

# America Needs Club Kids



### MESSAGE FROM LEADERSHIP

Dear Friends, Members, and Supporters,

As the year 2024 is reviewed, a few words come to mind: Gratitude, Hope and Resilience. The stories and successes of the past year are shared with a deep appreciation, made possible by the unwavering commitment to the mission.

The Ludlow Community Center/Randall Boys & Girls Club has remained a constant support for the children and adults in the community. The resilience of the members, board members, volunteers, the dedication of the staff, and the inspiring generosity of the partners has been witnessed. Our organization has always been about more than just programs and services. It's about making a lasting impact, empowering our community, and investing in the future.

We believe in the power of partnership and collaboration and that everyone should have access to the Club experience and the opportunity to learn, grow, and thrive.

This annual report celebrates the impact achieved together. Within the Club, safe and positive spaces were created. As you look through this report, you'll see the ways that your Club has made an impact. Looking ahead, we will continue to grow and find new ways to meet the changing needs of the children, adults and families in our community.

This work is truly a collective effort. To the dedicated staff, who do whatever it takes to serve the children and adults; to the compassionate volunteers; to the steadfast board; and to the generous donors—thank you. You are a vital part of every success story in these pages.

None of this is possible without incredible supporters like you. The progress we've made this year is a direct reflection of your commitment to our mission and we know that we will continue to make great things happen for the children and adults in our community. Together, we are not just changing lives — we are shaping the future. Thank you for all you do for our Club!

Sincerely,

Josue Irizarry
President/CEO

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Mark Germain Board Chair

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### WHO WE ARE

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### **MISSION**

To inspire and enable youth and adults to build better communities by providing lifeenhancing experiences and programs through which they will realize their full potential as responsible and caring citizens.

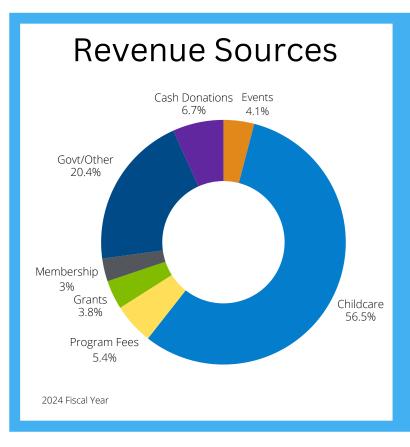
### **Vision & Core Beliefs**

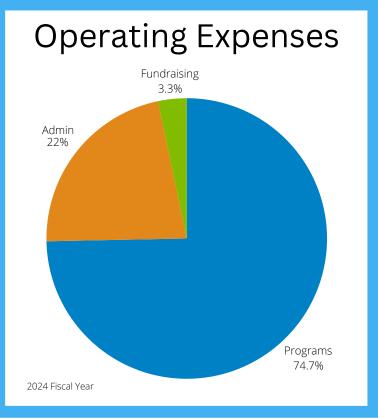
#### We pledge...

- To provide a safe and nurturing environment for opportunities to learn and grow.
- To offer quality programming and services to our community.
- To lead our programs by well-trained, professional part-time and full-time staff members.
- To provide opportunities to help youth gain leadership skills.
- To being a good community partner by reaching out and collaborating with various town organizations and local businesses.
- To provide programs that are affordable and accessible.
- To provide leadership and innovative thinking from the Board in order to continue to move forward in a strategic direction.



## FINANCIAL STATEMENT





### WHAT WE DO

### **Preschool**

Offered a hands-on curriculum for children ages 2.9-5 by learning through play, practicing social-emotional skills, and experiencing STEAM projects, in a safe and caring environment, licensed by the Department of Early Education & Care.

### **Youth Aquatics**

Emphasized water safety, education, and fun through competitive teams, clinics, and swim lessons from infancy to 18 years old. Ludlow High School's swim team also used the Club facility.

### **Youth Athletics**

Taught youth ages 3-18 the importance of hard work, teamwork, perseverance, competition, and humility while developing fine and gross motor skills, balance, and stamina. Opportunities included soccer, t-ball, coach-pitch, volleyball, track, cross-country, and basketball.

### **Community Events & Programs**

Provided free or low-cost activities for youth and families to connect, explore, and learn:

- · Boys & Girls Club Day for Kids
- Floating Pumpkin Patch
- Rag Shag & Trunk or Treat
- · Open Game Nights
- First Aid & CPR Certification Classes
- Slide into Summer Safety with PV Financial Group

### **STEAM**

How Great Clubs Apply Our Youth Development Principles

The Five Key Elements for Positive Youth Development are crucial to an optimal Club Experience. When Clubs create an optimal Club Experience, they:

Provide a safe, positive environment

Provide access to fun and a sense of belonging

Provide access to supportive relationships

Provide meaningful opportunities and expectations

Provide formal and informal recognition

### **Adult Fitness & Membership**

Provided social, fitness, and recreational opportunities to adults, seniors, and families. Offered classes such as yoga, POUND, Qi Gong, aquacise, basketball, pickleball, Senior Bootcamp, and personal training sessions.

# Before & After School Care & Summer Fun Program

Provided youth in grades K-8 opportunities to develop healthy lifestyles, positive relationships, self-confidence, and a sense of belonging. The Club offered a safe place for youth to participate in physical activities, educational programs, antibullying workshops, electrical and safety workshops, and receive homework help and more throughout the school year and over the summer. Programs are licensed by the Department of Early Education and Care.

Incorporated science, technology, engineering, art, and mathematics projects into childcare, preschool, and Summer Fun programs. Additionally, created after school STEAM opportunities for youth at Harris Brook Elementary School, and hosted various one-day and/or short programs for community members to enjoy games, 3D printing classes, video game tournaments, and more.

# WHAT YOUTH NEED

Data from National Boys & Girls Clubs of America surveys



#### **The Troubling Odds**

While there is enormous potential within every child, today's young people face troubling odds:

- The child poverty rate more than doubled to 12.4% in one year.<sup>1</sup>
- In 2023, 20% of U.S. youth from 12 to 17 years old reported suffering a major depressive episode in the last year, compared to 15% in 2022.<sup>2</sup>
- Between 3 and 6 p.m., nearly 8 million youth are alone, unsupervised and potentially unsafe.<sup>3</sup>



The America of tomorrow will be shaped by how we invest in our kids today.

At Boys & Girls Clubs, we open doors to Future Ready leaders who will propel our country forward.

#### Our Impact

Youth shouldn't have to face these challenges alone. Research shows high-quality youth development programs, like those offered by Boys & Girls Clubs, improve youth outcomes, including school attendance, avoidance of risky behaviors, civic engagement, and graduation rates. Our youth outcome data demonstrate proof of this impact:

#### 2X

Club youth are twice as confident as their peers about knowing what education or training is needed for their careers.<sup>4</sup>

#### 97%

of Boys & Girls Club teens expect to graduate high school, while only 87% graduate nationwide.<sup>5</sup>

#### **92**%

of Club teens say they have an adult to talk to at the Club when they need help, compared to 40% who say they have one at school.<sup>6</sup>



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# **2024 CLUB STATS**

Data from our Club

78% Youth agreed VERY strongly when asked "I feel safe being myself at this Club."

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\$27,000

358

Financial Assistance Awarded, thanks to donor support

Youth participants in Anti-Bullying Education & Character-Building

112 Preschoolers Served

918

**80**%

**Youth Members** 

Average Daily Attendance (Youth)
During School Year

149

**Adult Members** 

171

Average Daily Attendance (Youth) During Summer 101

**Senior Members** 

Youth involved in Academic Success
Programs
STEAM; Robotics, Computer Science, Project Learn, etc.

Programs

3,762 Youth Served through Community Outreach

98

**Program Volunteers** 

21

Youth benefited from Club-offered financial assistance









**GREAT FUTURES START HERE.** 

# **WORKING TOGETHER TO BUILD COMMUNITY**

We are proud to work with organizations whose programs, staff, and services create safer, robust opportunities at our Club:

Ways the Club gives back...

- ERC5 Chamber
- · Hampden County Sheriff's Department
- Hubbard Memorial Library
- Ludlow CARES Coalition
- Ludlow Elks
- Ludlow Fire Department
- Ludlow Lions Club
- Ludlow Police Department
- · Ludlow Public Schools
- Ludlow Rotary Club
- Ludlow 250th Committee
- · Mass Alliance of Boys & Girls Clubs
- MA Department of Conservation & Recreation
- MassMutual
- · Michael J. Dias Foundation
- Pathways for Parents
- · Pioneer Valley Financial Group
- Sunshine Village
- The Alley Yoga Studio
- · Town of Ludlow
- United Way

- Discounts for Ludlow residents & seniors
- · Vouchers accepted for childcare programs
- Scholarships available for all programs
- Membership discounts for Ludlow Town Employees, including teachers and firstresponders
- Membership discounts for childcare families
- Expanded public Open Gym hours
- Member partnerships with Behavioral Health Network & Sunshine Village
- Partnership with Baird Middle School, hosting Paw Days & Field Day for students
- Partnership with Harris Brook Elementary School -After School STEAM Club
- Free public access to outdoor equipment: SportCourt, Splash Pad, fields, playground, and pavilion

# WHAT MEMBERS THINK

Well, as I have said in the past, I think the Boys & Girls Club is doing a great job for all of the youth! I just love the adult programs. It really helps me keep in shape, flexible, and maintain good balance. I still remember back in the 70's going to the Girls and Boys Club by Walgreens, that was a very big and positive part of my youth. The bumper pool, table soccer, playing hockey in the basket ball court, of course we had to put a sock over the blade of our hockey sticks, so as not to damage the hardwood floor! It was and still is the go-to place to keep yourself going, and all of the staff, I will repeat it, all of the STAFF at the Club has always been amazing, so thank you for all you do every day, year, forever!

Preschool and after school services have been amazing for our family.

The Club is convenient, affordable and has lots of options for fitness.

## **2024 DONORS**

The Club relies on cash and in-kind donations from numerous individuals, businesses, foundations, and organizations to help us provide quality, programs, opportunities, and to offer financial assistance to those in need. We are deeply grateful for all who supported the Club during the 2024 calendar year.

## \$10,000+

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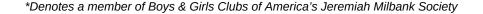
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GIFTS MADE IN HONOR OF THOSE STILL WITH US

TIMM MARINI

I think the pool is great exercise.

Especially for people who can't exercise otherwise. It has been a life-changer for me. I feel so much better.



## **2024 DONORS**

### \$100 - \$499

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I like and appreciate the 'vibe' of the Club. I like that it is a 'less hectic' exercise environment, filled with friendly people. I live in town, so membership here is a no-brainer for me.



I have attended the Club since I was a kid. I loved the Club's programs over summer and the swim team. The staff are amazing and kind.



### **2024 IN-KIND DONORS**

Special thanks to donors who made gifts of goods or services to help further our mission and impact.

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Young, Rhonda

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The Club is grateful to those who have made a written commitment to include the Club in their estate plans with Planned Gifts. These donors are leaving a legacy to support day-to-day operations at the Club and/or to support the Club's Endowment Fund, ensuring the Club is secure and stable for future generations.

**Anonymous** 

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For information about how to make a Planned Gift, please call the Club President/CEO at (413) 583-2072.

## **CELEBRATING 75 YEARS**

On March 1, 1950, the Ludlow Community Center/Randall Boys & Girls Club opened its doors. For 75 years, the Club has been a staple of Ludlow, serving as a safe place for youth to play, learn, and grow. Over the years, the Club has evolved and found new ways to support the ever-changing community. We now serve adults, preschoolers, teens, and more. What hasn't changed is our commitment to inspire and enable youth and adults to build better communities by providing life-enhancing experiences and programs through which they will realize their full potential as responsible and caring citizens.

Throughout its history, the Club has blended two identities: serving as both a Boys & Girls Club and a community center, enriching opportunities for individuals of all ages in Ludlow and beyond. To emphasize this impact and to create more opportunities for families, the Club hosted several events and athletic tournaments throughout 2025 to highlight our mission and welcome new people to our space and community.



Anniversary Celebration



**Art Contest** 



"Mack" Donnelly Youth Basketball Tournament



Jenn Aldworth
Pickleball
Tournament



Sea Lions Open Swim Meet

# **75<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY PROJECTS**

As part of our celebration, we have been raising funds to enhance equipment and structures in each of our core program areas. Thanks to the support of businesses, individual donors, and corporate matches, we are on track to have raised the full \$75,000 by the end of December 2025.









Aquatics Scoreboard & Timing Equipment



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