

Annual Report: A Look Back at 2022



**UNITED
BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS**
OF SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

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A Letter From Our CEO, Michael Baker

I often tell people, “I love my job” I genuinely do. Let me explain why. No matter how challenging things have been these past 8 years (Flooding of clubs, devastating forest fire at our Camp, Covid) we still kept moving forward. That happens because we have what I call the “Big 3” 1. Great Board Members, 2. Great Donors and 3. Great Staff in our clubs. We would have never been able to navigate these challenges if it wasn’t for all 3 of those support groups helping us along. If you want to see how strong your board is, have a crisis! See who shows up to meetings. Our board attendance and participation has always been strong and continues to this day. When things get tough economically our donors have ALWAYS stepped up and supported us. For so many of them we remain their favorite charity because nobody stretches the donated dollars better than we do. I often kid and say our Treasurer could make wine from raisins. Lastly you need a dedicated group of people that devote professional experience to working with our members. Covid really set us back staffing wise. It completely depleted our “bench strength” of staff. We lost a ton of institutional knowledge and experience. Thanks to our awesome leadership team that showed up day after day these past 3 years to make sure our members had a safe place to go even when the schools weren’t allowed to open.

Yes because of the “Big 3” I still say, “I love my job” Thank you to all of you that fall within the “Big 3” You have my respect and appreciation forever.

Michael Baker, CEO

A Letter From Our Board President, Roger Aceves

While Covid continues to be an issue for us all, the United Boys and Girls Club strives to meet the needs of our county’s youth. Our Clubs provide so many positive activities where children are nurtured in a secure place by dedicated staff.

Last year, it became clear that our members were food insecure, so Staff quickly instituted a plan to see that members received a nutritious hot meal and snack daily. This program has expanded to include the whole family, and many families have told us how important this service is the health and well-being of their families.

Our Clubs are proactive in meeting the issues as they appear. Michael Baker and his staff are the frontline workers making this possible. The Board provides financial support and any assistance required to make things happen. I am honored to serve such a fine group of people as Board President.

I thank each of you for everything you do, none of the magic would happen without your dedication, professionalism and insistence that our members receive the very best we can provide.

Roger Aceves



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Our Mission

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

Our Goals

To break the cycles of inequity and provide access, opportunities, and a safe space for every child to become who they were meant to be.

Our Impact

United Boys & Girls Clubs of Santa Barbara County offer programming that enables young people to learn, grow and thrive for only \$40 a year and there is no charge for families unable to pay. Our programs engage students to interact with peers, build social skills, get the homework help they need, and participate in physical activity. We provide access that in turns creates ladders of opportunities that become the catalyst for change.

PROGRAMS THAT LAY THE



- **46,686** free suppers served after school in 2022
- **10,224** free after-school snacks
- Dynamic Ceramic Arts Program
- 3 All Day Kids Program at Camp Whittier
- Games room activities- pool tables, ping pong, air hockey, foosball, shoot hoops

- Power Hour Learning Spaces- **1859** youth participate daily in Power Hour and receive homework help and tutoring
- Athletics- Competitive sports leagues for basketball, soccer and flag football
- **3,002** unduplicated Club Kids

**56 youth received Blue Cards
attending over 200 days in 2022**

- **18,883** meals (breakfast and lunch) and **7,517** snacks served over the summer
- **81** Field Trips Taken: weekly trips to the movie theater, Oak Park, and Kids world. Our clubs kids have also taken field trips to the Natural History Museum, Moxi, LA Science Center, Universal Studios, and more!
- 85 kids attended a week long overnight summer camp at Camp Whittier

GROUNDWORK TO THRIVE



Organic Gardens at 5 Club Sites!



- Transportation: **739** members transported to the clubs in the 2022-2023 school year from **25** schools county-wide
- Launch of College & Career Bound Program to help teens in their journey to college and career paths
- **900** meal packages distributed to club families for the year

Notes 4 Notes Music Program at 2 locations

Education and Career Development provides opportunities for career exploration, educational enhancement and tutoring.

- Power Hour
- Freckle-online differentiated learning platform for math and ELA
- Summer Spectacular a ten-week full day summer camp
- College & Career Bound

Character and Leadership Development

encourages a member to become a responsible, caring citizen.

- Youth of the Year
- Keystone Club
- Torch Club
- Teen Late Night

Health and Life Skills are initiatives to help youth achieve and maintain healthy, active lifestyles.

- Zero Hunger Meal Program
- SMART Girls
- Passport to Manhood
- Roots to Shoots Gardening

The Arts help young people enhance self-expression and creativity, that provide exposure to and develop skills in crafts, and visual, performing, and literary arts.

- Notes for Notes music program
- Ceramics and Specialized Art Programs
- Dance and Movement
- Film Camp in partnership with Santa Barbara International Film Festival

Sports, Fitness and Recreation programs help provide fitness, reduction of stress, and social and interpersonal skills.

- Sports Leagues – Basketball, Soccer, and Flag Football
- Triple Play- A Game Plan for Mind, Body, and Soul

Camp Whittier

Welcoming thousands of youth each year, Camp Whittier is a 94-acre camp located in the Santa Ynez Mountains that offers a variety of activities including the Elings Science and Math Camp along with an extensive outdoor education curriculum.

2022 Impact Report

Club Sites: Santa Barbara Downtown, Santa Barbara Westside, Carpinteria, Goleta, Buellton, Solvang, Lompoc

OUR CLUBS

3,002
youth served
annually

On average,
380
youth attend daily

\$40 yearly
membership

25 school
pick-up locations

OUR ORGANIZATION

85th year
serving youth in
Santa Barbara County

292
days open

24
full-time employees

87
part-time employees

75,793
free meals & snacks served

OUR KIDS

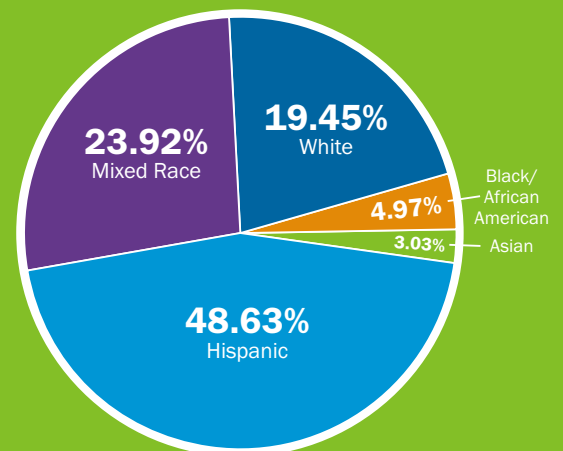
AGE



67%
of UBGK member
households earn less than
\$55,000 annually

75%
qualify for free or
reduced-price school lunch

57%
of member households
live at or below the
poverty level



OUR SUPPORTERS

6,850+
individual donors

65
corporate donors

337
annual volunteers

EQUITABLE AFTER-SCHOOL SUPPORT

THE NEED: “57% of parents in the U.S. report that they can’t enroll their children in afterschool programs because they are too expensive. Another report found that 7.7 million children are alone and unsupervised after school,” (Afterschool Alliance)

WHAT WE DO: UBGC offers affordable, quality programming for children to attend after school. Our programs focus on an array of subjects, such as academic assistance, arts, and healthy habits, which encourage each child to grow in a wide variety of subjects.

OUR IMPACT: By providing a safe and welcoming space to learn, UBGC fosters a supportive environment where children create, move, learn, and thrive. Not only does this help our children academically, but it also helps to improve their social-emotional well-being.

HEALTH & NOURISHMENT

THE NEED: 1 in 8 children in California are facing hunger (Feeding America).

WHAT WE DO: UBGC’s Zero Hunger Food Program served **65,569** meals and **10,224** snacks to youth members and their families in 2022, all at no cost.

OUR IMPACT: UBGC is working to combat food insecurity in our community through providing hot, nutritive meals to our members after school, as well as during summer and holiday breaks. Each meal served by the UBGC Food Program meets the 5 healthy-meal components, ensuring each child receives the nutrition to learn, play, and grow.

EDUCATION & LEADERSHIP

THE NEED: 75% of students report feeling moderately, slightly, or not at all prepared for college” (YouScience)

WHAT WE DO: In Fall 2022 UBGC launched the College and Career Bound (CCB) program, which is designed to prepare our middle and high school members for their future education and career endeavors. The CCB curriculum includes academic support, workshops, visits to various universities, guidance in the financial aid process, and career mentorship.

OUR IMPACT: Through their participation in the CCB program, our members receive individual academic and social-emotional support as they are guided in the college preparation process. This mentorship will allow our CCB members to build a brighter future for themselves as they are given the necessary tools to pursue and achieve their goals of higher education and employment.

Top 5 Blue Card Members

Blue Card Members attended the clubs more than 200 days in 2022



Brandon Le

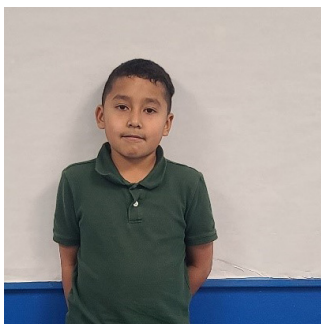
275 days

Age: 13

Attends: Goleta Club

Favorite Thing About the Club: Hanging in the teen room and soccer

Future Career: YouTuber



Aaron Hernandez

267 days

Age: 8

Attends: Santa Barbara Downtown Club

Favorite Thing About the Club: Playing Soccer

Future Career: Soccer Player



Craig Sperry

240 days

Age: 7

Attends: Lompoc Club

Favorite Thing About the Club: Seeing his teachers and playing with his friends

Future Career: Electrician



Wyatt Frazier

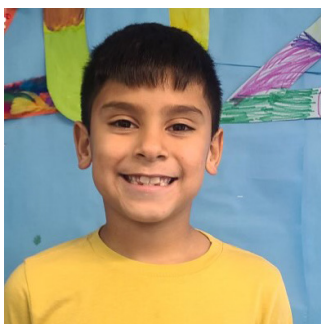
232 days

Age: 7

Attends: Carpinteria Club

Favorite Thing About the Club: Looking at my friend's Pokémon Cards

Future Career: Policeman



Luca Ceballos

206 days

Age: 7

Attends: Bulleton Site

Favorite Thing About the Club: Playing outside and snack time

Future Career: Professional Soccer Player

Blue Card Members 2022

Le, Brandon
Le, Ethan
Hernandez, Aaron
Elizondo, Camila
Elizondo, Marco
Sperry, Craig
Solis Villegas, Aaron
Hernandez, Bobby
Solis Villegas, Valery
Frazier, Wyatt
Carreno, Sophia
Jacobs, Jayden
Carreno, Lucia
Soriano, Brayan
Corado, Eliseo
Munoz, Dulce
Soriano, Nelly
Jacobs, Julian
Najera, Gabriel

Avila Ruiz, Adrian
Latouche, JonAndrew
Garambullo, Jayden
Godinez, Daliah
Gonzalez sierra, Brandon
McNamara, Johnathan
Tamayo, Cristian
Zick, Isaac
Zick, Joshia
Rojas, Osuel
Vega, Fernando
Jamies, Ricardo Jr
Navarro, Lei'ana
Barreto, Joncarlo
Juarez, Joaquin
Avila Ruiz, Mario
Juarez, Brayan
Vega, Hannah
Hernandez, Ismael

Rios, Heaven
Langlo, Cash
Donato, Joshua
Morin, Marc-yvan
Angeles, Abraham
Ballard, Azayla
Velasquez, Damian
Ceballos, Luca
Ayala, Anthony
Benitez, Alexander
Bautista, Rafael
Payan, Santiago
Garcia, Neymar
Reyes, Alfredo
Ceballos, Daniel
Mendez, Jeffry
Ortega, Mia
Solano, Julian

Soul of the Club

When Sarah first came to the Boys & Girls Club, she was really shy. Very closed in. Went at her own pace. But in just this year, she has shown so much growth. She became more open, accepting, and willing to share with staff. She has changed in the most positive way. Her mom tells our staff how grateful they both are for this safe space. We feel Sarah embodies Boys & Girls Club beliefs. Always shown kindness and respect. She is always lighting up the room by singing and smiling, something we all have been so blessed to experience.

Alexander has been a member of the Westside Boys and Girls Club since he was six years old. Now at 16, Alexander has become a leader and inspiration to all club members and staff. As a kid, Alexander would always get into trouble with the staff for issues such as not staying in his rotation and bullying other members. As he got older, there was a change in him.

He began to help out around the club. He has shown so much progress in becoming a natural leader for the teens. Alexander has put in more time than any other teen in the club with 350 hours of volunteering and has built long-lasting relationships with staff. He truly illustrates the mission of the Boys & Girls Club.

Donovan is the most accepting person in the entire club. Donovan surrounds himself with positive energy and has wisdom far beyond his years. Donovan is always trying to make someone feel good about him/herself especially if someone is having a bad day. Donovan is quick to stick up for what is right and promotes kindness all around. He taught us how to meditate and it has helped many kids who struggle with fidgeting in their seats. You would not think such positivity would come from a child who was bullied. We could all learn an important lesson from Donovan: treat others the way we would want to be treated!



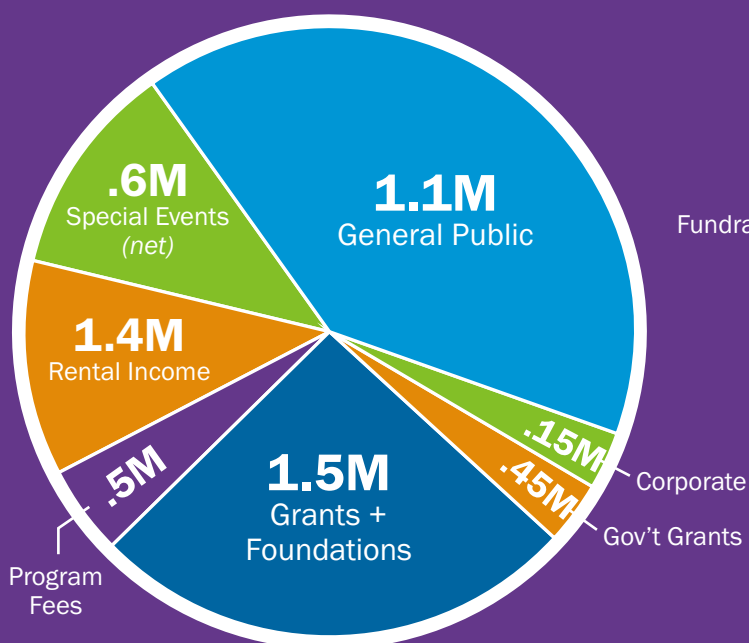
Blue Door Heroes Monthly Giving Program

In 1938 a group of firefighters and community members took an old firehouse and turned it into the first Boys Club in Santa Barbara County. Started with only 10 boys, by the end of the year the Club had over 200 members. If the walls of the Club could talk, they would tell you about the tens of thousands of children whose lives were changed through sports, mentoring, and compassion. "That Club saved my life," many alumni have told us. To learn more on how to make our Legacy part of yours contact our Development Team today.

Become a monthly donor today! With our new Blue Door Heroes Program, you now have the ability to make real change in a child's life each day. By making a monthly donation, you can provide kids in Santa Barbara County with free hot meals, after school transportation, and tutoring services. Join our community of Blue Door Heroes today and help us continue to create safe spaces for children to grow.

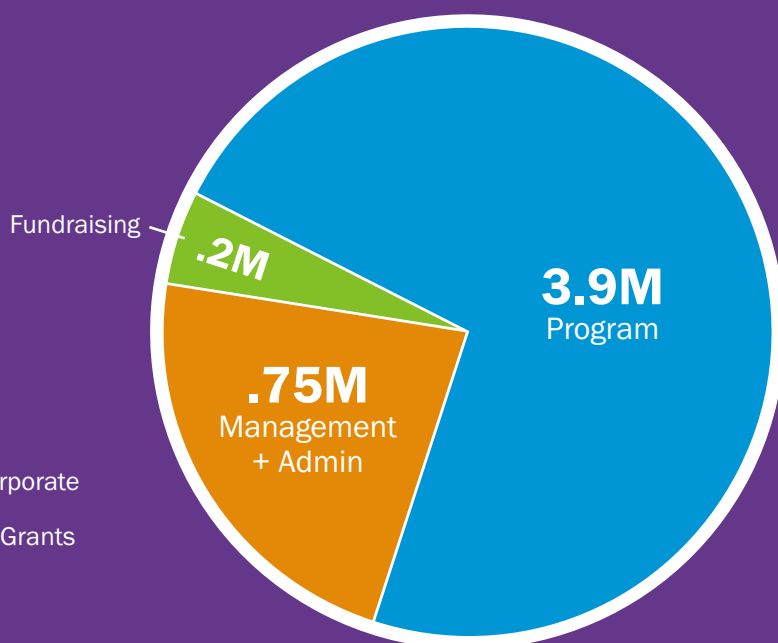
Financials

SOURCES OF SUPPORT



TOTAL = 5.76M

OPERATING EXPENSES



TOTAL = 4.97M

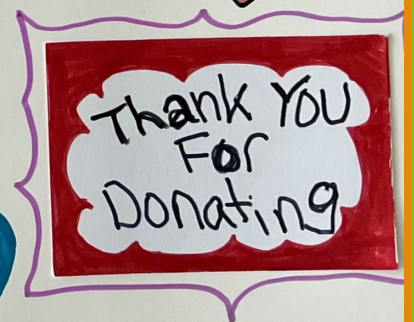
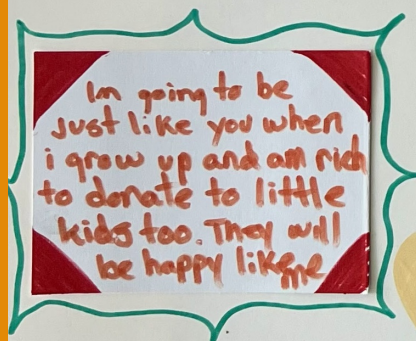
Special Thanks From The Kids



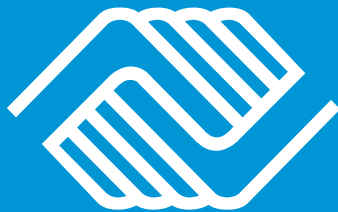
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