



BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
OF DANE COUNTY

**WHATEVER IT TAKES TO
BUILD GREAT FUTURES**



*Celebrating over 21 years of serving
youth, families and communities*

A MESSAGE FROM **OUR PRESIDENT & CEO**



Dear Community Friend and Supporter,

As the end of year nears, we reflect on the many reasons to be grateful in anticipation of a new year, 2022. This year has been a hard one. Yet, we have demonstrated how we can overcome challenges through the power of **togetherness**.

Together, we have provided over 1,000 COVID-19 vaccinations to underserved communities to ensure equity in access.

Together, we have provided 140 youth access to summer employment opportunities, earning an income for themselves and to help support their families.

Together, we have embarked on the largest initiative in the history of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Dane County with the McKenzie Regional Workforce Center, to make sure youth have options to skilled trades careers pathways, equal to our college career pathway.

Through **YOUR** generosity, we:

- Supported over 4,000 youth and families, through education & career development, health & wellness, character & leadership, sports & recreation, and family engagement enrichment programming.
- Provided over 5,000 community meals when food insecurity was at its highest
- Led the coordination of the 1st African American statue being erected on any state capitol grounds, honoring the legacy of Vel Phillips

We have accomplished so much together, and there is still much work to do. We thank you for your support in this year. It's because of YOU, we can make a lasting impact on the lives of young people and families.

We remain committed to our mission - "to inspire and empower all young people, especially those who need us the most". As we continue to move our mission forward, we know we have a greater impact, together.

Please support our youth and their futures. On behalf of our members, families, and community, **THANK YOU**, for your past and future monetary gifts.

With Warmest Regards,

A handwritten signature in white ink, appearing to read 'Michael Johnson', with a long, sweeping underline.

MICHAEL JOHNSON, MBA
PRESIDENT & CEO
BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF DANE COUNTY

YOUTH OF THE YEAR



VANESSA BAHENA HERNANDEZ
CLASS OF 2021-2025
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN, MADISON

Vanessa, a Class of 2021 graduate of AVID/TOPS program at Madison East High School, has been a member of the Boys & Girls Clubs for four years. Vanessa has showcased her leadership skills through her participation in various Club programs (DCE, YLSC, YOY) and in her school activities. Vanessa hopes to become a Child Psychologist and is studying Psychology at the University of Wisconsin - Madison

"Throughout my journey with the Boys and Girls Club I have developed skills and supportive relationships with my peers, mentors, and staff. I believe the mission of

this Club aligns with my values and I'm glad I have the opportunity to be a part of this community. Becoming an advocate is easier than it sounds because anyone can make a difference and it's never too late to start."

MOVE4BGC & WHITE PARTY

Boys & Girls Clubs of Dane County was excited to host our 19th annual MOVE4BGC (previously known as BIKE4BGC) and White Party. This family friendly event brought together walkers, runners, bikers and virtual participants for a fun filled event promoting healthy lifestyles while raising funds for the McKenzie Regional Workforce Center and NEW Skilled Trades program pathway in partnership with Madison Area Builders Association.



OUR IMPACT

- Over 670 movers participated in MOVE4BGC
- Over 250 guests attended the White Party
- Exceeded the fundraising goal
- The funds raised will cover the cost of equipment, furnishings, and first-year operating expenses.

VEL PHILLIPS STATUE AT CAPITOL

The first statue on the grounds of a State Capitol of an African American woman will be in Madison, Wisconsin. Vel Phillips was known for many firsts, including the following historic designations:

- **First** African American woman to graduate from the University of Wisconsin-Madison Law School
- **First** female and first African American elected to the Milwaukee Common Council
- **First** African American judge in the State of Wisconsin
- **First** African American woman to be elected to a statewide office in Wisconsin and the entire nation.

OUR IMPACT

- President & CEO, Michael Johnson, took an idea sparked by young people and acted on it
- Organized a task force to lead the campaign
- 247 donated to the statue campaign
- Launched the Vel Phillips educational fund for Wisconsin youth.



MCKENZIE REGIONAL WORKFORCE CENTER



BGDC and Madison Area Builders Association are on a path to addressing the shortage of trained skilled trades workers by establishing a Regional Skilled Trades Training Center and Program. The new Center and Program will mean creating opportunities for young adults to access resources, programming, and support systems that will mitigate achievement gaps, create economic opportunities, accelerate economic mobility and generate transformational change for families in South Central Wisconsin.

OUR IMPACT

- Built a coalition of 27 partners representing government, business, educational, and financial organizations
- Structured skilled trades classes to be led by industry professionals
- Designed entrepreneurial classes to be led by Harvard Business School
- MRWC is scheduled to open January 2023



CORE PROGRAM AREAS

CHARACTER & LEADERSHIP

Responsibility, Skills, Leadership, Work Ethic, Training, Readiness, Morality

HEALTH & WELLNESS

Life Skills, Mental Health, Happiness, Mindfulness, Nutrition, Movement, Healthy Habits

EDUCATION & CAREER DEVELOPMENT

Advancement Via Individual Determination/Teens of Promise, Digital Career Experience, College Ready Scholars, TOPS College Success, College Club, Summer Internships, Youth Leadership for Social Change

SPORTS & RECREATION

Teamwork, Relationships, Leadership Confidence, Physical Activity, Reduced Stress, Life Skills

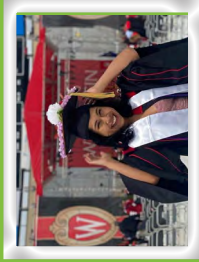
THE ARTS

Creativity, Self-Expression, Individuality, Story Telling, Imagination, Style

EDUCATION & CAREER DEVELOPMENT

Trust, Relationships, Teamwork, Growth, Learning, Resources, Connection, Love

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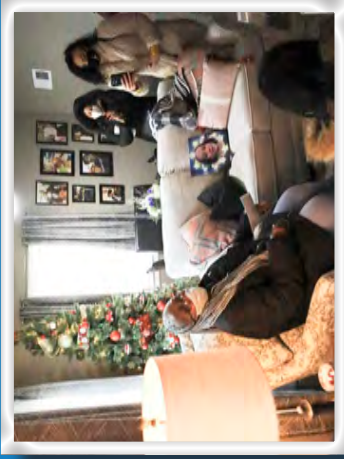
IMPACTING THE COMMUNITY

This year has been tough - but helping youth in our community shouldn't be.

When you support the Boys & Girls Clubs of Dane County, you help us build great futures for those who need us most.

When schools were closed this year, we provided meals, virtual programs, vaccine clinics, and offered a safe supportive environment where young people could continue to grow, explore - and just be kids - during this challenging year.

Together, let's give them the support they need **NOW** to make great futures possible.



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