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BOYS & GIRLS CLUB
OF MERCED COUNTY

Our Mission

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

2018

IMPACT REPORT



“My favorite thing about the Club is seeing my favorite staff and friends.”

Morgan Wilson

Club Member - Age 7

Morgan has been a member at the Club since August 2017. She is a bright, bubbly, and busy club member. Morgan participates in an abundant amount of extracurricular activities outside of the club and school. Yet, she still finds the time to come to the Club. Since being at the club, Morgan has been recognized as one of our top three club members with Perfect Attendance. Which she was rewarded with an award and gift card. While at the club, Morgan participates in our SMART Girls Program: Skills Maturity and Retention Training. This program has aided her in enhancing her already great character and leadership skills. Morgan's bright and bubbly personality inspires staff and other club members to better their characters and be leaders within their community. Morgan has been and is a Club Rockstar!

The Club Experience

Boys & Girls Clubs fill the gap between school and home. We provide welcoming, positive environments in which kids and teens have fun, participate in life-changing programs, and build supportive relationships with peers and caring adults.



The Need in Our State

Every day 1,247,699 kids in California leave school with nowhere to go.¹ They risk being unsupervised, unguided and unsafe.

Our Reach



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Boys & Girls Club Sites
in Merced County



2,723
Youth Served

590

Registered
Members

+

2,133

Youth Served Through
Community Outreach

Member Demographics

80%

Ages 12
and Younger

20%

Teens

78%

Minority Races
or Ethnicities

47%

Qualify for Free
or Reduced-Price
School Lunch

43%

Live in
Single-Parent
Households



Demonstrating Our Positive Impact



ACADEMIC SUCCESS

The Need

9% of young people in Merced fail to graduate from high school on time.²

What We Do

Power Hour provides academic support to all youth, including extended learning opportunities through service learning projects in the Club and in our community.

Our Impact

Among our teen-aged Club members, **62%** expect to graduate from high school, and **50%** expect to complete some kind of post-secondary education.

The Need

22% of high-school youth in Merced County were involved in a physical fight in the past year.³

What We Do

Torch and Keystone Club work collaboratively to develop community service learning projects at the club and in our community to build character and leadership among our youth.

Our Impact

67% of Club teen members volunteer in their community at least once per year, while **67%** volunteer in their community at least once per month.



GOOD CHARACTER AND CITIZENSHIP



HEALTHY LIFESTYLES

The Need

46% of young people ages 9-14 in Merced County are overweight or obese.⁴

What We Do

Through Triple Play: Mind, Body, & Soul, Healthy Habits, and our everyday Snack & Meal program, members engage in behaviors and disciplines to encourage consistent healthy life choices.

Our Impact

56% of Club members ages 9 and older report getting at least an hour of physical activity on five or more days per week.

How You Can Help



With your generous support, Boys & Girls Club of Merced County will create opportunities to help more kids and teens achieve great futures. To make a donation or to learn about other ways you can help, contact **Nellie McGeary, Interim CEO, Boys and Girls Club of Merced County, 209.722.9922. www.bgcmerced.org**

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¹ America After 3PM, Afterschool Alliance, <http://afterschoolalliance.org/AA3PM/>

² www.kidsdata.org

³ www.kidsdata.org

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