

2020 Impact

Your investment makes a true impact in the lives of our youth.

We are **GRATEFUL** for your commitment to the future leaders of our community!



BOYS & GIRLS CLUB
OF BLOOMINGTON-NORMAL



120,000+
Meals &
Snacks
Served

Launched
BGCBN
Virtual Club
Programming

4 Club Sites

Illinois Street - K-5
2nd Pres Church - K-5
BJHS @ FCC
Teen CLUB @ FCC

Connected more
youth & families
to mental
health services
than ever before

Distributed
over 4,000
STEM
Activity Kits

www.bgcbn.org

L.O.V.E - Living Our Values Everyday

The laughter, joy and energy of our members, together with our youth development team, is what brings the Club to life. The few months between March and May, when we were unable to serve youth in person due to COVID-19, was incredibly challenging for us. But we persisted. We took advantage of this opportunity to explore innovative ways to serve not only our kids, but our community. We worked together with our strategic partners and provided activity kits, aligned with Feed BloNo Kids and BN & Beyond to distribute meals and collaborated with other Boys & Girls Clubs to launch our Virtual Club Experience. As summer approached, we were once again able to open our doors to our youth, with safety as our number one priority. Since that time, we have entered the hybrid season, a time that is in constant flux and requires us to be flexible and patient as we navigate these ever-changing waters.

Through it all, one thing has remained constant, our drive to fulfill our mission, to empower all youth, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens. Our Club provides a safe and positive space for youth to be between school and home. It is a place where kids can have fun and build positive, supportive relationships, while participating in opportunities and experiences which allow them to explore their goals and dreams.

During the pandemic, we have seen three very alarming trends impacting young people across our nation. Teen pregnancy is on the rise, there is an increase in suicide rates and unhealthy habits are causing an increase in adolescents' physical and mental health needs. Although it is difficult to foresee the long-term effects of this pandemic, we are committed to continuing to provide quality, impactful programs to support the growing needs of the future leaders of our community.

We continue to interlace social emotional development skills in our core programs which include Education & STEM, Character & Leadership, Teen Service & Career Exploration, Arts & Culture and Healthy Lifestyles. We pride ourselves on investing in our youth's future by helping them to understand healthy relationships, which are key to both personal and professional success. The collaborative partnerships we have established throughout our community, in conjunction with our core programs, are all designed to support the diverse needs of our youth and their families. With your generous support, we will continue to build great futures for young people throughout Bloomington-Normal.