



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.

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IMPACT REPORT



“ I do not let distractions tear me away from what I am trying to accomplish. ”

Laryn Winkler
Youth of the Year

My vision for America's youth involves me implementing a plan to enable the youth to follow their dreams, to uplift them to embrace the things that make them unique and unity among all ages, genders and races.

I came up with this plan while watching the local news. I saw that there was so much violence between people my age and younger and children being bullied because of their differences. There were not many stories about positive things going on in the community or about the positivity teenagers were doing in the community.

I would encourage the youth to follow their dreams, regardless of what they may be. I figure that if I could be a positive influence to someone, much like the positive influences that I have had at my Boys and Girls Club, I could possibly help change a life.

The Club Experience

Boys & Girls Clubs fill the gap between school and home. We provide welcoming, positive environments in which kids and teens have fun, participate in life-changing programs, and build supportive relationships with peers and caring adults.



The Need in Our State

Every day 88,960 kids in Mississippi leave school with nowhere to go.¹ They risk being unsupervised, unguided and unsafe.

Our Reach



Member Demographics

80%

Ages 12 and Younger

20%

Teens

99%

Minority Races or Ethnicities

80%

Qualify for Free or Reduced-Price School Lunch

68%

Live in Single-Parent Households



Demonstrating Our Positive Impact



ACADEMIC SUCCESS

The Need

25% of young people in Mississippi fail to graduate from high school on time.²

What We Do

We provide tutoring and homework programs, allowing our kids to be successful in school. CareerLaunch and STEM programs help develop study habits and spark interests in math and science.

Our Impact

Among our teen-aged Club members, **95%** expect to graduate from high school, and **80%** expect to complete some kind of post-secondary education.

The Need

31% of high-school youth in Mississippi were involved in a physical fight in the past year.³

What We Do

Through programs like Torch Club, for boys and girls, we empower youth to become good leaders and develop a passion for helping others and the community.

Our Impact

20% of Club teen members volunteer in their community at least once per year, while **20%** volunteer in their community at least once per month.



GOOD CHARACTER AND CITIZENSHIP



HEALTHY LIFESTYLES

The Need

38% of young people ages 14-18 in Mississippi are overweight or obese.⁴

What We Do

Our programs help youth engage in positive behaviors that nurture their well-being. Club members learn how to maintain healthy lifestyles, develop teamwork skills, and manage stress.

Our Impact

75% of Club members ages 9 and older report getting at least an hour of physical activity on five or more days per week.

How You Can Help



With your generous support, Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Mississippi will create opportunities to help more kids and teens achieve great futures. To make a donation or to learn about other ways you can help, contact Penney Ainsworth, CEO/President, Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Mississippi, 601.969.7088.

GREAT FUTURES START HERE.



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¹ America After 3PM, Afterschool Alliance, <http://afterschoolalliance.org/AA3PM/>

² <http://eddataexpress.ed.gov>

³ Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, <http://www.cdc.gov/healthyouth/data/yrbs/results.htm>

⁴ Mississippi State Department of Health, http://msdh.ms.gov/msdhsite/_static/resources/6164.pdf