LETTER FROM THE CEO & PRESIDENT

Two thousand eighteen was a historic year for our organization. Following an extended evaluation of needs and opportunities, the Boards of Directors of Boys & Girls Clubs of Arlington and Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Fort Worth voted to join forces and became Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Tarrant County. In one of the most influential mergers in Boys & Girls Clubs history, the two organizations officially consolidated on October 1, 2018. This strategic move created the largest Boys & Girls Club in Texas and allowed us to leverage the expertise of our combined employees to become an even stronger, more visible and trusted community partner.

Prior to the consolidation, staff and board leadership devoted significant effort to prepare for integration. The work to create one organization was time-consuming and challenging. However, the integration, largely completed by the end of 2018, demonstrated a tremendous will and excellence from all those involved.

Despite transition and change, the organization maintained daily operation and even grew in 2018. By the end of 2018, the new organization surpassed all historical records by serving 23,876 kids and teens with life-changing programs. And, to the surprise of many, not a single employee was eliminated as a result of the merger.

I would like to personally and sincerely express my heartfelt gratitude to everyone who made the consolidation possible and who continue to make Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Tarrant County the youth development organization that positively impacts more kids than any other in our area. From our board, staff, and community partners to our generous donors and corporate sponsors, we thank you. And much more importantly, our kids thank you.

Daphne Barlow Stigliano
Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Tarrant County, CEO & President
OUR MISSION: To enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens.

THE CHALLENGE

19%
19% of Tarrant County children live at or below poverty level

32%
Only 32% of economically disadvantaged kids are proficient readers by the time they are in 3rd grade

21%
Food insecurity impacts 21% of Tarrant County kids

WE BELIEVE EVERY KID HAS WHAT IT TAKES

That’s why Boys & Girls Clubs depend on your support – to provide a safe environment, high-quality programs and unique experiences that level the playing field for all young people. Together, we’ll do whatever it takes to build great futures for Tarrant County’s youth.
CORE PROGRAMS

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

ACADEMIC SUCCESS

HEALTHY LIFESTYLES

CHARACTER & LEADERSHIP

BRANCHES

THE HALLMARKS of Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Tarrant County are our daily after-school and summer programming that meet kids where they are. Branches are at capacity with children and teens who want to be there. Each day, the doors open after school and in the summer with enriching and fun programming that fills both the minds and hearts of members. Hot meals are served, homework is done and friends are made in a supportive, structured environment.

25 Locations
11 free-standing branches and 14 school-sites

23,746 Members served in 2018
Members are between the ages of 6-24

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PRE-COLLEGE AND WORKFORCE PROGRAMS are designed to give potential first-generation, low-income middle and high school students the support they need to succeed after high school graduation. **UPWARD BOUND** provided intensive case-managed services to 171 high school students last year. Its sister program, **EDUCATIONAL TALENT SEARCH**, served 1,909 middle and high school students with broader-based services.

Collectively, 99% of members in these programs graduated high school within four years as compared to FWISD at 85% and Texas at 90%.
OUR PREVENTION PROGRAMS
help youth make decisions regarding alcohol, tobacco, drug abuse, and positive choices as well as provide resource services to address the myriad of problems facing youth today. Prevention Programs provide an evidence-based curriculum to Club members at branches, community partners and partner schools, including Arlington and Fort Worth ISDs.

TOO GOOD FOR DRUGS is an evidence-based program that focuses on alcohol, drug and tobacco prevention. Recently, expansions of funding from The Health and Human Service Commission have targeted opioid prevention. In 2018 2,172 youth completed the 10-week curriculum.

POSITIVE ACTION is an evidence-based program that further targets youth at highest risk for substance abuse (a family member who uses, or has pronounced behavior issues). In 2018, 305 youth completed the multi-week curriculum.

STRAIGHT TALK provides individual service plans and counseling by Licensed Professional Counselors to members in the organization. The current need for these services is outstripping our ability to provide.
SPECIAL PROGRAMS  
YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

COMIN' UP GANG INTERVENTION

OUR PROGRESSIVE GANG-INTERVENTION PROGRAM
serves more than 600 gang-involved youth between the ages of 13-24 years old in Fort Worth communities. In partnership with the City of Fort Worth, COMIN' UP provides needs-based services and activities in an effort to reduce gang violence and influence positive change.

The purpose of COMIN' UP is to identify and provide extended services for gang-involved youth, develop specific plans of action to meet the needs and interests of each youth, provide needs-based services through a network of collaborating organizations and agencies, and establish truces among rival gangs members.

In 2018, we served 655 members, with almost 25% of them achieving a Live Change (GED, High School Diploma, 90 Days Employment, Military Service, Semester of College, Completing Probation).
2018 YEAR HIGHLIGHTS

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

RE-OPENING OF THE DON KROMER BRANCH

The Don Kromer Branch in Arlington has been restored as a “makerspace” for our youth. These spaces are critical for equipping our youth with 21st-century skills in the fields of science, technology, engineering, and math.

A NEW BRANCH IN THE LAS VEGAS TRAIL COMMUNITY

In response to a critical need, a group of community partners came together in 2018 to establish Boys & Girls Clubs Las Vegas Trail Branch. Bringing innovative, effective and quality programs to this underserved area were met with an enthusiastic response from the community, and the branch quickly reached capacity.

BEYONCE AND JAY-Z CREATE BRIGHT FUTURES

Beyonce and Jay-Z partnered with Boys & Girls Clubs of America in order to provide scholarships for various teens across the nation. Our Club kid from Arlington, Shaykeim, was selected to receive a $150,000 scholarship.
TWO GREAT CLUBS BECOME ONE

Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Fort Worth and Boys & Girls Clubs of Arlington officially merged on October 1, forming Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Tarrant County. Born out of our hope to do more for kids and teens, this consolidation created the largest Boys & Girls Club in Texas and strategically positioned the organization to serve more families.

UTA AND ARLINGTON TOMORROW PROVIDE STEM

A partnership with UT Arlington called Maverick STEMbrace Success, will help recruit and support UTA science, mathematics and computer science majors who are pursuing secondary teacher certification while they serve Boys & Girls Club youth in an after-school STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) program through funding provided by Arlington Tomorrow Foundation.

NEW MAKERSPACE AT NORTH FORT WORTH BRANCH

Pro Players Foundation unveiled the grand opening of the S.T.E.A.M. Makerspace area at the North Fort Worth Branch. A makerspace is a place where youth have an opportunity to explore their own interests through use of tools and materials, both physical and virtual, and develop projects in the fields of science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics.
OUTSTANDING YOUTH

Youth of the Year is the highest honor a teen in the Clubs can receive. These young people embody the values of Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Tarrant County and undergo a rigorous competition testing the skills taught to them throughout their tenure at the Club. In January, Torion Lewis and Jenny Vigueras were named Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Tarrant County Youths of the Year.

Jenny Vigueras had been attending our Panther Branch when one day, her world was completely shattered. Her father made the decision to walk away from his family the day after Christmas. She had to grow up quickly, and did not have much of a childhood. But Jenny found solace and encouragement from our dedicated Panther staff members.

“The Club taught me to never live in fear. It was the one place I could go, play, and be a kid. There, I learned to be the best I can be to my ability. Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Tarrant County is a place to be, where there is endless support.”

Torion Lewis was six years old when she first walked into a Boys & Girls Club. Her mother, recently divorced and a single mom of three, needed a place to entrust with her children while she worked. Little did Torion know, she would find her second home. The youngest of three, Torion’s tenacity and eagerness to excel was quickly noticed by Club staff, who worked to develop her leadership and citizenship potential. In her 10 years as a member she has grown as a leader of youth, planned dozens of community service projects, and completed over 400 hours of service.

“Sometimes we look for a place to belong and find it where you least expect it; but when you find it, we treasure it and want everyone else to see how special it is.”
**THE POWER OF GIVING:** We would like to recognize a core group of individuals and organizations whose annual support is critical to Boys & Girls Club. Supporters who give at this level provide the financial foundation that ensures success is within reach of every young person who walks through our doors and benefits from our programs.

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2018 FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

REVENUE

- Charitable Contributions: 31%
- Special Events Net of Expenses: 2%
- Government Grants & Contracts: 38%
- Fees/Other: 3%
- Investment Income: 26%

EXPENSES

- Program: 82%
- Management & General: 12%
- Fundraising: 6%

INVESTING IN GREAT FUTURES

- $10,000: Transportation support for one Club location
- $5,000: Educational software for one year at a Club location
- $2,500: Textbooks and learning guides
- $1,000: Year-round gang prevention programming for one Club member
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