipped to meet the needs of today's employers. Low-income, minority and systemically marginalized youth are at an even greater disadvantage as they often lack the support needed to compete with more affluent youth. If we hope to change the trajectory of generational poverty and bridge the gap for low-income and at-risk teens, we must provide them with the assistance, training, and skills they will need to become productive citizens.



### **WORKFORCE READINESS**

1,250

regularly attending teens are currently provided with Career Readiness programs 100%

of all Club seniors not only stayed in school but they also graduated on time in 2022

94%

learning programs gained essential life skills that are necessary to succeed in the 21st Century workforce

28%

of alumni say if it weren't for the Club they would have dropped out of school The Clubs' Career Bound Program, along with the expansion of new Career Readiness Centers, will provide more teens with access to both academic assistance with certified teachers and programs that foster the knowledge, skills, and work experience to be college and/or career ready. The Centers will feature experiential learning labs that will introduce members to high-growth jobs identified in Florida's Targeted Industries and the Regional Demand Occupations list.

We know programs and mentoring work. In 2022, 100% of Club teens graduated from high school on time, and 92% entered secondary education, the military, or a certification program for a skilled labor position paying a livable wage. In addition, 92% of our Belle Glade alumni reported the Club kept them out of trouble with the law and, in a national survey, more than 50% of the respondents said that "the Club not only changed my life, it saved my life."

### Service Learning Takes Classroom Education to Ecuador

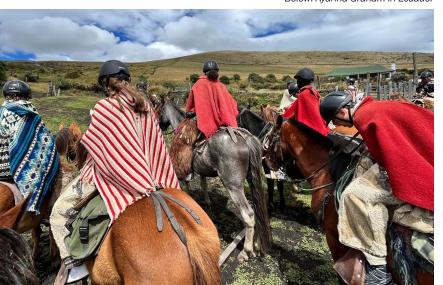
Ayanna Graham grew up coming to the Boys & Girls Clubs of Palm Beach County since she was 5 years old and now serves as a Junior Program Assistant at the Smith & Moore Family Teen Center in Belle Glade as she attends her first year at Palm Beach State College. To her friends and family, Ayanna was always the girl who would capture the moments you never want to forget. Her love for photography began at a very young age, and she entered her first photography competition in 8th grade. Ayanna continued to pursue her passion for photography in the Career Bound program at the Smith and Moore Teen Center. At the age of 15, advanced photography training opened her eyes to a whole new world.

"After seeing Ayanna's face light up during photography class and how her photography skills developed," Miss Andrea Sarcos, Skilled Enrichment Instructor, states, "the Boys & Girls Clubs gifted Ayanna with her very own camera so she could continue to pursue her passion."

In 2021 Ayanna's work was entered into the National Image Makers Photography contest to compete amongst entries from all Boys & Girls Clubs in America and was awarded Best of Show! This award inspired Ayanna to view the world through her camera lens and explore other countries abroad so that others could live vicariously through her images. However, the financial commitment was a burden, rendering these opportunities impossible until Sarcos encouraged Ayanna to apply for the Putney Open Door Fund. She was one out of 17 students among 3,000 applicants to receive a full scholarship to study abroad this past summer! Ayanna's life-changing trip allowed her to explore Ecuador for three weeks, photographing everything from historic monuments to personal selfies.

Ayanna said, "The greatest gift Boys & Girls Clubs has given me was the opportunity to pursue my passion for photography and push me past boundaries I never thought possible."







Above: Kaleb Rolle in Greece

### Birthplace of Democracy Beckons Youth Leaders

Kaleb Rolle, the 2022 Florence De George Club Youth of the Year Winner, has a passion for psychology, which is not surprising given his personal transformation from being a shy and timid first grader when he first joined the Club to evolving as the outgoing, passionate, and authentic teenager that he is today. Kaleb calls the Club his second home, a place where he goes to get help with his homework in the Career Bound Program, studies for his SAT, and receives guidance from his teachers. He has been so impacted by his teachers at the Club that Kaleb chose to make an impact of his own by working as a Junior Counselor at the De George Club for the last two summers.

Kaleb's impact has spread further than the Club itself. He was handpicked by our Youth of the Year judges to attend the Global Youth Leadership Academy in Greece this past summer! Kaleb said, "Boys & Girls Clubs of Palm Beach County is the reason I was able to go on this life-changing trip that has profoundly changed how I look at the world."

Kaleb had the opportunity to explore Greece, but what stood out to him the most was the leadership seminars he attended twice daily. During the seminars, Kaleb learned to connect with his emotions, show vulnerability, and not be afraid to be authentic.

"Without the Boys & Girls Clubs, Career Bound Program and the Global Youth Leadership Academy, I would not be the person I am today. I am forever grateful for the opportunities I have been given," said Kaleb.

# Preparing Tomorrow's Workforce through Corporate Partnerships

Career exploration enables members to gain valuable insights into potential careers, the skills necessary to pursue specific careers, and the route to take to reach one's goals. With this information, members can imagine themselves in the workforce, making informed decisions both during and after their academic careers. The following examples showcase recent collaborations between Boys & Girls Clubs of Palm Beach County and corporate partners that have facilitated critical opportunities for Club teens.



**Carrier's** yearlong program, STEMulated Minds, includes a variety of STEM modules that are delivered according to age group and skill level. The Drone Legends component provided Club members with the incredible opportunity to learn aviation vocabulary and develop significant skills in cutting-edge technology that directly supports this fast-growing STEM field. A drone competition was held at Carrier's Palm Beach Gardens headquarters, which provided Club members the opportunity to tour the state-of-the-art facility and explore career opportunities at Carrier.

Seven Youth of the Year finalists for Boys & Girls Clubs took over the board room at **Office Depot's** Boca Raton headquarters in March. Senior executives invited the teens to tour the facility and forged new relationships with the soon-to-graduate Club members. Senior staff also counseled the teens individually, providing career and life advice, sharing how their personal career journeys led them to Office Depot, and assisting the Youths of the Year with mapping strategies to jumpstart their careers.





To recognize the hard work and determination of Boys & Girls Clubs' graduating members, **GL Homes** hosted a graduation celebration dinner at Duffy's Sports Grill. Club members were recognized for beating the odds and achieving a much higher graduation rate than other Florida seniors. Over the past few years, Club members have earned an average 98% graduation rate, while the state average last year was 90% and 91% for Palm Beach County students.

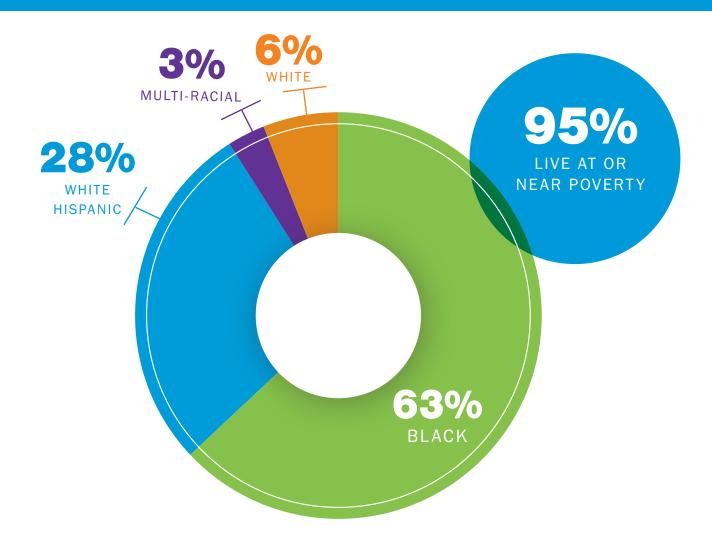
Over five weeks, Club teen members were treated to an extraordinary Career Exploration and Discovery workshop at the **Lexus Nexus** headquarters in Boca Raton. The executives helped the members complete a career assessment and paired them with one or more professionals working in related fields. The teens were introduced to the concept of personal branding and the potential harm of engaging in negative social media at any age. Club teens also learned how to apply for jobs, promote their abilities, and conduct themselves during an interview.

Palm Beach State College (PBSC) received a generous donation from Laura Finfrock to launch a scholarship fund for Club members at the Smith & Moore Family Teen Center in Belle Glade. In 2021, **FINFROCK** purchased 100 acres in Belle Glade to house precast concrete manufacturing facilities which will bring 200 much-needed higher-wage jobs. The Scholarship Fund will cover up to \$1,500 per year for recipients to pursue an associate degree or career certificate at PBSC. By reaching youth early and supporting their college education, Finfrock aims to help develop a pipeline of qualified employees in the Glades.

Local **Bridgestone** business managers were on hand to provide an interactive Car Care Clinic to teach Club teens the basics of vehicle and tire maintenance, preparing them to be good stewards of the road. Training stations focused on checking engine fuel, oil, and water levels and proper tire care and maintenance. The clinic also included industry-led insights into the different automotive career paths available.



### **DEMOGRAPHICS**



### **BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS' PARENT/GUARDIAN SATISFACTION CHART**

99% of parents satisfied with warmth and friendliness of staff

99% of parents satisfied with Club Safety

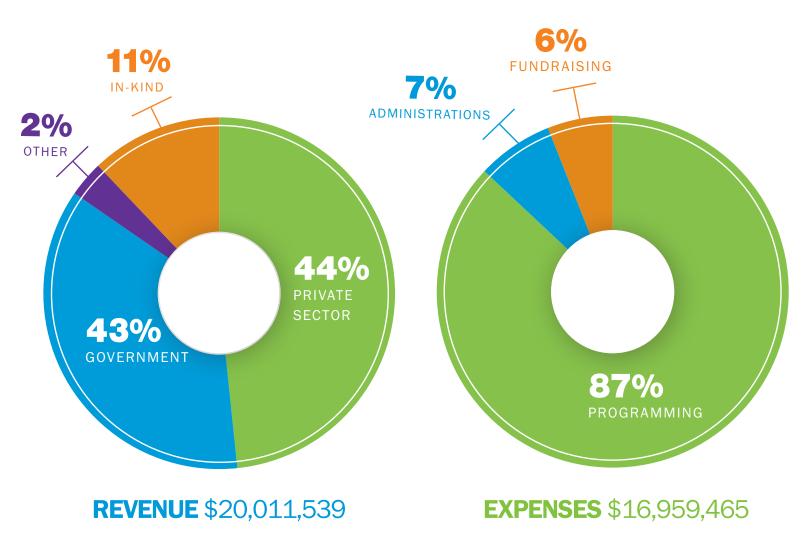
99% of parents satisfied with overall programming

99% of parents satisfied with staff's ability to help them become more involved in their children's education

93% of parents satisfied with their child's improvement in grades

### **2022 BUDGETS**

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# 87¢ of every dollar we raise directly impacts programming for our youth



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# A TRIBUTE TO COACH

A pillar of the Riviera Beach community, devoted father and grandfather, and treasured friend, Gary Darnell McKinon, Sr., "Coach" to all, left this world on May 20, 2022. Gary served as a fiercely committed staff member of Boys & Girls Clubs of Palm Beach County for 20 years, retiring in 2021 after he helped thousands of youth find and follow their dreams. Many of us here at Boys & Girls Clubs considered Coach a beloved friend and miss him dearly.

As Club Director of the Florence De George Club in West Palm Beach, Coach earned the coveted national "Program Excellence Award" from Boys & Girls Clubs of America, honoring his notable Club management style, mentorship of staff, creation of superior programs, and undying commitment to each and every member. Later, he accepted the challenge of launching a new Teen Development Program that established a creative array of programs that directly addressed teens' most urgent needs - jobs and the future. His efforts expanded BGCPBC's teen membership base by 400% in 6 years! The program evolved quickly, thanks to the dedication of private foundations that believed in the work and has now been renamed Career Bound. Today, Career Bound utilizes a staff-directed, case management approach to help teens identify career goals and obtain every conceivable support to fulfill their career aspirations. Gary McKinon's legacy will live on as Career Bound continues to nurture the next generation of leaders.

We would be remiss if we did not also mention Gary's legendary success as a basketball coach and how he earned that moniker! While serving as the Superintendent of Athletics, then Center Director, for the City of Riviera Beach Parks & Recreation Department over the course of 20 years, Coach established the AAU basketball league and coached the Riviera Beach Young Guns girls traveling team, which only lost one game in a span of ten years! Several players were recruited by college scouts, putting Riviera Beach and Coach McKinon on the map for AAU basketball.

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Boys & Girls Club of Boca Raton

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