



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
OF MAURY COUNTY**

Our mission is to enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens.

Board Member/Staff Fact Sheet

Updated November 2018

Club Sites:

Teen Center (serves grades 6-12)

Members bused from Whitthorne, Cox, Spring Hill High, and Central High
210 W. 8th Street
Columbia, TN 38401
(931) 490-9401 ext.2607

Wayne Street (serves grades K-5)

Members bused from McDowell, Riverside, Brown, Highland, and 5th grade from Cox & Whitthorne
209 Wayne Street
Columbia, TN 38401
(931) 490-9401 ext.2612

Pulaski Club (serves grades K-8th)

Members bused from Pulaski Elementary, Southside Elementary, and Bridgeforth Middle School
540 Massey Dr.
Pulaski, TN 38478
(931) 424-5815

Greatness Academy (School-based) Sites:

Baker Elementary	Culleoka Unit School	Hampshire Unit School
Marvin Wright Elementary	Mt. Pleasant Elementary	Randolph Howell Elementary
Santa Fe Unit School	Spring Hill Elementary	Spring Hill Middle School
Woodard Elementary		

2017/2018 School Year Enrollment & Staff Count:

Membership: 918 students
Average Daily Attendance: 460 kids per day
Summer Program Enrollment: 523 kids
Part-time Staff: 57
Full-time Staff: 22
Total Sites: 13

**Total Youth Served Calendar
Year 2017: Over 1,200!**

Funding Our Future Leaders

- **We opened 10 new locations in Maury County Public Schools in 2016 and have more than tripled our membership.** We are now serving more than **1,200 kids per year**, and it costs us **\$53 per week** to

provide a child with our life-changing services. Most of the children in our program come from families who cannot afford to pay what the program actually costs us, and so **we must make up the difference with fundraising to ensure that the Club is available to ALL kids who need us, regardless of income.**

- BGC Maury is a 501c3 non-profit with programming and administrative costs covered through membership dues, special fundraising events, individual giving, grants, the United Way of Maury County, and city/county/other giving.
- **No child is ever turned away from BGC Maury because of a family's inability to pay. Financial aid and full scholarships are available upon request for those in need. Approximately 70% of our members receive financial aid and scholarships.**
- The Club's substantial continued growth means that it is more important than ever to meet yearly fundraising targets, which prove challenging with ever-changing company budgets and grant allocations. Each year, the Club must fundraise to close the gap between what families can afford to pay, and what it costs to offer these life-changing services to over 1,200 children per calendar year. For 2018, that total fundraising need is \$1.1 million. Each donation, whether personal or via corporate giving, is imperative to making sure that EVERY child in Maury County has access to a safe, positive place to go after school.
- Visit www.bgcmaury.com and click "Ways to Give" for more information about becoming a donor and/or corporate partner.

Academic Outcomes

- **BGC Maury is recognized by Boys & Girls Clubs in Tennessee as having the #1 Academic Program among all 75 TN Boys & Girls Club sites!**
- BGC Maury hires certified teachers to tutor at the Clubs each day and execute an innovative Academic Case Management program, using real-time academic data from the school system, to ensure our most at-risk kids stay on track to graduate on time.
- 100% of Club members in the tutoring program progress on time to the next grade level
- 93% improve in at least one subject area
- During the 2017/2018 school year, 70% of Club members improved their GPA while 92% scored an 18 or higher on the *Future Aspirations* survey in May 2018 (indicating a high level of career aspirations and positive goals for their future)
- **Since the Club's inception in 1999, 100% of Club seniors have graduated on time!**

Recent News

- After a multi-year, \$300,000+ renovation project made possible by generous donations from local businesses, grants and ordinary citizens, the renovated Teen Center in Downtown Columbia re-opened its doors for a grand opening celebration in July 2017.
- Board Member Dr. Eslick Daniel was inducted into the Boys & Girls Clubs in Tennessee Hall of Fame in September 2017 during the TN Area Council. State-wide awards were also presented to Board members Dr. Chris Marczak (New Board Member of the Year) and Andy Marshall (Tennessee C.A.R.E. Award).
- Club Senior Isaiah Bullock was named 1st Runner Up in the 2018 TN State Youth of the Year competition in March, winning \$15,000 in academic scholarship from the TN Titans Foundation, Boys & Girls Clubs of America (BGCA), and John Maher Builders. Jessica Harrison was named 1st Runner Up in the 2017 state competition. Ketron Hatton claimed the state title in 2015 and Brandon Levier won in 2016, making BGC Maury the first organization to ever win back-to-back state titles.
- In August 2016, Boys & Girls Clubs of Maury County partnered with Maury County Public Schools to open before and after school 'Greatness Academies' in 10 different schools. Within months, the Club nearly tripled the number of youth served, from 271 in 2015/2016 to 782 in 2016/2017.

- In 2017, Boys & Girls Club of Pulaski closed and was acquired by Boys & Girls Clubs of Maury County. Devon Yurko was brought on as the Pulaski Unit Director and the doors to the Pulaski Club were reopened to kids in December 2017 under the management of BGC Maury.
- Boys & Girls Clubs of Maury County was honored at BGCA's 2018 Southeast Leadership Conference with the **Gateway to Impact Award** for the entire thirteen-state southeast region -- recognizing increased attendance, factoring in both daily and annual participation as well as overall performance.

Club History

- Boys & Girls Clubs of Maury County was officially chartered by BGCA in 1999. This was made possible by a generous donation from Mrs. Ora Graham Thompson.
- BGCA is one of the largest youth development organizations in the country with more than 150 years of experience providing young people with a safe, positive place to learn and grow; life-enhancing programs and character development experiences; ongoing relationships with caring, adult professionals; and hope and opportunity. There are currently 4,300 Clubs serving more than 4 million kids annually nationwide.
- **In 2019, we will be celebrating the Club's 20th Anniversary since chartering with BGCA in 1999!**

The Need

- Currently, 18% of Maury County kids live in poverty
- 4 out of 10 Maury County kids are obese or overweight
- 545 kids went through the juvenile court system in 2017
- The Teen STD rate is currently 105% higher than it was in 2012
- **We need your help to do more! There are still almost 4,000 kids living below the poverty line in Maury County, making them twice as likely to end up dropping out of school and exposed to a host of other risk factors.**
- Poverty is not the only indicator of need. We are now serving every demographic in Maury County, and across the Board we see kids struggling with bullying, self-esteem, body image issues, depression, and even thoughts of suicide. ***EVERY KID in Maury County needs a safe, positive place to go after-school and caring adults in their life who believe in them and encourage them.*** Our goal is to continue to grow to meet that need.

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