



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS  
OF MERCER COUNTY**

# EXPANDS TO SERVE MORE YOUTH

In September we opened six (6) new after school sites: three in Trenton at the Mott, Parker, and Grant Schools, and three in Ewing at Antheil, Lore & Parkway Schools. These sites will enable us to serve 300 more youth a day, but require us to raise an additional \$250,000 to ensure that we don't turn any youth away based on ability to pay. You can help by either making a gift in the attached envelope or online at <https://bit.ly/2021MoveForward>



New after school sites will enable us to provide additional youth exposure to STEM. STEM builds 21st Century work skills and leads to highly sought-after careers. We partner with Students2Science, 4H, and Mad Science to support our STEM curriculum.

We provide homework help and tutoring at after school and summer camp programs. This past summer, our partnership with TCNJ educators improved youth math skills. Most students struggled with remote learning last year, and they needed help to catch back up.



Most students lost an entire grade level of learning last year. It's critical for youth to have a place to go after school to participate in enrichment activities, complete their homework, and receive academic support to recover.



**SUPPORT MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN MORE YOUNG LIVES  
DONATE NOW!**

# GREAT FUTURES CLUB

Increase your impact by giving monthly. By giving as little as \$15 a month, you help us...

- Provide an **entire year of snacks** for one child in our after school program, or a summer of breakfasts & lunches
- Help provide **3 months of our after school program** for one student
- Give 2 youth the **knowledge of healthy cooking** through our cooking program
- Provide for a **school year of homework help** for one Club kid
- Support 2 **players participating in our soccer league**
- Support 1 **camper in summer camp** for 2 weeks
- Provide 4 teens with **access to our Teen Enrichment programs**
- Help 1 teen through our **Career Launch Program & internship**
- Support **5 teens on a college tour**, or College Prep workshop
- Have 2 youth experience a **week of STEM programs**

Make a Difference for Community Youth in 2022  
[www.bgcmercer.org/monthly-giving](http://www.bgcmercer.org/monthly-giving)



## - YOUR SUPPORT MATTERS -



Last year we served 128,000 meals and snacks. In 2022 we hope to serve 170,000 through your generosity.



This year we hope to have 300 more youth participate in our healthy eating and cooking program through your generosity.



This year we hope to have 300 more youth a day completing homework in our after school program through your generosity.



This year we hope to have 20 more teens going to college through your generosity.



This year we hope to have 300 more youth in our Soccer for Success program playing and learning how to be healthy through your generosity.

# BUILDING GREAT FUTURES

## Bigger and Better After School Program Curriculum

This fall we began the full roll-out of our enriched After School Program curriculum. BGCM leads a partnership with Boys & Girls Clubs of Monmouth, Paterson, & Atlantic City to develop and manage a best practice curriculum for our After School Programs. Using the expertise of the four Clubs' staff, and sourcing subject matter experts, BGCM has created a 12 subject area curriculum for our K-8 Club members. Lead by our Chief Learning Officer, Dr. Zoubir Yazid, the curriculum focuses on arts & digital media, health & nutrition, leadership & service, literacy, physical education/fitness, STEM, Power Hour (homework help/tutoring), and social emotional learning. Interested in helping us sustain our programming? Join our new Great Futures Monthly Giving Club. [www.bgcmercer.org/monthly-giving](http://www.bgcmercer.org/monthly-giving)



## Tutoring Continues this Fall

Our summer tutoring program with TCNJ was so successful that it continues this fall. The individual and small group tutoring sessions, focusing on math skills for elementary school Club kids, showed significant progress in core skills, based on pre and post-test scores. Kids also had fun. We need your help to expand tutoring in our programs in 2022! Make a gift or volunteer as a homework helper.

## Recovering and Growing Socially

With uncertainty, less ordinary interactions, limited socializing and family hardships during the pandemic, our students have been struggling emotionally. The Club has been implementing a Social Emotional Learning (SEL) curriculum for the past year, which significantly increased students' SEL aptitudes as measured by pre/post-tests. Students with higher SEL aptitudes do better in school, relationships, and careers. Please help us serve more youth this year in our SEL program by giving monthly at [www.bgcmercer.org/monthly-giving](http://www.bgcmercer.org/monthly-giving)



## BIKE EXCHANGE

### A Record Year led by Volunteers

The Bike Exchange hit an all-time record of \$200,000 in sales this year, led by volunteer coordinator Ira Saltiel and his team of volunteers. All proceeds support the Club. Get involved in bike drives, repairs, sales - [www.bgcmercer.org/bgc-bike-exchange](http://www.bgcmercer.org/bgc-bike-exchange)



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at the Boys & Girls Club in Trenton

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# BUILDING GREAT FUTURES

## A STORY OF RECOVERY



Nine year-old Gabrielle (not real name) has been a BGC Mercer Club member for several years. As the pandemic wore on, Gabrielle became withdrawn, shy, and less talkative to staff or peers. Teachers remarked she seemed internally distracted, but she liked coming to the Club during the full-day and summer program. She told one teacher, "The Boys & Girls Club makes me feel safe." Over time, Gabrielle "came out of her shell." She started interacting with other Club kids more and even led some activities. She loves art, basketball, and cooking and even participated in a "Tik Tok eating challenge" trying new foods. She engaged more with peers to become highly popular with some of the girls. She talked a lot more with teachers, voluntarily helping them out in the classroom and garden. Gabrielle participated actively in the curriculum, with dozens of activities accessed, as shown by her Schoology usage. Recently, she's been working on decision-making skills to solve problems using the social-emotional learning curriculum. She now has a strength rating in "Optimistic Thinking." Gabrielle is stronger than ever and has a great future, thanks to the Club staff and programs during this year.