



Case Statement

As a result of two community surveys (United Way Community Needs, and Benton Co Needs Assessment), the Boys & Girls Club of Corvallis (BGCC) started a pilot program in 2007 to address an identified gap in out of school teen services. In addition to the gap in services, there was an increase in emerging gang activity and juvenile delinquency rates. BGCC participated in the Benton Co juvenile gang task force, and as an outcome, made an investment in dedicated space for high school youth.

In 2006-07, the Club had approximately 10 high school members primarily participating in our weekly teen leadership Club. Word of mouth, relevant programming and dynamic staff helped grow participation to 70 members by 2010. In late 2011 the Club increased the teen space from 840 sq ft to 2400 sq ft and hired a full time high school program manager.

As a result of this investment and space expansion, teen membership has grown to 150. BGCC has developed sustainable partnerships with LBCC, OSU, CSD and local businesses. A measurable outcome of this focused effort is the success in assisting nearly 45 teens in the last three years gain their first summer job, participate in a paid apprenticeship, and we have maintained a 100% graduation success rate for our members.

THE GOAL: To provide permanent facility space to meet the need for teen programs that address the achievement gap and provide increased access for much needed behavioral and medical health services for youth and their families, especially low income youth, through provider partners. Maintain onsite youth dental services.

To achieve our goal, the Boys & Girls Club of Corvallis will add 20,000 sq. ft of academic programming, gymnasium, medical and behavioral health service space to our current Clubhouse. Through community participation of private donors and regional foundations, The Club currently has secured approximately \$4.8M of the \$6M needed for the construction portion of the campaign.

SUPPORTING GREAT FUTURES

The Center for Youth Excellence project will:

- Accommodate up to 300 high school teen members on a daily basis
- Provide high quality, structured programs that *support graduation completion* for at-risk and under-performing teens that work to *close the achievement gap*
- Provide a positive and productive alternative for teens for out of school time
- Expand our successful Training Teens for Tomorrow (T3) program that directly targets childhood and generational poverty by teaching at risk teens *self sufficiency skills* and prepares them for first time employment through job skills training apprenticeships, and summer employment –preparing teens to *compete effectively in the job market*

- Fill the gap on *behavioral health services for youth* and families.
- Add additional capacity to low cost *medical services for children and teens* that are on the Oregon Health Plan, or uninsured. Continue *on-site dental services*.

Whom Do We Serve?

The Boys & Girls Club opened its doors on the current facility in January, 1997. BGCC is our community youth center that provides after school enrichment services to 2,900 members and outreach services to nearly 10,000 school age youth. Open nearly 300 days a year, membership is intentionally low (\$25/year) to ensure that all Corvallis youth, especially those who need us most, will have access to mentoring, meals and academic support. Corvallis teens consider the Club a home away from home and a place that provides guidance and support to move successfully beyond high school. We are determined to end persistent poverty by integrating vital services and removing barriers to access that contribute to the cycle of poverty.

- 80% of all youth who use our afterschool Clubhouse qualify for free/reduced lunch
- 86% of our high school teens qualify for free/reduced lunch
- 70% of our high school members are students of color, representing a broad range of diverse backgrounds and cultures
- Teens who struggle to complete high school on time
- Teens at risk of dropping out or teens who are disengaged academically or socially
- Teens who struggle to secure local teen-employment opportunities



The achievement gap cost Oregon \$1.9B in a 10 year period (2003 – 2013)

2015 report by EcoNorthwest "Economics of the Achievement Gap: Oregon and the Portland Area"



Every dollar invested in BGCC

Source: Boys & Girls Club of America - 2016



returns \$9.60 to the individual & society

Timeline

- Pick up building permits –March 2017
- Ground Breaking - April 18, 2017
- Building timeline – 12-16 months
- Ribbon cutting and opening July/August 2018