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Thanks to you and other generous community supporters, the Club continued to grow and thrive in 2018.

As the leading youth development organization in Lorain County, we see the possibility in every young person — no matter where they come from—and understand what they need to grow and succeed. In doing so, we emphasize three key outcome areas: Academic Success, Healthy Lifestyles, and Good Character & Citizenship. These focus areas provide a platform for helping all kids build the skills and relationships needed to achieve a great future.

As you read through these pages, you will be able to see and feel your impact in helping make great futures a reality for the next generation.

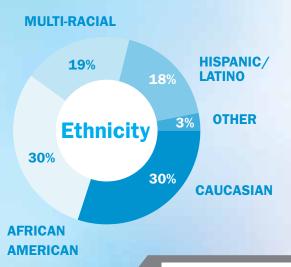
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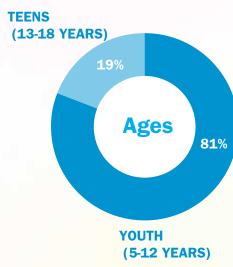
Mike Conibear

Executive Director

We served a total of 4,549 youth in 2018:







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YOUNG PEOPLE WHO NEED US MOST



OUTCOME-DRIVEN CLUB EXPERIENCE

- FIVE KEY
 ELEMENTS
 For Positive Youth
 Development
- HIGH-YIELD ACTIVITIES
- TARGETED PROGRAMS
- REGULAR ATTENDANCE



PRIORITY OUTCOMES



Graduate from high school ready for college, trade school, military or employment.



GOOD CHARACTER & CITIZENSHIP

Be an engaged citizen involved in the community, register to vote and model strong character



HEALTHY LIFESTYLES

Adopt a healthy diet, practice healthy lifestyle choices and make a lifelong commitment to fitness.

ACADEMIC SUCCESS **Developing Globally Competitive Graduates.** We develop skills that prepare Club Our Summer Camps work to stave off members to be successful in school and summer "brain drain," endemic to

We develop skills that prepare Club members to be successful in school and future employment. During Power Hour, all of our sites offer a structured time and place for Club staff and volunteers to help members complete their homework and start each school day better prepared and with a sense of confidence and competence. We provide intensive literacy instruction in our twelve 21st Century Learning Center sites. Tutors work individually with young, struggling readers in two elementary schools through our SPARK program.

summer "brain drain," endemic to low-income youth, by implementing Boys & Girls Clubs of America's Summer Brain Gain. Throughout the summer, children read, engage in STEM activities, and games that stimulate their cognitive abilities so that they do not arrive at school in the fall with diminished academic skills.

What schools are saying:

"I hope you realize the difference you are making in our students' lives"

Ed Weber, Superintendent of Wellington Schools

"We appreciate your partnership and what you do for Lorain's scholars. The work you do is so impactful"

Bill Ohle, Director of School Improvement, Lorain City Schools

SPARK 3rd Graders Improved 27% more

on OST Reading between Fall 2017 and Spring 2018 than non-SPARK students.



Director of Desich Family Campus Club

Adrian's desire to work with kids stems from his own childhood. He was raised by a single mom in often challenging economic circumstances, and was exposed to traumatic situations that, he says, "a child should not have to see." He has great empathy for the kids he serves based on his past experiences and wants to provide Club members with the guidance that he sometimes felt he lacked growing up: "I understand where they are coming from. I want to give them guidance and structure. I want to teach kids to go along the right path." Adrian also appreciates that the Club helps provide basic needs, such as food and school clothes, for the kids. "They may not know it, but they need a safety net—the Club is part of a village."

One of the things he likes best about working at the Club is witnessing Club kids maturing and developing leadership skills. "One of our current summer staff was a kid when I worked at Southside Gardens. He was a bit of a troublemaker, but I recognized that he was a leader. It has been great to see him grow up. I appreciate that the Club provides room for trial and error and employment opportunities for these kids."

But what Adrian likes most is to "watch the kids smiling and laughing."

HEALTHY LIFESTYLES



Stanley V., Club member

"There are nice staff and they take care of the kids"

This is what 13-year-old Stanley says in response to why he likes coming to Club. He also likes seeing his friends and participating in all of the Club activities, particularly being able to go regularly to T3 Performance to develop baseball and other sports skills. Another highlight for him has been the opportunity to go to overnight camp at Camp Joy (through a partnership with The Footpath Foundation), especially roasting marshmallows!

In keeping with the Club's mission of helping youth become responsible, caring citizens, Stanley gives back. Without being asked, he helps the lunch server pick up trash and sweeps the floor. Stanley has demonstrated amazing character and leadership skills—We look forward to great things in his future!

Building a Healthier Generation.

We are focused on improving the physical and emotional health of youth. Every day, Club kids engage in physical fitness activities, whether through informal games or more structured sports, such as baseball, basketball or tennis. We also partner with the Lorain County Board of Mental Health to promote mental wellness in our members, such as through Bellfaire JCB's "Skillstreaming" group, which helps kids build friendships, manage their emotions in appropriate ways, and cope with stress.

In addition, each child that attends Club eats a nutritious meal prepared lovingly by our Food Program staff.

Finally, Club promotes positive life skills in members through its nationally recognized prevention and resistance programs, Passport to Manhood, SMART Moves, and SMART Girls.





attending the Desich Club After School Program for two years. Prior to coming to Club, they would go directly home after school. However, Club is able to offer many more activities and homework help than he was able to get at home, where he and his sister live with his mother. "I like computer lab and playing basketball outside," reports Jahzir. His most cherished moment was going to Equity Trust for the Christmas party (Equity Trust sponsored the 2018 Christmas party for all Desich Family Campus members).

Jahzir embodies Boys & Girls Clubs' three guiding aims of Academic Success, Healthy Lifestyles and Good Character & Leadership. He's a great student, physically active and very respectful of adults. Desich Site Director, Adrian Sanchez, is particularly inspired by Jahzir's leadership skills. While listening well to instructions, he also "shows a real sense of independence—Jahzir is not a follower."

Good Character and Leadership: Creating 21st Century Leaders

We help youth become caring and responsible citizens. Every Club member learns the importance of standing up for what they believe and giving back to the community. Young people develop leadership skills throughout their Club experience, with older members engaging in Torch Club and Keystone Club leadership programs. We create a nurturing environment, in which older children help younger ones. Our staff model good behavior, mentor members, and ensure that each child has a compassionate adult in their lives.

What parents are saying:

"Thanks for helping our children branch out! Especially our oldest who has had trouble mingling, interacting, making friends at times. He's doing great here and loves it."

"London loves going to Club! He loves the staff, he loves his friends, he loves the activities!... He is allowed to be himself and I thank the staff for encouraging that and for not shutting that down!"

"Jaz loves going to Club everyday. He is treated with kindness and I feel safe leaving him in their hands!"



of Northeast Ohio Corporate Board.

tenure, including Board President for 5 years and Treasurer for 10. During his Board service, the Club's budget has grown from \$200,000 to nearly \$5 million. He is now serving on the Boys & Girls

89% of Club members say that they feel like they can stand up for what they think is right, even if their friends disagree.



Why I tutor at Boys & Girls Clubs

Cheryl Gooch, SPARK Tutor

Cheryl Gooch, "Miss Gooch" to all of the many children she's taught over the years, began working with Boys & Girls Clubs of Lorain County when Mike Conibear became Executive Director in 2000. She first worked in the Oberlin Club's after school program helping children with their homework during Power Hour. After retiring as a high school special education teacher in 2013, she has dedicated herself to the SPARK program. Through SPARK, she has tutored children at Frank Jacinto, Washington and Garfield Elementary Schools and also trained many SPARK tutors. Following a career educating teens, Miss Gooch says that she really enjoys working with the younger kids (SPARK serves K-3) because she "can get to them early enough before they reach the point where they can't catch up to their peers." She also recognizes SPARK's value of working individually with children. "The individual attention allows them to see that they are really achieving and that gives them the self-confidence to flourish in a subject," says Gooch. Miss Gooch looks forward to another successful year at Garfield Elementary, a result of both wonderful SPARK tutors and the fantastic collaborative relationship SPARK has with Garfield teachers and school principal.

The Boys & Girls Clubs or Lorain County's success and impact is due to the commitment of its staff. Miss Gooch's nearly two decades of Club service epitomizes this dedication.

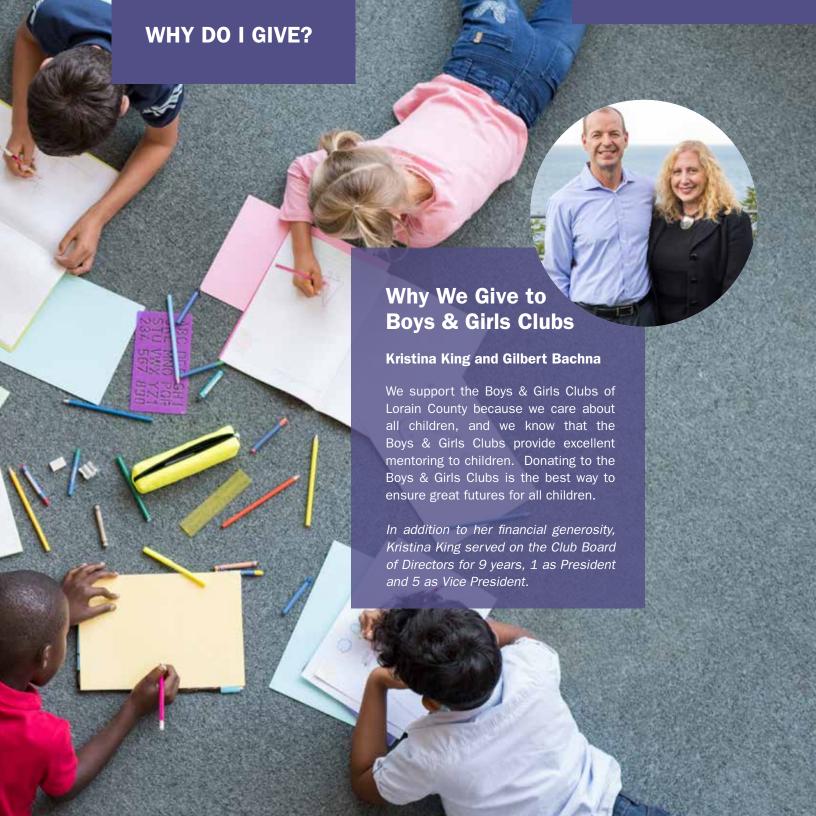




Why I Like SPARK

Makayla R., participant in SPARK school day tutoring program

Makayla was initially worried about starting SPARK. "I was scared that I was going to get things wrong," says the Garfield Elementary student. However, she soon found that she enjoyed meeting with her tutor, Jeriece West, several times a week during the school day. "I liked when Miss Jeriece would read parts of a book and then I would read." She did not experience being read to often, so this was a real treat. Another favorite part of SPARK was learning new words. Now Makayla feels more confident with all of her subjects because she feels more proficient at reading and writing, a sense that was confirmed when she passed the State Reading Test, meeting Ohio's Third Grade Reading Guarantee. Best of all, she now enjoys reading for pleasure, especially Magic Tree House books. What would she tell kids that are just starting SPARK? "Try your best and you will do fine."



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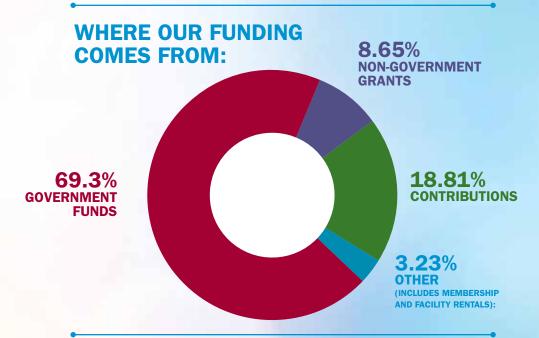
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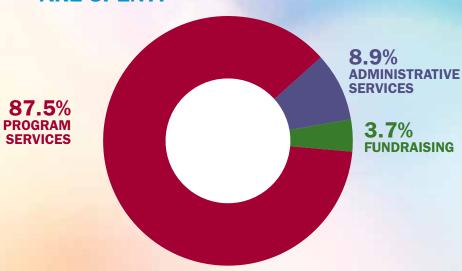
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