

## Youth Development Program: Boys and Girls Clubs of America

### **Our Mission is the Movement's Reason for Being**

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

### **A Boys & Girls Club Provides**

A safe place to learn and grow...

Ongoing relationships with caring, adult professionals...

Life-enhancing programs and character development experiences...

Hope and opportunity.



### **About Our Programs**

Boys & Girls Clubs of America's national programs have taken members from the Clubhouse to the White House; from the games room to the corporate boardroom; from the high school orchestra to Carnegie Hall.

Boys & Girls Clubs of America has a lineup of tested and proven nationally recognized programs that address today's most pressing youth issues, teaching young people the skills they need to succeed in life.

More than 25 national programs are available in the areas of education, the environment, health, the arts, careers, alcohol/drug and pregnancy prevention, gang prevention, leadership development and athletics.

Programs:

Character & Leadership

Education & Career

Health & Life Skills

The Arts

Sports, Fitness & Recreation

Specialized Programs

Four key characteristics define the essence of a Boys & Girls Club. All are critical in exerting positive impact on the life of a child:

#### **1. Dedicated Youth Facility**

The Boys & Girls Club is a place – an actual neighborhood-based building – designed solely for youth programs and activities.

#### **2. Open Daily**

The Club is open every day, after school and on weekends, when kids have free time and need positive, productive outlets.

#### **3. Professional Staff**

Every Club has full-time, trained youth development professionals, providing positive role models and mentors. Volunteers provide key supplementary support.

#### **4. Available/Affordable to All Youth**

Clubs reach out to kids who cannot afford, or may lack access to, other community programs. Dues are low, averaging \$5 to \$10 per year.