

# **2019 ANNUAL REPORT**



## **GREAT FUTURES START HERE.**

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## A MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, SARA SHOVLIN

More kids, more programs, more space, and more smiles. Growth was the buzz word this year, and for good reason! We had a 46% increase in summer campers from the prior year and are serving two additional schools and towns this afterschool season, which did I mention has seen more registered members and a higher daily attendance than last year? More members means more variations in interests, which has allowed us to partner with more organizations and offer a plethora of new programs. With the help of Lowe's and JEM Enterprises, we have increased the usable space in the building by 4,800 square feet, allowing us to serve all of these additional members and offer more diverse programs. And of course all of this leads to more laughs, smiles, friends, and fun!

Partnerships blossomed this year, thanks to our wonderful and devoted community. We carved pumpkins with Dave from the Littleton Bike Shop and Jeff from Lowe's; welcomed Santa with the help of the Lisbon Fire Department; tried out a pound drumming and fitness class with Marlaina; drew cartoons with Kaio; learned about local wildlife and built bird houses with Ammonoosuc Conservation Trust; sewed our own pajama pants with Kathy and the Littleton Studio School; caroled with Littleton Regional Healthcare and Lafayette Center; went hiking with the Appalachian Mountain Club; learned yoga with Monica; gardened with Root to Rise; read with seniors at the Littleton Senior Center; played adaptive volleyball with Adaptive Sports Partners of the North Country; DJ'ed with Nate at North Country Community Radio; skied at Mt. Eustis and Bretton Woods; rock climbed with Rusty at the North Country Climbing Center; swam with Coach Lisa at Evergreen; and read books with Believe in Books. The opportunities the Club offers for our



members are clearly endless, largely thanks to the tremendous support of our community.

Thanks to your investment in the North Country's youth, BGCNC will ensure our community's success today and into the future. Your dedication and generous spirit enable us to provide Club members with the tools they need to achieve bright futures and to become caring, responsible, productive citizens of the North Country. On behalf of the children, thank you for your inspiring support of the Boys & Girls Club of the North Country.



## A MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD CHAIR, BILL BEDOR



It is with extremely mixed feelings that I announce that this has been my last year as Board Chair for BGCNC. But, I'm terming out of the Chair position and, frankly, it's time for some new blood at the top. That being said, I look forward to remaining an active member of the BGCNC Board for years to come.

I believe the Club is the best and most exciting it has been since its founding in 2005. Sara and her

team have done an absolutely amazing job. The Board and other volunteers have also stepped up in a big way. The level of growth and change that we've seen this year takes a lot of work, and everyone has done their job extraordinarily well.

The number of children we serve has exploded, as has the number of towns where they live. The facility continues to be expanded and improved, from the Teen Center to the new sports court to the new and expanded garden. If you haven't visited in the last 12-18 months, please come see all of the changes you'll be blown away.

As wonderful as all of those things are, the best is yet to come. There are big things in the works—we continue to grow in leaps and bounds, and the facility and programs are constantly evolving and expanding. I hope you share in our excitement!

From all of us at the Boys and Girls Club of the North Country, thank you for your continued support!

BGCNC year in review FY 2018-2019



Afterschool started with the addition of a new Club member—Penny!



Members carved pumpkins for the annual Gathering of the Jack-o-Lanterns in Littleton



Santa visited BGCNC and distributed gifts for our annual Holiday Party

#### Boys & Girls Club of the North Country A Year by the **BOYS & GIRLS CLUB** Numbers OF THE NORTH COUNTRY Summer of Records increase in 33% increase in average daily total **46%** attendance campers from 2018 65 towns $\cap$ served ADA 2019 2018 📕 2017 📕 2016 2019-2020 Afterschool Stats NEW 129 41 9 90 83 Registered Schools Average daily Record daily New members\* attendance attendance! members served

 $^{*}108$  registered members at same time last year and a total of 178 children served during the 2018-2019 Afterschool season



**Facility Updates** 

Our already incredible Clubhouse has become even more incredible over the course of the past year, thanks to some facility improvements and changes. Not only do we now have a flourishing garden and food forest, which produces herbs and veggies for our members to take home, we also have a brand new, sparkling, basketball court and engaging teen center, restructured layout for the library, cafeteria, and media center, and we've even broken ground on our commercial kitchen!



North Country Community Radio hosts *BGC in the NC*, a weekly radio program run by the members



Members learned about healthy minds and bodies with the addition of a yoga program

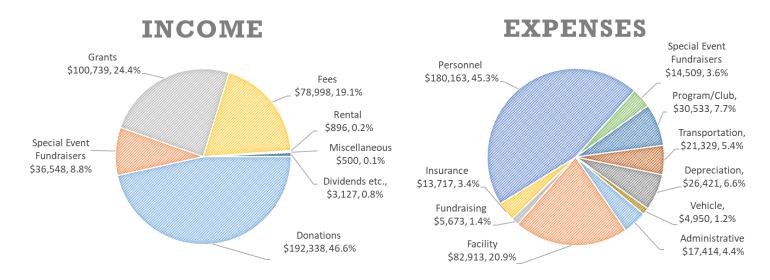


We read with seniors during Winter Camp...



...and even went skiing at Mt. Eustis and Bretton Woods!

## Income & Expenses For Fiscal Year Ending June 2019



#### **Annual Community Events**

#### Heart of the Community Breakfast



BGCNC's annual Heart of the Community breakfast was an opportunity to say thank you to our supporters.



Casino Night

BGCNC's annual Casino Night was a great success! Join us at the Maplewood on January 25th for Casino Night 2020!

#### Tee-It-Up For Kids



We had a record breaking year for our annual golf tournament! Save the date for next year June 7, 2020!

#### **Healthy Kids Sponsors**

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We appreciate your dedication to the Club.

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- **Bob** Craven **Kim DeLutis** Mike Ferrant Tim Gaston **Tiffany Hamilton** Erin Hennessey Derek Holbrook
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Kaio Scott Thomas Shovlin Josh Simonds **Bob Tortorice** Isaac Vars Judy Weisenberger \*And All High School Volunteers



We hiked Mt. Willard at our AMC Overnight during Spring Camp...



...and hung bird houses with Ammonoosuc **Conservation Trust** 



We planted a garden with Root to Rise and harvested LOTS of herbs and veggies

Over the summer, we improved our swimming skills at Evergreen