

WHO WE ARE At Boys & Girls Clubs of Chaffee County (BGCCC), we have a **BOLD** vision: that success is within reach of every child. We believe every young person deserves an accessible, safe place to learn and grow, ongoing relationships with caring adult professionals, life-enhancing programs, character development experiences, and hope and opportunity for the future. We provide after-school and summer programming that educates, inspires and enriches young people's lives.

OUR MISSION To inspire and enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring and responsible citizens. We accomplish this by offering programs in three core areas: character and leadership development, academic success, and healthy lifestyles. We are the **GOLD STANDARD IN YOUTH DEVELOPMENT** in Chaffee County. We serve over 800 children and youth annually throughout Chaffee County. We operate facilities in Salida and Buena Vista that host over 140 kids per day in a safe environment providing the kind of programs that prepare the youth of today to become the leaders of tomorrow. Our doors are open five days a week, 48 weeks per year. Since opening in 2005 the BGCCC has served 7,495 youth and nearly one of three school-aged youth in Chaffee County has participated in Club or outreach programming.

THE CRISES FACING OUR YOUTH

The risks to Chaffee County's vulnerable children are real. The most recent Healthy Kids Colorado Survey of Chaffee County students identified several risk factors including adults' favorable attitudes toward substance use and the availability and acceptability of alcohol and drug use. This increases as students move from middle school to high school. Also, the occurrence of depression is increasing. The Boys & Girls Clubs offer youth **A POSITIVE, SAFE AND SECURE ENVIRONMENT**, where programs such as "SMART Moves Prevention" teach youth alternatives to cope with the negative influences of our society.

In these tough economic times, families are under great stress and strain. Our youth and community need the Clubs more than ever. While parents are worried about staying employed, staying healthy and putting food on the table, they can rely on the Clubs to ensure that their children are in a safe environment and not left alone at home. In 2020 we have seen our daily attendance rise due to the excitement about the new building in Salida as former members return and we welcome the children of families who have never used our services before.

THE CLUB CHANGES LIVES

Imagine what all those families would do if their kids did not have the Boys & Girls Club. Where would those children go?

Take the case of **CARLOS BARRIENTOS**, a member of our Club since he was 8 years old and our 2020 Youth of the Year. Carlos's extended family are immigrants from Guatemala and his father has a stucco business that he runs with his brothers. One day Carlos got a call from his mom that his dad and his uncles had been sent back to Guatemala.

Carlos had to provide emotional support for his mother while she worked very hard to bring her husband home to help run their business.

During that time Carlos, having been a regular at the Club for 9 years, depended on Club staff to provide support. He participated in programs like KHAN Math Academy, STEM activities and Torch Club's Social Action Project. (Carlos helped convince Salida City Council to make all city parks non-smoking.) After his paperwork was rectified, Carlos's father is back running the business. Carlos, a very humble 17-year-old, is now able to focus on being **AN OUTSTANDING MEMBER OF OUR COMMUNITY**. He is third in his class and has been accepted into several Colorado universities, as well as NYU. He credits his strong family and our Boys & Girls Club for his success.

REAL IMPACT In fact, the results from the Boys & Girls Clubs of America's

Annual Alumni Survey conducted by Harris Interactive show that 57% of Club alumni credit the Club with **“SAVING THEIR LIVES.”** Seventy-five percent say the Club helped them learn **CRITICAL LEADERSHIP SKILLS.** The Club’s impact on kids and families is significant. Our kids have a safe, educational, fun place to go every day after school. When they are at the Clubs, it doesn’t matter if their parents have a job or not. It doesn’t matter if they don’t have a computer. It doesn’t matter if they are not wearing designer clothes. All that matters is there are people who care about them and provide inspiring programs that are fun and build good character along the way.

We provide a safe environment for youth of all backgrounds to come together – **A PLACE THEY CAN CALL THEIR OWN.** Our programs and staff nurture young peoples’ sense of belonging, usefulness, influence, self-esteem and competence, giving them the skills, knowledge and support to overcome obstacles and achieve their goals.

OUR GOALS

Our commitment to Chaffee County is that even during these challenging times, we will provide:

➡ **INCREASED ACADEMIC SUCCESS:** *Help to ensure our members graduate from high school and are post-high school ready to pursue college, trade school, a military commitment or employment.*

➡ **IMPROVED GOOD CHARACTER & CITIZENSHIP:** *Increased levels of integrity (knowing right from wrong), resilience, being engaged in the community.*

➡ **INCREASED HEALTHY LIFESTYLES:** *Making healthy diet and food choices as well as a lifelong commitment to fitness.*

HOW YOU CAN HELP To meet the **GROWING** needs and numbers of our youth to benefit from these programs, **NEW FACILITIES ARE NEEDED.** With your help and investment, we can serve not only current members, but reach even more youth, more often, with quality programming in quality spaces.

Recently, we were fortunate enough to secure a commercial property for our Salida Club. The end goal is to pay off the mortgage, to complete the interior and exterior improvements, and to provide staff, members and volunteers with a safe and functional facility.

In Buena Vista, we have an exciting opportunity for a new home. We are in the early stages of due diligence with the plan of building a Club facility on town-owned property adjacent to Avery Parsons Elementary School. The proximity to Avery Parsons and the generosity by the Town of Buena Vista have created an extraordinary sense of commitment to this project.

Building on the **MOMENTUM** we have within the communities of Salida and Buena Vista, we will need our friends and all of our generous donors to help provide these new homes for our Boys & Girls Clubs’ members.

SUPPORTING YOUTH IN OUR COMMUNITIES is vital for the betterment of our county, our state, and this nation. Please join us in our quest to provide a safe, accessible, and positive place for the development of our youth and consider an investment in the Boys & Girls Clubs of Chaffee County. Your gift today can change the life of a child and the future of our community.

Be the **One**
who makes
a difference!

CHARACTER & LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

TORCH CLUB (*ages 10-13*) | A nationally chartered small-group leadership club serving boys and girls.

YOUTH OF THE YEAR

& MEMBER OF THE MONTH (*ages 14-18*) | This recognition program is the cornerstone of BGCA's Character and Leadership initiatives. It promotes and celebrates young people's service to the Club, community and family; academic performance; moral character; life goals; and poise and public speaking abilities

YOUTH FOR UNITY / CARING COMMUNITY Helps Club members appreciate themselves as unique individuals; understand our society's diversity; recognize bias and unfairness; and take personal leadership in confronting bias.

KEYSTONE (*ages 13-18*) | Three focus areas: academic success, career preparation and community service.

SOCIAL ACTION PROJECT (*ages 9-18*)
Youth leaders choose an issue that helps their community make a transformative change.

EDUCATION & CAREER DEVELOPMENT

JUNIOR STAFF (*middle & high school*) | A practical small-group program that assists Club teens in exploring a career in youth development or other human services.

MONEY MATTERS | Helps teens gain useful knowledge and skills in financial literacy.

POWER HOUR *daily* | Homework help for Club members; strategies to make homework fun.

READCESS (*ages 6-12*) | Literacy program featuring Caldecott and Newbury Award-winning stories.

CLUB TECH | Teaches members technical skills and integrates technology into program areas.

WONDERS OF SCIENCE STEM | Hands-on learning through science-based activities and experiments.

KHAN ACADEMY STEM | A highly engaging math tutoring program.

MINECRAFT EDU STEM | An educational version of the popular game Minecraft where participants learn about math, science, art, history, music as well as digital citizenship.

ARDUINO STEM | An open-source electronics platform for interactive projects. It also teaches members to write & understand code.

OJP MENTORING | Staff-led mentoring that places participants in programs that respond to their needs and interests, with weekly check-ins.

KNIGHTS OF THE ROUND TABLE CHESS CLUB

Instruction provided by staff and experienced community players. Participants engage in monthly tournaments.

PAWS FOR READING (*ages 6-12*) | Members who have reading challenges are paired with a dog as their book buddy, reading aloud to their furry partner.

HABLA ESPANOL! | Members learn beginning conversational Spanish while absorbing the culture through history, food and games.

HEALTH & LIFE SKILLS

HEALTHY HABITS & HEALTHY HABITS COOKING CLASS | Youth learn the benefits of eating smart and being physically active.

COOKING CLUB | Building on Healthy Habits, this program teaches youth to make healthy snacks and meals.

SMART (Skills, Mastery and Resistance Training) MOVES (*ages 6-12*) | A nationally acclaimed, comprehensive prevention program that helps young people resist alcohol, tobacco and other drugs and avoid premature sexual activity.

SMART GIRLS (*ages 8-17*) | A health, fitness, prevention/education and self-esteem enhancement program for girls.

DATE SMART (*ages 13-18*) | Teens learn to advocate for and achieve mutually supportive relationships free of violence and abuse.

PASSPORT TO MANHOOD (*ages 11-14*)
A program that concentrates on specific aspects of manhood through highly interactive activities.

HEALTHY LUNCH/HEALTHY SNACK | Members receive a healthy afternoon snack to boost their mental and physical energy. During the summer the Club also provides a free breakfast to all members.

GARDEN CLUB | Through a partnership with Guidestone and Salida Middle School, members plan, plant, harvest and sell (at the Club's weekly Farm Stand) their produce.

CAREER TRACK | Area professionals talk about their careers and what it took to get to their position, followed by Q&A and pizza!

LET'S COOK! | Members plan, create and EAT their tasty masterpieces.

NETSMARTZ | (*ages 6-14*) This online program gives members tools to protect themselves and others from cyberbullying and online predators.

THE ARTS

DIGITAL ARTS FESTIVAL | Each festival is the culmination of one of the five Digital Arts Suite (DAS) programs: Music Tech, Photo Tech, Movie Tech, Web Tech and Design Tech.

NATIONAL FINE ARTS EXHIBIT | Members' works are showcased in a county-wide competition with selected winners moving on to regional and national BGCA competitions.

IMAGE MAKERS PHOTOGRAPHY | Members learn and practice photography methods.

FIBER ARTS | Members work with volunteers from the county's vibrant arts community to learn knitting, looming, weaving, and crochet.

ARTS AND CRAFTS | Daily art activities engage all members as they work in media such as watercolor, sculpture and bead making.

GROUNDED IN MUSIC | Introductory guitar, keyboard and drum classes.

TALENT SHOW | Summer program featuring Club members performing solo and in groups.

SALIDA CIRCUS | Area circus professionals teach trapeze, juggling, stilt walking and tumbling, with a showcase for parents and a public audience.

SPORTS, RECREATION & FITNESS

SPARK FITNESS | Increases Club members' knowledge of healthy habits, good nutrition and a love for lifelong physical fitness.

MOUNTAIN CLUB | A summer program where members learn skills in camping, fishing and mountain biking.

BIKE CLUB | A seasonal program focusing on the joy of riding a bike with friends.

PICKLEBALL | The sport emphasizes good sportsmanship and physical fitness.

FLOOR BALL | Similar to floor hockey but with lighter/safer sticks; weekly games for boys and girls.

FUN RUN | Members and community members run together through a one-mile trail; t-shirt provided to members who run 5 or more times.

PICK-UP SPORTS | Weekly games of basketball, flag football, soccer, dodgeball, relay races and more, open to all members.

NINJA CLUB (*ages 6-12*) | Members gain mastery of skills in flexibility, stealth, core strengthening exercises and reflective mind focus meditation.

STACKERS | Sport stacking promotes physical fitness and academic learning.

SPECIALIZED INITIATIVES

CARD CLUB | Members learn social recreation, math and strategy skills through competitions with trading card games.

FIELD TRIPS | Trail hiking trips, mini-golf, zip line, rafting, movies, art museums, Great Sand Dunes, Denver Zoo, Colorado Rockies game, to name a few.

TEEN NIGHTS (*ages 13-18*) | The Club sets aside a regular night to provide programming for teens.

BGCCC partners with other youth organizations throughout the year: Salida and Buena Vista Recreation, Family & Youth Initiatives, our libraries, Salida Circus, Salida Aspen Concerts, Salida Creativity Lab, Guidestone, Alpine Achievers, La Puente AmeriCorps, GARNA, and our Buena Vista and Salida School Districts

CARLOS BARRIENTOS

BGCCC 2020 Youth of the Year



My friends and I were having one of those perfect days. We were driving and listening to our favorite Beatles album: Sgt Peppers. I remember feeling the hum of my phone and knew it was my mom, the Worrier. Briefly I thought about not answering, but something told me I should. Don't ignore your parents!

I picked up the phone, like I always did. That was our deal.

"They took your dad and uncles from us they're going to be deported. ..." Her sorrows passed through the phone. My heart sank for my dad and especially for my mom.

I was in shock. "Mom, you shouldn't joke like that!" ... I was wrong.

Perspective is one of my favorite words. It's a particular attitude or way of seeing something, a point of view. Putting yourself in the shoes of others. The Boys & Girls Club has always given me the right perspective.

From my perspective, the Club is a place where people see the best in you. We always heard it: Be Great. The Club instilled a great work ethic in me.

NOBODY works harder than my mom and dad. For years I've helped with their business: Gio Stucco. I help with translation and computers. I taught myself programs to help with floor plans. It's cool.

I should tell you now that my dad is still with us. But my mom and I had to fight for him. Letters, court, more letters. My mom fought the most, of course. It seemed like she had to change everyone's perspective. And she did. She's my hero!

All of my uncles were deported to Guatemala though. My uncle Wito died from heart failure after being deported. I know he would be alive if he had not been deported. He couldn't get the health care he needed there. Imagine the stress of leaving your life

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ATHENA KINTGEN

BGCA 2019/2020 Southwest Region YOY



"Pay attention; look at my eyes."

My first grade teacher, Ms. Bryan, would start each day asking us to practice respect. However, I'd be watching her lips trying to comprehend what she was saying. The class would often start without my noticing and I'd end up in the principal's office because I wasn't listening. But what if I couldn't hear?

I don't blame Ms. Bryan for misunderstanding; none of my family or I knew at the time. It wasn't until I was older that I was informed about my hearing deteriorating, the result of nerve damage. After I learned that my hearing wasn't going to get better, I understood that I needed to learn how to support myself and find the courage to ask others for help as well.

At the Club, like school, listening is important. Although, listening doesn't solely mean hearing. It means understanding the person – it's how you show you care and make connections. There is more than one way to connect with someone; sign language being one of them.

I believe a home is the place you should feel safe first. Unfortunately I grew up with an alcoholic father. He would often bring strange men home with him, show up to my Christmas concerts drunk – if he decided to show up at all – and was almost always screaming at my mother. I still think of him sometimes. I remember the nights where he was supposed to feed me, but instead came home in a drunken stupor and went to bed. So I would too.

My father passed away when I was 9 years old: hepatitis C and alcohol poisoning. Because of him, I found trusting others difficult and still do sometimes. Being incapable of helping him is what kick-started my passion for helping others, especially those who need it most. That is the mission of the Boys & Girls Club that I support wholeheartedly.

Growing up I was insecure because I was the girl

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CARLOS BARRIENTOS, continued

and family behind. What does that do to your heart?

If people put themselves in my dad's shoes, in my mom's shoes, they'd see things differently, believe me.

My favorite memories from the Club are the classes: Khan Academy, Cowboy Ethics, Torch Club, STEM classes like the Arkansas River Monster.

What I love about the Club the most is the feeling I've always gotten from the staff. They believe in me, especially Scotty.

The first time I came to the Club Scotty gave me a high five and surprisingly, recognized me. He was patient, and best of all, he skateboarded. I've always wanted to be like him. He made me feel like somebody.

The Club has always made me feel strong and confident. I want to help people overcome loneliness, give people a reason to connect. I want to change people by giving them the opportunity to change how they see things. Perspective.

I love that my Club is inclusive, it's for everyone. Last week I talked to Mo and Izzy at the Club, two little guys who reminded me of what I was like when I started at the Club 9 years ago. They ran up to me and I felt like I was 10 feet tall. From their perspective I was!

I'm proud to say the Boys & Girls Club put me on the right path. It kept me out of trouble.

I hope to major in architecture in college. Working for my dad definitely inspired me. I've been accepted to NYU, Colorado State and Denver University.

Put yourself in my shoes. From my perspective, things are looking pretty good. Give back to your community and don't be quick to judge someone on the street – you don't know their story. Try to learn their story. It makes a difference.

Thank you for listening to my story and thank you for being part of the Boys & Girls Club.

ATHENA KINTGEN, continued

who was repeatedly asking you to repeat yourself. When I spoke, I often spoke loudly. (I still do sometimes, when I'm moved).

Now I volunteer with the Extraordinary Teen Council and teach sign language to the community, at the elementary school and at the Club. With ETC, we fight to prevent teens from indulging in drugs and other risky behaviors. I've also advocated for a sign language class to be offered to our schools and in the community. I feel like I'm making a difference, and there is nothing I take more pride in than that.

As a young person who wants to do more, I feel that the world is at our fingertips. I suppose in my case, it really is! My advocacy and teaching sign language isn't solely for the language – it's for the discussions. When you speak with sign language it's personal; it incorporates your entire body and demands eye contact. I suppose what Ms. Bryan had tried to teach me years ago came after all. Since I've been teaching at the Club, I've noticed that more of our kids want to help others. It may be the quietest activity the Club provides, but our kids know how to listen more now than they ever did before.

Thank you for listening to my story. Thank you for supporting and being a part of the Boys and Girls Club family.

the project



EXTERIOR



LEARNING CENTER



COMPUTER ROOM

Budget | PHASE 1 | Salida

Building Purchase	\$1,100,000
Kitchen Upgrade	50,000
Bathroom Upgrades	25,000
Lift/Elevator	40,000
Playground	150,000
Climbing Wall	40,000
Flooring	40,000
Equipment (incl. computers)	99,600
Project Management*	130,000
Contingency	64,000

TOTAL BUDGET 1,739,000

-Down Payment (raised) -250,000

-Already Raised toward CC -255,000
(as of July 2020)

-TOTAL raised so far -505,000

LEFT TO RAISE (July 2020) 1,234,000

*Includes grant application preparation and reporting, project management, and consulting fees



TEEN CENTER



PERFORMANCE AREA



LIBRARY

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

about donations to the Boys & Girls Clubs of Chaffee County

1. Are donations to the BGCCC eligible for the State of Colorado Child Care Contribution Tax Credit?

Yes, an investment can provide big returns thanks to a unique tax credit. Colorado taxpayers can make a cash donation to BGCCC and earn a state tax credit equal to 50% of the amount donated.

2. Can I spread my pledge over multiple years?

Yes, you can. Our Capital Campaign will span three years, so you could, for example, contribute one-third each year for three years.

3. Are donations to BGCCC tax-deductible?

Yes, they are deductible subject to certain limitations and if your donations exceed the standard deductions which have increased after 2019.

4. What limitations apply to cash donations to a not-for-profit?


Cash donations to a not-for-profit are deductible in the current year to the extent that all of your charitable contributions taken in combination do not exceed 50% of your adjusted gross income for the tax year.

5. What limitations apply to donation of capital gain property (i.e. appreciated stock) to a not-for-profit?

Donation of capital gain property, such as appreciated stock, are deductible in the current year to the extent that the fair market value of the capital gain property does not exceed 30% of your adjusted gross income for the year. Please note that if you are making both cash donations and donations of capital gain property in the same year, more complicated deductions limitations apply.

6. If I make donations to BGCC which exceed the limits for deductibility in the current year, are the donations deductible in future years?

Yes, you can carry forward donations you cannot deduct in the current year because they exceed your adjusted gross income limits. You may be able to deduct the excess in each of the next 5 years until it is used up. The donations you have carried forward are still subject to the same limitations which were in place for the year of the initial donation during each of the subsequent five years. Any donation which has been carried forward but not used up at the end of five years will not be deductible.

 *The answers above are to the best of the knowledge of BGCCC.
Please discuss with your own tax advisor.*

CHAFFEE COUNTY CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

NAMING OPPORTUNITIES

Boys & Girls Clubs of Chaffee County wishes to publicly recognize the benefactors who are helping us create new facilities in Salida and Buena Vista and build a legacy in the community that will last for years to come. We are thrilled to offer our donors a chance to be a part of that process.

Donors have the opportunity to name a room or other functional area within the Club. The gift may bear the donor’s own name or may be named in honor of a spouse, family member, loved one, business, or local organization. Named gifts may be pledged over three years, if desired. This chart shows donation levels for naming rights to either create a space or operate it for five years.

A plaque recognizing the generosity of each benefactor will be placed in or near the room or area sponsored, as appropriate. In addition, each sponsor will receive recognition in public relations and marketing materials. Finally, all donors who support our capital campaign with a contribution of \$1,000 or above will be given tribute on our Wall of Honor, which will be featured prominently at the Club.

ROOM NAMING OPPORTUNITY	VALUE	PROGRAM NAMING OPPORTUNITIES	5-YEAR OPERATION OF A PROGRAM
Salida Boys & Girls Clubs	\$500,000	Endowment	\$500,000
AREAS WITHIN THE SALIDA CLUB			
Kitchen	75,000	Cooking Matters	25,000
Art Room	50,000	Arts Program/Fiber Arts	15,000
Gym Conversion	75,000	Healthy Habits	25,000
Playground	75,000	SPARK	25,000
Computer Room	100,000	STEM	50,000
Social Recreation	35,000	Social Recreation	15,000
Learning Center	50,000	Power Hour	15,000
Music Room	25,000	Music Classes	25,000
Teen Center	30,000	The CLUB	25,000
Theater/Dance Room	50,000	Theater Program	25,000
Climbing Wall	40,000	Climbing Program	25,000
Leadership		Keystone, Torch Club, Social Action	50,000
NetzSmarts/Internet Safety		NetzSmartz	25,000
Prevention		SMART MOVES	150,000

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BGCCC | Phase I (Salida)

TABLE OF GIFTS*

AMOUNT	HOW MANY?	TOTAL
\$250,000	1	\$250,000
\$100,000	2	\$200,000
\$75,000	3	\$225,000
\$50,000	4	\$200,000
\$25,000	6	\$150,000
\$10,000	10	\$100,000
\$5,000	15	\$75,000
>\$5,000	100	\$34,000
TOTAL	141	\$1,234,000

GIFT DISTRIBUTION to reach goal of \$1.234 million

Range x # of donors* = category total



*Funds will be raised from individuals, corporations and foundations