



## FACT SHEET

**MISSION:** The Boys & Girls Clubs of King County exist to inspire and enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to realize their full potential as productive, responsible and caring citizens.

**Three Core Impact Areas:** Academic Success, Healthy Lifestyles, and Good Character and Leadership

### HIGHLIGHTED PROGRAMS:

- **Project Learn** reinforces and enhances the skills and knowledge young people learn at school through "high-yield" learning activities at the Club.
- **ClubTech** encourages B&GC youth development professionals to utilize computers and state-of-the-art software for all programs offered by Boys & Girls Clubs.
- **Reviving Baseball in Inner Cities (RBI):** Major League Baseball and local Boys & Girls Clubs are working to increase participation in baseball and fast-pitch softball leagues in the inner city.
- **Microsociety** allows kids to create their own governments, business ventures and currency, utilizing life skills and learning opportunities in every Club activity.
- **YouthForce** programs develop low income and minority youth into independent learners, able to realize their personal and professional goals.

### WHO WE SERVE AND WHERE WE SERVE THEM:

- 16,000 + annual members
- 13 Clubs (Ballard, Bainbridge Island, EX3 Ron Sandwith Teen Center, Federal Way, Kirkland, Mercer Island, North Seattle, Rainier Vista – Rainier Valley, Redmond/Sammamish, Renton/Skyway, Rotary – Central District, Southwest – White Center, Wallingford)
- 28 before- and after-school program sites (includes child care, school-based education assistance, drop-in)
- Outdoor Education Center – Gold Creek Lodge

### HISTORY:

- Boys & Girls Clubs of America founded in 1860
- Greenwood Boys Club founded in 1943 (first club in King County – now North Seattle Boys & Girls Club)

### WHO WE ARE AND WHAT WE PROVIDE:

- **13 locations with open doors** throughout King County create space for children and teens to learn, create, and attain their best in academics, athletics, and more.
- We are a facility-based youth service organization that provides daily access to a diverse set of programs designed for ALL kids aged 6-18! Clubs are open after-school, evenings and weekends and daytime hours in the summer.
- Clubs are fun, exciting places where staff and volunteers focus on **inspiring each member**, and on enriching the lives of thousands of kids every day.
- What's the cost for a place to dream? We ask an average of **\$18 per year** for a membership, but we **never turn someone away**. In 2007, more than \$200,000 in 'scholarships' were granted to kids all over King County
- Our goal is to put a membership card in the hand of every kid that wants to belong.

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