### WHY WE DO WHAT WE DO

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

#### **PRIORITY OUTCOMES**

The Formula for Impact is measured by three priority outcomes: academic success, good character and citizenship, and healthy lifestyles:

**56%** of Club members achieved more than the expected gain on standardized reading and math tests

**43%** of our teen members volunteer once per month or more

**83%** are active at least five days per week

1,483
average daily attendance

7% increase in membership from the 2014–2015 school year

14 sites all across Lawrence

USD 497 elementary students who are members **69%** 

94% parent satisfaction rate

#### **ON THE RISE**

Thanks to our six-week summer enrichment academic program, Boys & Girls Club members are

## eliminating the learning loss

that can occur during the summer months.

**26%** of Club kids improved their math grades

**30%** improved their reading scores

23% made academic improvements

**37%** improved behavior in the classroom

76% of kids enrolled attend more than 90 days over the course of the school year

Teen Center at max capacity

(70 kids per day), serving just 3% of Lawrence middle and high schoolers

ESPECIALLY THOSE WHO NEED US MOST

46%
of Club members
qualify for free
and reduced lunches
at school, compared
to 39% of the entire
USD 497 district

50% of Club members are on scholarship (BGCLK pays for some or all of their cost of attendance to ensure that kids are not turned away from a safe, positive environment because of financial reasons)

**82%** have improved self-confidence arned leadership

77% learned leadership skills at the Club

81% say the Club encouraged their community service67% possess goals and aspirations for the future

**ALUMNI REPORT** 

**54%** say the Club saved their life



**GREAT FUTURES START HERE.** 



"I really like math. Actually, my whole class really likes math."



"(I built this) for my robot. It can fly, it has boosters and there are three mailboxes."



"It's called finger knitting. When it starts to look like this, you know you're doing it right. I'm making a scarf for my mom."



"We sit here every day and read."

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As you celebrate with your family and friends this holiday, please consider making an investment in our youth. **Great Futures Start Here!** 

Along with you and our partners in this community, we are making a difference in the lives of these young people. They truly are reaching their potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens. **But, we have more to do.** There are still thousands of kids, especially middle schoolers, who still need a safe place after school with caring adults to help steer them toward good decisions. Our plan for the "Don and Beverly Gardner Center for Great Futures" will provide that environment, but it takes dedicated support and investment to get there.

Lawrence kids' lives every single day.

The holiday season at the Boys & Girls Club is nothing short of amazing. Club kids are abuzz making decorations, having parties and getting their schoolwork completed for 2015. For our staff, it is a time of reflection on the year that was. As we prepared the annual report you are about to read, we saw what we do well and what we can do better. Most of all, we gave thanks for the chance to impact nearly 1,500

To supporters, creators and believers of Great Futures in Lawrence,



so we're quizzing each other"

Spanish alphabet by tomorrow,

"We have to memorize the