

### BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF CHAFFEE COUNTY

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# LEAVE A LEGACY

### Help secure the future of Boys & Girls Clubs in Chaffee County



### **GREAT FUTURES** START WITH YOU

Boys & Girls Clubs of Chaffee County offer a positive, caring environment for all youth ages 6 to 18, empowering them to live successful and productive lives. Since 1860, Clubs have provided safe havens for young people by offering quality programs and critically important relationships with nurturing and reliable adults. By making a planned gift, you will help ensure that future generations will have the opportunity to build great futures in a safe, positive, and caring environment.



#### BENEFICIARY DESIGNATIONS

In addition to "traditional" bequests made through your will or trust, you can use beneficiary designations to endow the Club. It is typically easier to make a gift by completing a beneficiary designation form provided by your financial advisor than it is to visit your attorney and update your will. Making a gift to our endowment through a beneficiary designation helps avoid probate, provides tax savings, is revocable, and is easy to accomplish.

#### CHARITABLE LIFE INCOME PLANS

These plans, such as the charitable gift annuity and charitable remainder trust, enable you to make a future gift to endow our work while protecting or enhancing your current financial security. In exchange for your charitable gift, you reap multiple benefits:

- receive lifetime payments
- generate a current income-tax deduction
- bypass all or some capital gains on appreciated assets

#### SAMPLE BEQUEST LANGUAGE

"I give [Choose: \_\_\_% of my estate / the sum of \$\_\_\_ / the real property described on the deed as \_\_\_\_\_ / the personal property described on the deed as \_\_\_\_\_ / all the rest, residue, and remainder of my estate / \_\_% of the rest, residue, and remainder of my estate] to the Boys & Girls Clubs of Chaffee County (Tax ID: 55 - 0907901) to be used for its general charitable purposes."

### THE HERITAGE CLUB

The Heritage Club is an association of friends of Boys & Girls Clubs from all across the country. Like you, these people seek to ensure that the future needs of our nation's youth are met by including Boys & Girls Clubs in their estate plan.

When you join The Heritage Club, Boys & Girls Clubs of America will thank you by providing you with:

- our nation's children.
- A publication on tax and estate planning (optional).
- Recognition in their Annual Report.

This information is not intended as tax, legal, or financial advice. Gift results may vary. Consult your personal financial advisor for information specific to your situation. For more information on the Club or to discuss a planned gift, please contact Brian Beaulieu.

• A lapel pin that indicates your leadership in the mission to guarantee a strong and stable future for



### WAYS TO GIVE

There are many ways to make a planned gift.

#### CHARITABLE LIFE ESTATES

Do you own a home, vacation property, or farm? A gift of your property is one way you can help build our endowment. With a charitable life estate, you can make your gift to us today and continue to use and enjoy the property during your lifetime. This gift is as simple as deeding your property to us with a provision in your deed that permits your continued use. You are entitled to a current charitable income tax deduction, and the property is removed from your estate. In the future, our Club can sell or make use of the property for our mission.

#### BEQUESTS

A bequest is one of the easiest gifts you can make to sustain our endowment. The most familiar type of bequests are gifts made through a provision in a will or trust. You can make a bequest of a dollar amount, a specific asset, a percentage of or the residue from your estate.

#### LIFE INSURANCE

You can designate BGCCC as a beneficiary of your life insurance policy. When the time comes, BGCCC receives the proceeds. Thus, you can provide a large gift to benefit BGCCC for relatively little cost. The policy proceeds distributed to BGCCC will be exempt from estate tax.

#### DONOR-ADVISED FUND

Including your donor-advised fund (DAF) account in your estate plan has the potential to remove assets from your taxable estate and place them in a tax-free, philanthropic environment. In this way, your giving legacy can continue after your lifetime.

### MAKE YOUR MARK ON THE FUTURE



to come.

Our Clubs provide a place for kids to explore new ideas, learn new skills, and share new experiences together. Our priority outcomes are academic success, character & leadership, and healthy lifestyles. Our programs focus on these key areas: the arts; character & leadership development; education & careers; health & life skills; and sports, recreation & fitness. Safety is our #1 priority.

Your legacy gift will ensure that local kids will always have a safe place to grow, and that working families have the support they need to live in this community. By including Boys & Girls Clubs of Chaffee County in your estate planning, you will make a difference in the lives of local kids and families, for generations

### WHO WE ARE

At Boys & Girls Clubs of Chaffee County, we focus on building bright futures for the young people who pass through our doors. We know that trusted, caring adults and a safe place to go after school can transform a child's life.

Our mission is to inspire and enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, and responsible citizens. We accomplish this by offering programs in three core areas: character & leadership development, academic success, and healthy lifestyles. We are a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

### WHAT WE DO

We operate two Clubs in Chaffee County, Colorado, in the towns of Salida and Buena Vista. We serve over 900 youth annually throughout Chaffee County, and our doors are open five days a week, 50 weeks per year.

## OUR COMMUNITY ROLE

We are the gold standard in youth development in Chaffee County. We opened our doors in 2005 in response to a community-needs assessment that identified the lack of constructive out-of-school programs for local children and teens. Almost 20 years later, we are still here offering this critical service for working families in Chaffee County. Our Clubs bring together youth from all walks of life, and ensure that they have a safe, affordable place to be after school and in the summer.

We partner with many other local organizations to connect our youth with resources and opportunities across their lives and interests: City of Salida, Town of Buena Vista, Salida Circus, Family & Youth Initiatives, our libraries, Walden Chamber Music Society, Guidestone, AmeriCorps, GARNA, Salida Creativity Lab, and our local school districts.



## GREAT FUTURES START HERE







"The Club is open most days, so I am here most days. My favorite part of the day is snack and lunch. I met my best friend here, Dominic. He moved away and now I've made new friends. I love tech and learning computer things from Mr. Kuper."

RICKY, SALIDA CLUB, AGE 11

"I started coming to the Club four years ago. Art is my favorite activity and also making new friends. Fiber arts is my favorite art, I still have the very first pillow I made in my first fiber arts class."

CYRENNA, SALIDA CLUB, AGE 10

"I've been coming to the Club a long time. My favorite thing is SPARK- fitness. Pretty much everyday, I help out in the gym or outside, wherever the sports are going on. When I first came here, I wasn't very good and now I help the little kids get better!

ZAK, BUENA VISTA CLUB, AGE 13

### IRENE'S STORY

Irene has been coming to the Salida Club for over 10 years. She has transformed from a shy, young member into a strong, perseverant leader. In 2023, she was awarded the honor of Chaffee County Youth of the Year, and represented our county in the state competition.



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"Growing up in my small mountain town I spent most of my time watching others, observing. Most of the people in my town are white and don't speak Spanish. My parents were both immigrants and my dad was deported twice. I was in the sixth grade when he was sent back to Mexico for the last time. For a while, it made me question and even reject who I was.

"Since I became a member of my Club 10 years ago, I've learned the importance of acceptance. I see kids come to the Club, who do not speak English, who are shy, who are trying to find themselves, and who are in need of support. I see them and I want to help them, because we help ourselves by helping others.

### CLUB STAFF HAVE ALWAYS BELIEVED IN ME AND NOW I BELIEVE IN MYSELF.

"Club staff have always believed in me and now I believe in myself. I am somebody, in my rural town, in my school, my community, and especially at the Boys & Girls Club." -Irene (Excerpted from Youth of the Year Speech and Essay, 2023)



### BUILDING GREAT FUTURES



Every kid deserves a place. A place to feel safe. A place to feel connected. A place to belong. Boys & Girls Clubs of Chaffee County offer such a place-where kids can go after school and during the summer to grow beyond the classroom.

Our Board and Club leadership are committed to providing safe, engaging facilities in Salida and Buena Vista designed specifically for our members and the wide range of programs we offer.

Our Salida Club, which moved into new quarters in 2021, has a gym with a climbing wall, teen center, art room, library, tech center, learning center, commercial kitchen, performance room, recording studio, and large playground.

Our Buena Vista Club is located inside Avery Parsons Elementary School. Plans are underway for a state-of-the-art Club in Buena Vista designed to provide kids in the northern end of Chaffee County with a fun and functional place to spend out-of-school time and to become who they are meant to be.

#### A positive place for kids to become who they are meant to be

# OUR IMPACT

The social value that Boys & Girls Clubs provide to youth, families, and communities is tremendous and well documented. Youth benefit from having daily access to a safe place offering activities that are relevant, challenging, and fun. Parents benefit from having an affordable place for their children to be cared for while they are at work. And communities benefit because, during the after-school hours when youth are most at-risk of becoming engaged in delinquency and crime, Clubs are instead engaging them in constructive, character-building activities.

Since opening in 2005, the BGCCC has served over 9,000 school-aged youth, and nearly 1 in every 3 local youth has participated in Club or outreach programming.

Every dollar invested in Boys & Girls Clubs returns \$9.60 in current and future earnings and cost-savings to their communities.<sup>1</sup> Boys & Girls Clubs of America is ranked the number 1 nonprofit youth organization by The Chronicle of Philanthropy.





### IN 2022:

248 **SMART Moves** participants learned to

make good choices

239 activities

347

24,338

Healthy snacks were served last year including apples, yogurt, and granola bars

avoid risky behaviors and

86%

Of members say they have someone at the Club they can go to in a time of need

255

I Study conducted by Institute for Social Research and the School of Public Health at the University of Michigan in 2015.

Members participated in STEM programs and

39 Youth trained as Junior Staff and Peer Leaders

Members participated in sports and fitness activities like basketball or rock climbing

Days our Club doors were open for safe, engaging programs

### 100%

Of our youth are on track to graduate high school on time

909 Youth served between both Clubs and our outreach programming