

2017 ANNUAL REPORT



BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
OF SANTA MONICA

a Letter from our **CEO**

Reflecting on the wonderful year that 2017 was for the Boys & Girls Clubs of Santa Monica, I'm reminded of how fortunate I am to serve such a wonderful community and organization. The youth our **10 clubs** reach, from Santa Monica to Inglewood and East LA, receive excellent programming from passionate, capable staff that helps develop good character, strong leadership skills, whilst providing a safe space for them to grow and learn in an ever-changing world. In 2017 alone, we were able to serve approximately **4,000** young people, aged 6 to 18.

SOME CLUB HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:

- In 2017 each of our 10 sites ran our leadership program Torch Club, a "club within the Club" for members aged 11-13 who focus on developing character and leadership skills, spent an enriching weekend in Big Bear for the Torch Club Summit. For many of our members, it was their first time seeing snow, camping overnight, and stepping outside their comfort zones with trust falls, rope courses, and other team building exercises!
- Our Leaders in Training (LIT) program for 13-18 year old members continued its mission of helping our youth learn the virtue of handling responsibility, self-discipline, and teamwork. Our LIT members assist our younger Club members which is an invaluable opportunity for personal growth and engagement with their community!
- Building leadership through academic success, community service and career preparation is the focus of The Keystone Club! Youth participate in activities in three focus areas: academic success, career preparation and community service. In 2017 it provided opportunities for teens age 14-18 to be involved, strengthen leadership skills, help plan Teen Center events and fundraisers and help the community through service learning projects like our 3rd Annual Homeless Sleep out event.
- Our 4th Annual All Girls Summit welcomed 150 girls, aged 8-18, from all of our sites to participate in a day of learning, growth, empowerment, and bonding through activities designed to strengthen their character and embrace their true selves.
- As part of our Clubs' larger effort to engage young men in discussions that reinforce character, leadership skills, and positive behavior, our staff dedicates a special day each year to the Passport to Manhood Summit where our members learn handy skills, practice mindfulness, and emphasize teamwork through fun activities.

This year, we look forward to continuing to expand our teen programming and school partnerships beginning with an increased presence at both Santa Monica and Olympic High Schools. Our inspiring teen leadership group, Keystone, is the driving force behind such events as our 3rd Annual Homeless Sleep Out which garners attention and funds for the homeless population of Santa Monica each year.

With our accomplishments in 2017, I know 2018 will bring even more for our youth and ensure their **GREAT FUTURES**. Thank you for helping us continue our **mission to inspire and enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as caring, responsible, productive citizens.**

Sincerely,

Michelle Arellano, CEO



Our Team

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2017

Was a great year...

The Rotary Club of Santa Monica and the Pacific Youth Foundation generously donated the funds for us to renovate the Teen Center and Middle School Room at our Main Branch!

Our 42nd Annual Great Futures Gala was a sell-out event with heartwarming surprises for our staff and members!

U.S. Bank's Community Possible grant program gave the John Adams Middle School (JAMS) Clubhouse a much needed facility update, renovating the learning center and adding new computers for our tech room.

2017 State of the Club Breakfast: Our 3rd annual State of the Club Breakfast honored Board Member and long time supporter, Bob Sullivan, for his many years of service and dedication to our Clubs.

Jonathan Flores was selected as our 2017 Youth of Year, in recognition of his embodiment of the Club's values of leadership, service and academic excellence. Congratulations to Jonathan Flores and all of the Youth of the Year Candidates.



We make an IMPACT



Academic Success

These programs are designed to ensure that all Club members graduate from high school on time and are ready for a post-secondary education and a 21st-century career. Three quarters of our daily members utilize our PowerHour program for homework and study assistance.



Healthy Lifestyles

These programs develop young people's capacity to engage in positive behaviors to nurture their well-being, set personal goals and grow into self-sufficient adults. Over 200 of our members participate in our annual Basketball league to learn sportsmanship, stay active, and have fun!



Character & Citizenship

Youth develop leadership skills and gain opportunities for planning, decision-making and contributing to Club and community.



For Middle School character development



For teenagers seeking personal and professional growth



For teens seeking SAT/ACT test preparation and college application assistance



100%

Of reporting Community Corporation of Santa Monica apartment site members state that the Club employs an adult who *believes in their success*. Our members feel respected, are unafraid to make mistakes, and can grow and learn in a nurturing environment.



87%

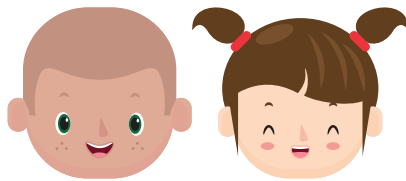
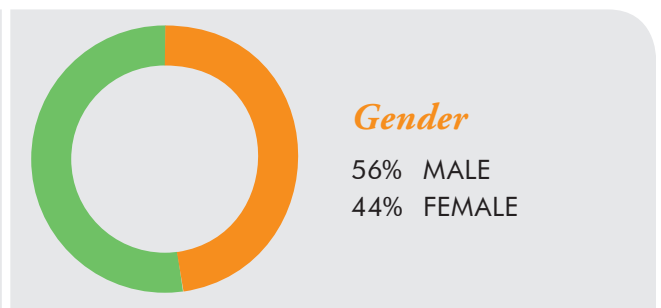
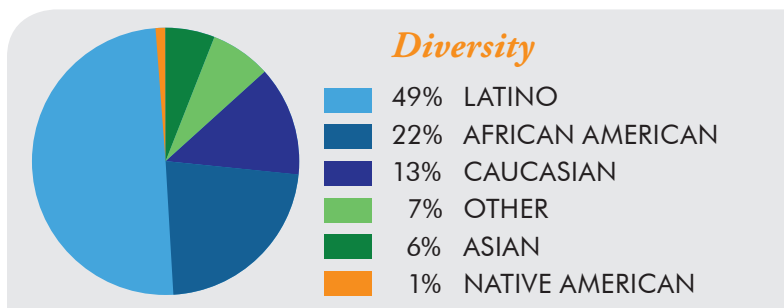
Of MVG members say they feel safer at the club than *anywhere else they spend time*. Our Clubs enforce the highest safety standards, and we encourage community leaders and local law enforcement to visit and form positive relationships.



92%

Organization wide percentage of members feel they have a *strong sense of belonging*. They are welcomed and respected by their peers, and they are able to form friendships that last a lifetime.

The Club by NUMBERS



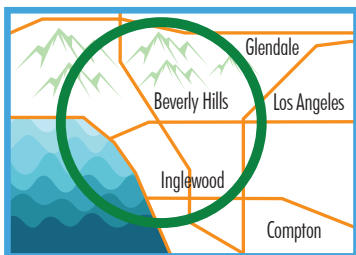
550 YOUTH
walk through our Clubs'
doors every day



Our programs impacted
the lives of over
4,000 KIDS
this year, and registered
membership increased by 6%



100%
of our High School Seniors
Graduate ON TIME compared
to LA County average of 80%



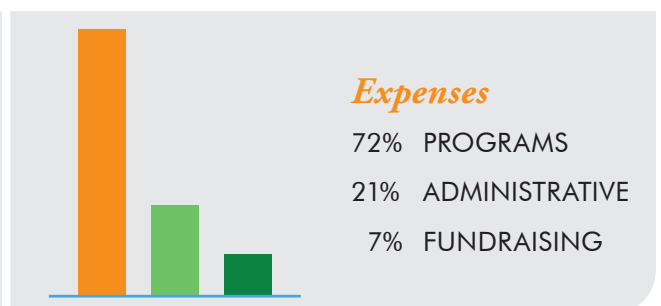
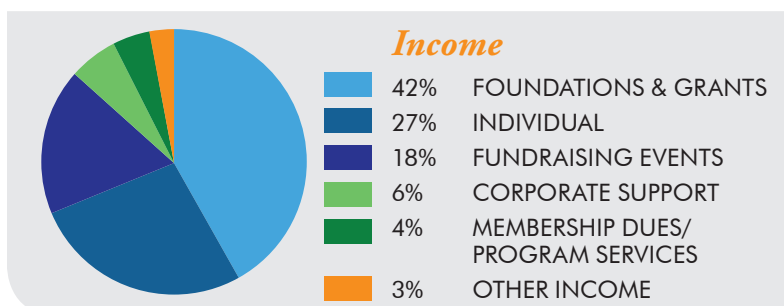
Our members live in
129 ZIP CODES
in West LA and beyond



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of our attendees come from
low-income families

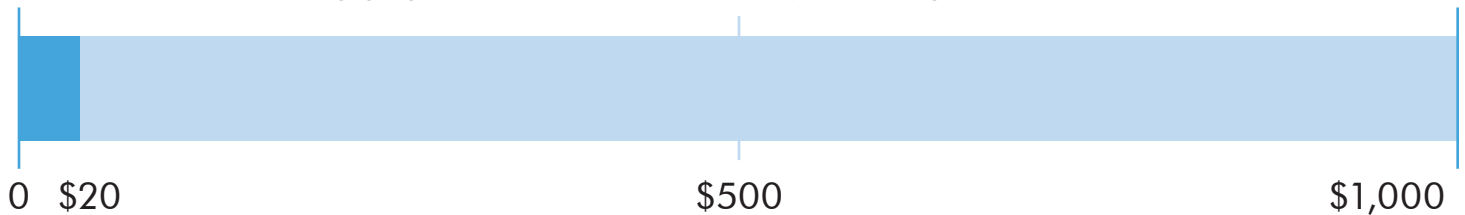


Our Holiday Heroes event
helped provide over
750 ITEMS
worth almost \$15,300 to
our members in need



All made Possible BY YOU

Members only pay **\$20**...but it costs **\$1,024** a year to care for each child



The Boys & Girls Clubs of Santa Monica operates on contributions from the community to help us keep membership affordable and open to all. While we cannot recognize every act of generosity we receive, we are immensely grateful to those who have gone above and beyond to help us achieve our mission.

Thank you for being so committed to our mission!

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From our BOARD



Serving as the Chair of the Board of Governors for the Boys & Girls Clubs of Santa Monica continues to be an enriching experience. Our youth have had life-changing and inspiring experiences, including a visit to the Boys and Girls Club of South Africa, a Passport to Manhood Empowerment Summit, and the Hearts for the Homeless Sleep Out – a unique event within the city of Santa Monica that is led by our teens. In the community, we continue our partnerships with:

- Community Corporation of Santa Monica
- Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles
- SEA Research Institute
- Pacific Youth Foundation
- OneWest Bank

Furthermore, we are very proud of our NYOI data for 2017. Our Club members are reporting an Optimal Club Experience at a rate that currently exceeds the national average. This is a testament to the quality of programming we are providing to our youth every day I feel confident that as we move forward strengthening our board, implementing our newly adopted strategic plan, and expanding our reach and services, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Santa Monica will continue to be an invaluable asset to the community.

Sincerely,

Bettina Duval, Board Chair

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