

What is the Boys & Girls Clubs of Wayne County?

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Wayne County is an organization dedicated to helping kids. We've got three great Club facilities offering a range of activities to interest any child—including computer labs, library, arts and crafts, homework help, sports, camping and so much more!

What is the Mission of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Wayne County?

The mission of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Wayne County is to inspire and enable all young people, especially those from disadvantaged circumstances, to realize their full potential as productive, responsible, and caring citizens.

How long has the Boys & Girls Clubs of Wayne County been serving youth in the Richmond area?

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Wayne County has been serving kids in the Richmond community for 50 years! The original Club was founded in 1957. In 1964, a new building was built and membership tripled to 600 boys. In 1969, the building was expanded and named the Scott Boys Club. In 1999, a second site, the Boys and Girls Club at Central opened, allowing girls to become Club members for the first time. Having outgrown the Scott facility, and following a community supported capital campaign, we proudly moved into our new 33,000 sq. ft. facility in December '03, allowing us to serve an additional 800-1000 boys and girls.

Where are the Clubs located?

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Wayne County has three Club facilities. The Richard E. Jeffers Unit is located at 1717 South L Street. The Boys & Girls Club at Central is located within Central United Methodist Church at 1425 East Main. The Boys & Girls Club Camp (Camp Guy) is located south of Connersville at 1454 W. Boys Club Rd.

When are the Clubs open?

During the school year, the Jeffers Unit is open weekdays from 2:30 - 8:00 PM (ages 6-8 must leave at 7:00) and Saturdays for sports programs only. The Central Unit is open Monday – Friday from 2:30-6:30 PM. (Both Clubs open at 1:30 on Tuesdays) Special hours are announced for school holidays and summer programming.

What makes the Boys & Girls Clubs of Wayne County special?

Four key characteristics define the essence of a Boys & Girls Club. All are critical in exerting positive impact on the life of a child:

1. Dedicated Youth Facility

The Boys & Girls Club is a place -- an actual neighborhood-based building -- designed solely for youth programs and activities.

2. Open Daily

The Club is open every weekday after school and on Saturdays for sports programs, when kids have free time and need positive, productive outlets.

3. Professional Staff

Each Club has full-time, trained youth development professionals, providing positive role models and mentors. Volunteers provide key supplementary support.

4. Available/Affordable to All Youth

Clubs reach out to kids who cannot afford, or may lack access to, other community programs. Dues are only \$15.00 per year.

What kinds of programs and activities do the Boys & Girls Clubs of Wayne County offer?

We offer programs in five core areas:

1. Character and Leadership Development: Kids learn to be leaders through service to their Club and their community. Our programs empower kids to sustain meaningful relationships with others, develop a positive self-image, participate in the democratic process and respect their own and others' cultural identities.

2. Education and Career Development: Kids can explore education and career opportunities with the guidance of mentors and role models. Our trained staff and quality programs also provide help with homework, reinforce math and science skills, teach computer skills and take members to visit area colleges.

3. Health and Life Skills: Programs are designed to teach kids how to engage in positive behaviors that nurture their own well-being, set and reach personal goals and live successfully as self-sufficient adults.

4. The Arts: Kids can express their creativity and talent at the Clubs. We offer programs that include daily arts and crafts, drawing, painting, dance, music, and improvisational comedy, just to name a few.

5. Sports, Fitness and Recreation: Kids build not only healthy bodies, but strong character and sportsmanship, as well. They can choose from team sports such as basketball and football or individual activities like martial arts, dance, weight training, swimming and a lot more.

Do Boys & Girls Clubs programs work?

The Boys & Girls Clubs experience nurtures young people's well-being and helps them reach their full potential through one-on-one relationships with qualified, caring adult professionals and fun, age-appropriate, well-rounded programming. Our Club programs are effective because they:

- Meet members' interests, as well as their needs
- Build on members' strengths
- Are staffed by qualified, caring adult professionals
- Provide members with challenging, interesting activities
- Promote learning and healthy development throughout the Club experience
- Focus on achieving specific outcomes
- Are carefully researched, designed and field-tested
- Are continually assessed and evaluated

Who does the Boys & Girls Clubs of Wayne County serve?

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Wayne County currently serves over 1800 Wayne County kids, ages 6-18 annually. 51% of our members' families have annual household incomes of \$25,000 or less. Only 50% of our members live in a two-parent household.

What does it cost to be a member?

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Wayne County keeps memberships affordable for our kids – only \$15 a year. However, it costs the Boys & Girls Clubs of Wayne County over \$500 a year to provide services for one child. Some programs have a small additional fee.

Is the Boys & Girls Clubs of Wayne County a United Way agency?

Yes. The Boys & Girls Clubs of Wayne County is a United Way agency.

Where does funding come from?

37% of funding comes from Individual, Corporation and Foundation donors, 30% from government grants, 11% comes from the United Way, 9% from special events, 7% from membership dues and program fees, and 6% from various other sources.

Where does my donation go?

85 cents of every dollar donated goes directly to programs and services for the members we serve.

Does the Boys & Girls Club of Wayne County need donations other than money?

Yes. The Boys & Girls Club of Wayne County accepts donations of merchandise, equipment, resources and services. We need people with connections in almost every profession – from public relations to plumbing, from carpentry to crafts, from special educational and career programs to healthcare services, just to name a few.

Can I make a gift of stock to Boys & Girls Clubs of Wayne County?


Yes. The Boys & Girls Clubs of Wayne County gratefully accepts gifts of stocks and other appreciated assets. Please call our office at (765) 962-6922 for more information.


Does the Boys & Girls Clubs need volunteers?

Yes! We need your talents. Whether you have a few hours a week or whether you can only volunteer for a special event or for a particular time period, there is a place for you at the Boys & Girls Clubs of Wayne County no matter what your skills are or how much time you have to volunteer. Stop in any of our Clubs or go on-line at www.bgcrichmond.org to learn about more volunteer opportunities, or register to be contacted for an interview.



NOTABLE QUOTABLES

 *The Chronicle of Philanthropy, SmartMoney, Newsweek, Carnegie Corporation*, all rank Boys & Girls Clubs among the top 10 of all non-profit organizations, based on financial efficiency, strength of reputation, and program effectiveness.

 A *Louis Harris & Associates* survey found that “Alumni view their experiences with Clubs as highly positive, critical to their successes, and, for many, essential to their survival.” More than half of Club alumni stated, “... the Club really saved my life.”

Our Mission

To inspire and enable all young people, especially those from disadvantaged circumstances, to realize their full potential as productive, responsible, and caring citizens.

Our Vision

To be the leader in addressing the growing needs of young people through exceptional programming, staff, facilities and strategic partnerships and collaborations.



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