

Impact Report Summer 2025



BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
OF MERCER COUNTY

From Kindergarten to College: Azerian's Club Journey

In 2013, a kindergartener named Azerian walked through the doors of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Mercer County for the very first time. 12 years later, he's preparing to walk across a very different stage, his high school graduation.

Now a senior with college acceptances from Morehouse, Coppin State, and Stockton University, Azerian stands at the edge of a new chapter. While he's still finalizing his decision, he knows wherever he goes, he carries the Club with him.

What makes Azerian's story special isn't just his accomplishments — it's his longevity. He's part of a rare group of members who have been with the Club from kindergarten through 12th grade.

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When asked what stands out most about his time here, his answer is simple: *“The people, more than anything else. Not just the friends I’ve made, but the staff too. I still remember Ms. Carla from when I was five.”* From STEM projects to college tours, community service to judging a Club Cookoff as a guest of honor, Azerian has experienced it all. *“That moment made me feel important — like I mattered.”*

This summer, before heading off to college, he hopes to work with the City of Trenton, to take part in a health careers program at Mercer County Community College, and intern at the Statehouse. He's not slowing down anytime soon. When we asked what advice he'd leave younger members, he didn't hesitate: ***“Cherish your time. I’m excited for what’s ahead, but sad to be leaving. This place is home.”***

At Boys & Girls Clubs of Mercer County, we celebrate stories like Azerian's every year — milestones shaped by years of mentorship, opportunity, and community.

Because once a Club kid, always a Club kid.



EVERY CHILD DESERVES A GREAT SUMMER

Donate to our SUMMER FUND so every child has access to food, childcare, and learning this SUMMER!

Boys & Girls Clubs is committed to making this SUMMER affordable and accessible for all families. Our safe and engaging programs, designed for YOUTH ages 5-18, offer a range of activities that help children learn, grow, and thrive.

With your help, we can make sure every child has a SUMMER they'll never forget.

AFFORDABLE SUMMER CAMPS

Summer Camp is expensive, with costs averaging \$300 per week PER CHILD. Your donation to the Club's SUMMER FUND can help provide A MEMORABLE EXPERIENCE to 400+ YOUTH THIS SUMMER. Many Club families only pay \$25 to \$50 per WEEK. SUPPORT the Club in ensuring children have a safe and supportive place to learn, grow, and thrive this Summer.



NUTRITIOUS MEALS & HEALTHY HABITS

When schools are closed for the summer, thousands of Mercer County youth face food security challenges. Your donation to the Club's SUMMER FUND will help provide 44,000 nutritious meals and snacks to our campers. Our Summer programs provide healthy MEALS AND SNACKS each day to ensure YOUTH DON'T GO HUNGRY THIS SUMMER.



ACADEMIC SUPPORT & LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Summer learning opportunities are critical to help youth continue building skills, confidence, and lasting momentum. Donating to the Club's SUMMER FUND will help provide academic support, hands-on STEM learning, and enrichment activities to help children think critically, solve problems, and build essential skills for success.



Donate to our summer fund today!

A monthly gift of \$10 supports the Club's summer program, making summer camp possible for more youth — supporting healthy habits, lifelong skills, and a future full of opportunity.



Scan the code and
help Club youth this
Summer and beyond!



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Impact in Action...

Inside the Club

Summer at the Boys & Girls Clubs of Mercer County isn't just about staying busy, it's about moving forward. For many of our youth, summer is when confidence is built, passions are discovered, and leadership takes root.

Our programs are designed to close opportunity gaps, not just learning gaps. Whether a child is stepping into the Club for the first time in kindergarten or preparing for college, every experience is a step on a pathway of growth. From STEM to culinary arts to workforce readiness, our youth are building the skills, relationships, and mindsets that carry them through *every stage of life*.



Program

Goal

Outcome

Healthy Living

Empower youth to make healthy choices & lead with confidence through cooking & nutrition education.

11 Afterschool sites participated in the annual Chef Challenge, youth cooking competition at Cure Arena.



STEM

Ignite curiosity and build confidence through hands-on learning in STEM

250 youth explored robotics, coding, medical, & environmental science at the annual STEM Conference.

Workforce Readiness

Equip teens with future-ready skills to support their college & career goals.

65 teens completed Career Launch, providing access to internships, resume building, interview preparation, & exploration of diverse career pathways.



95% of parents saw a **positive** change in their child's **social skills**.

— 2025 BGCMC Parent Impact Survey

GREAT SUMMERS START HERE



TEEN AWARDS NIGHT

May 29, 2025

An evening recognizing academic
excellence and community
contribution.

1040 Spruce St. Lawrenceville



9 and DINE GOLF

June 3, 2025

Enjoy a 9-hole golf outing & dinner
featuring fabulous raffle prizes and
great auction items.

Mountain View Golf Course, Ewing



SUMMER CAMP

June 23 - August 29, 2025

Experience 10 weeks of
adventure, discovery, and
unforgettable memories!

Center St. & Spruce St. Clubs

Your Impact **BY THE NUMBERS**



over

1500

Mercer County
youth served



\$20,150

College
Scholarships
awarded



178,948

Meals/Snacks
provided



453

served in

SUMMER

CAMP

