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OF BEND**

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Dear Boys & Girls Clubs Champions,

Thirty years ago, Boys & Girls Clubs of Bend opened its doors with a vision to create a space where kids could feel safe, supported, and empowered to chase their dreams. In 2024, we honored that vision, celebrating not just where we started but how far we have come and where we are going next.

This year was not just about looking back. It was about embracing the future with boldness and purpose. At our Board Reunion Luncheon, we reconnected with past and current board members and volunteers who have shaped this organization. At our Club's 30th birthday celebration in September, we gathered with families, staff, alumni, board members past and present, and former staff to celebrate the heart of Club: our kids. And through it all, we deepened our commitment to programs like Workforce Wednesday, giving young people hands-on career experiences and preparing them for bright futures.

Beyond the milestones and numbers, what stands out most are the moments of pure impact. A kid lighting up when they master a new skill. An adolescent realizing their leadership potential. A family finding relief in the support we provide. This work is generational. The seeds we plant today will grow into the leaders, innovators, and changemakers of tomorrow.

As we step into our next chapter, we are thinking bigger. We're exploring how we can expand programs, strengthen partnerships, and ensure sustainability so that we can serve even more of Bend and Central Oregon's youth. We are not just reflecting on 30 years—we are laying the groundwork for the decades to come.

Thank you for being part of this journey. It has been a true privilege to lead during such a pivotal time. Your belief in our mission fuels everything we do. Together, we are shaping a future where every child in our community has the opportunity to thrive.

Onward,

Bess Goggins
CEO



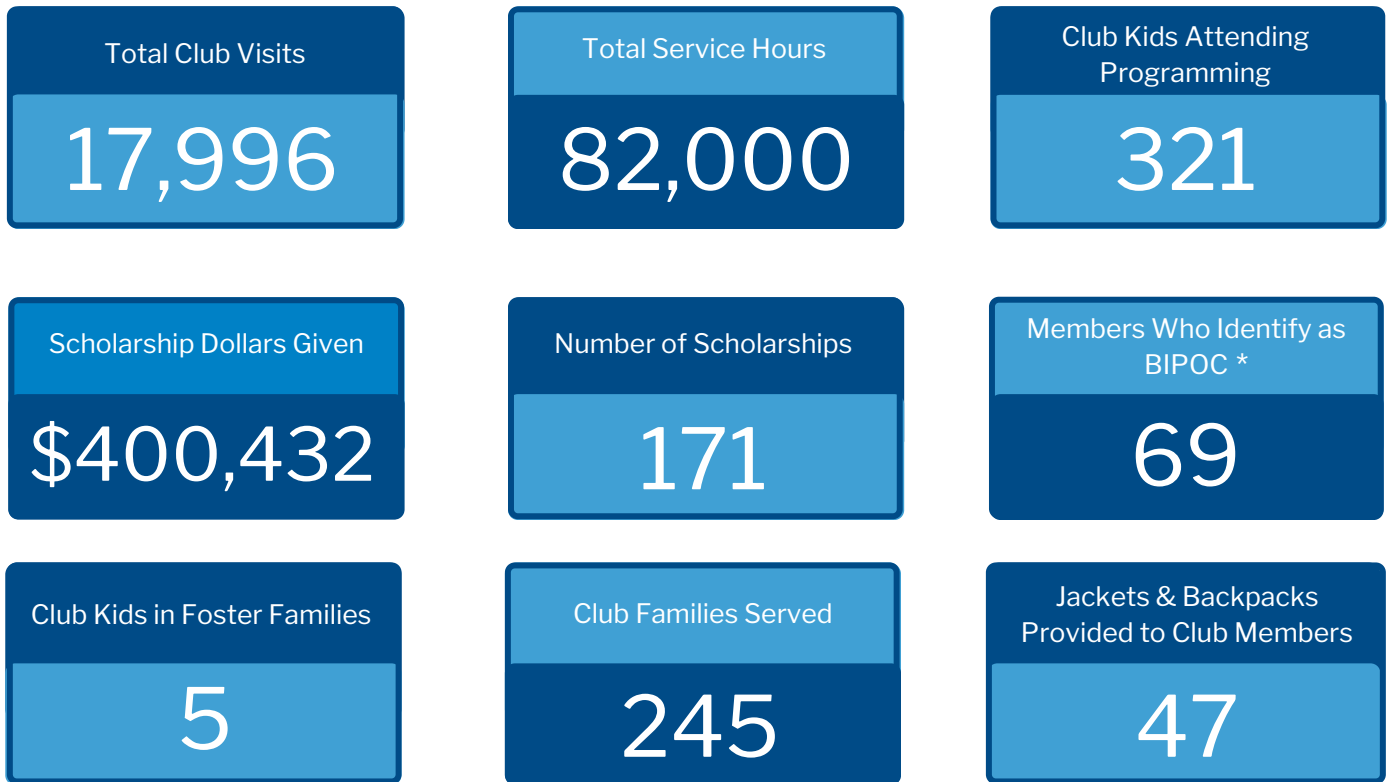
Honoring Our Outgoing Board Chair

Strong organizations are built on strong leadership, and over the past two years, Jana Cain has led with care, commitment, and a steady focus on the future. As she completes her time as Board Chair, we are grateful for her dedication to the Club and the youth we serve.

During her tenure as Chair, Jana helped guide the Club through an important chapter, ensuring we remained strong and focused on serving our members. She provided thoughtful leadership in key areas, including financial oversight, staff development, and planning for our 30th anniversary celebrations. Her contributions helped us celebrate where we have been while continuing to build toward the future.

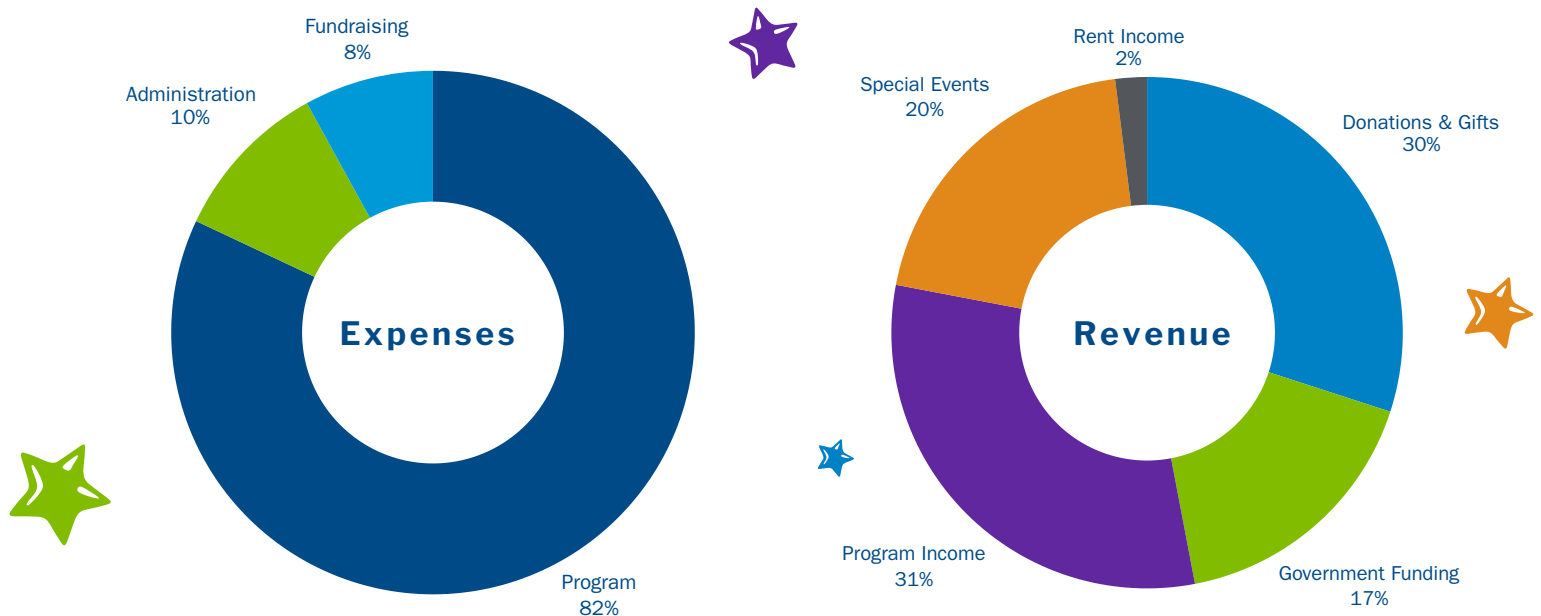
Jana's leadership has made a lasting impact, and while her term as Chair is concluding, we are thankful she will continue to be part of the BGCB Board. Thank you, Jana, for your time, energy, and belief in the mission of Boys and Girls Clubs of Bend.

2024 In Numbers



*Black, Indigenous, People of Color

Our Financials



Workforce Wednesday C.A.M.P

#WorkforceWednesday: Opening Doors to the Future



This summer, #WorkforceWednesday took Club members beyond the Clubhouse and into Central Oregon's most exciting industries. Thanks to our continued partnership with Visit Central Oregon, youth explored careers in outdoor recreation, entertainment, and hands-on trades. These four experiences are just a glimpse of many more.

- At Hayden Homes Amphitheater, Club members got a backstage pass as Slash prepared for his blues set. They watched crews set up the stage, test sound, and adjust lighting. The Old Mill District then surprised them with tickets to the show that night.
- At Mount Bachelor, the theme was Venture Outback. Club members learned how the mountain runs in summer, from trail maintenance to guest services.
- At Tower Theatre, they explored the behind-the-scenes work that makes live performances possible, from lighting design to stage production.
- At Santiam Snolab, our youth learned how to use power tools and crafted parts for snowboards and skis, seeing how engineering and creativity come together.

This summer was all about curiosity, critical thinking, collaboration, and hands-on learning. Each week sparked new ideas and showed Club members that their futures are full of possibility.

Into the Wild: Club Adventures in Central Oregon

This summer, Boys and Girls Clubs of Bend teamed up with C.A.M.P. Bend to give Club members a taste of adventure and a chance to grow. Through hiking, cave exploration, and stand-up paddleboarding, kids stepped outside their comfort zones, built confidence, and discovered the power of teamwork.

More than 40 Club members took part in a mix of on-site workshops and off-site adventures, each designed to teach leadership, decision-making, and resilience. Using C.A.M.P. Bend's Outdoors With Intent curriculum, members learned to connect with themselves, nature, and each other.



Whether navigating a rocky trail or balancing on a paddleboard, kids practiced problem-solving, communication, and trust. With zero injuries, one hundred days of adventure, and plenty of "I did it!" moments, this partnership proved how powerful outdoor experiences can be. We cannot wait to do it again.



A Day in the Life

Hi! My name is Eli* and today was a day off from school in January. My aunt signed me up for Radiant Resilience Day Camp at Boys and Girls Clubs of Bend. I had never been to Club before, so I felt a little nervous. I did not know if I would make friends or if it would be fun. I also did not know what resilience meant, but I was about to find out. By the end of the day, I did not want to leave.



9:00 a.m.

We sat in a big circle for community time and talked about what resilience means. Our leader said everyone has tough days, but we can build tools to help us through them. We played a game where we had to help each other solve a challenge, and then we sang a song together.

9:45 a.m.

The first activity was called community builders. We sat in a circle and tossed a ball of yarn while sharing how we felt. When we finished, we looked at the web we made. It showed how we are all connected, even when we feel alone. After that, we did meditation and sound therapy.

10:30 a.m.

Next, we learned about where we come from. We explored the meanings of our first and last names and created art to express who we are. My name means brave, which made me feel proud.

11:15 a.m.

Then we did therapeutic drumming. We learned how music can help people feel better. We each played a rhythm to show how we were feeling, and then we put them all together to make a song. It was cool to hear how different feelings can work together.

8:30 a.m.

When I got to camp, I saw kids making bracelets, drawing shields, and playing a game. I picked a bracelet-making station. I chose blue for courage because I wanted to be brave and try new things. Some kids made identity shields with words and pictures that showed what makes them strong.



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12:00 p.m.
Pizza party! We ate lunch together and had a dance party. I showed off my best robot moves.

12:45 p.m.
After lunch, we learned about a scientist named Masaru Emoto and how words and thoughts have energy. Since our bodies are mostly made of water, what we say to ourselves matters. We wrote down positive affirmations about who we are. Mine said, I am strong. I am kind. I am enough.

1:45 p.m.
Before we left, we got a bag of resources to take home. It had positive affirmations to remind us to speak kindly to ourselves.

2:00 p.m.
As I walked outside, I felt different than I did this morning. I had fun, made friends, and learned how to be strong on the inside. When my aunt picked me up, I told her, I want to be a Club member for the rest of the school year and summer.

Mission Moment

Ava* has always been curious, but this summer, her curiosity turned into confidence. Through #WorkforceWednesday, she explored four workplaces across Central Oregon that showed her where her interests might lead and how many options are out there for her future.

At Mount Bachelor, she learned how summer crews maintain trails and prep for a full season of guests. At Santiam Snolab, she used real tools to help shape parts for snowboards and downhill skis. She asked big questions, listened closely, and jumped in without hesitation.



The day she still talks about began at Hayden Homes Amphitheater. Her group toured the venue as stage crews prepared for a live blues set by Slash. She saw lighting gear, rigging, and the flow of team communication in action. That evening, thanks to tickets donated by the Old Mill District, Ava came back with her family to watch the show from the crowd.



Later, in conversation with staff, she said something simple and powerful: "I didn't know you could have a job doing that." That is the purpose of #WorkforceWednesday. Not just to show career paths, but to open doors kids didn't know existed. Ava saw something new in herself that day. And it was only the beginning. At Boys and Girls Clubs of Bend, that spark is what we work toward, helping kids imagine, plan for, and step into futures they did not know were possible.

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30th Anniversary Celebration

On Friday, September 13, we hosted our 30th Anniversary Birthday Celebration at the downtown Club, bringing together over 200 community members to honor three decades of service and impact in Central Oregon. The event welcomed current and past Club members, their families, as well as current and past staff, board members, and supporters—showcasing the deep connections that have made our work possible over the years.

Attendees brought birthday gifts for our Club Bucks Store, a positive behavior incentive program that rewards Club members for their achievements and positive choices. The evening was filled with laughter, connection, and joy as guests enjoyed cake, played games, and reflected on the countless memories we created together. This milestone celebration was a chance to honor our past while looking ahead to an exciting and brighter future for the Boys & Girls Clubs of Bend!

90s Throwback Prom



On Saturday, April 6, the downtown Club transformed into the ultimate old-school dance party for our 90s Throwback Prom! We welcomed 300 partygoers for a night of neon, nostalgia, and classic 90s jams. Guests arrived in their best throwback attire, hit the dance floor, and posed for fun photo ops, all while raising over \$30,000 to support youth programs in Central Oregon.

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On Saturday, November 16, over 325 guests gathered at the downtown Club for Flannel & Frost, an unforgettable evening of generosity and celebration. Together, we raised a record-breaking \$350,000 to support vital youth programs and services in Central Oregon. The evening featured a silent and live auction, a lively dessert dash, and an inspiring performance by the Oregon Royalty Allstars. Guests also heard heartfelt remarks from our Club Family Honoree and celebrated the induction of the Rotary Club of Greater Bend into our Hall of Fame.



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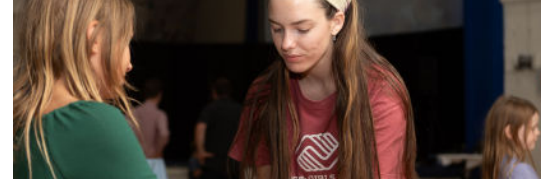
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