



Boys & Girls Clubs
of Winnipeg

A good place to be



Annual Report to the
Community 2020

OUR IMPACT

Boys and Girls Clubs of Winnipeg's programs and services play a vital role in realizing the potential in every child. Our positive impact on society is measured by the improved life outcomes of each child we reach.

The Results Are In!

The multi-year Manitoba Centre for Health Policy study on the children and youth participating in BGCW demonstrates improved social outcomes for Club kids in education, health and justice system interactions. We know that Boys and Girls Clubs change lives – and this important research proves it.

According to the study, children and youth attending the Boys and Girls Clubs come from very challenging situations. The mission of the Boys and Girls Clubs includes the priorities of helping youth to overcome barriers and to build positive relationships. We believe that relationships are key to preventing youth from becoming involved in "risky" behaviours. We also know that when youth are connected and have positive relationships with staff and their peers, it creates in them a sense of belonging. Our staff and volunteers are hired because of their ability to be good role models for our children and youth. They are trained to invest in relationships with the members attending our programs. This study shows that the more times that a youth attends the Boys and Girls Club program, the less likely they are to have interactions with the justice system, fewer teen pregnancies and improved educational outcomes. Attending the Boys and Girls Clubs will help prevent negative behaviours in youth and lead to a higher level of well-being.

Top 100 Highest Rated

Boys and Girls Clubs of Winnipeg was thrilled to be on the Charity Intelligence (Ci) Top 100 Highest Rated Charities for 2020! Charity Intelligence independently and objectively researches Canadian charities for donors to be informed and give intelligently.

"Flattening the COVID curve is also flattening giving. Yet frontline charities are under enormous financial stress, compounded by unprecedented demand. Providing data enhances donor knowledge and is one way to restore that confidence."

The 2020 Top 100 Rated Charities are leaders in reporting to donors, financially transparent, cost efficient, in need of support and rated for impact.



CHAIRPERSON & CEO REPORT



To say that 2020 proved to be an interesting year for the Boys and Girls Clubs of Winnipeg would be an understatement. The year started on a high note when the Manitoba Centre for Health Policy released our long awaited study on the long term outcomes of children and youth engaging in after school programs like Boys and Girls Clubs. We proudly shared the results of this research with a gathering of our partners, volunteers and staff at our Freight House Club in early January.

No one in the audience that day could have imagined that this would be the only public event hosted by Boys and Girls Clubs of Winnipeg in 2020. Fast forward to March and we were starting to learn more about the concern that a spreading coronavirus was presenting to health officials. On Thursday, March 12th Manitoba announced that one of our citizens had tested positive and on Friday, March 13th a series of health restrictions were put in place. For the first time in our history the Boys and Girls Clubs of Winnipeg closed the doors of our 12 Clubs with no certain time to reopen.

Since our beginnings in January 1977, the most significant strength of our organization has been the connection our Club staff have with the children and youth who participate in our programs. As an organization we now had to deal with the challenge of staying connected with our members without being able to meet in person. We quickly determined that many of the families of our members would face food security issues with food programs like ours forced to close. We also determined that technology could work for us and that offering virtual programs could replace in person programs. We repurposed some of our resources so we could deliver food hampers to families at the same time as investing in technology that would allow our members to stay connected with us.

In May, as the number of COVID cases were dropping, the health regulations allowed us to reopen our four clubs not located in schools. For some of our school based clubs we rented space nearby so that we could resume in person programs in those communities. This was done while adhering to the health protocols in place. Our CSI Summer Learning Program was also given permission to proceed at 50% of its usual capacity. Through the summer and early fall we were able to operate under our new normal. This of course all changed when the predicted second wave hit Manitoba and we once again closed all of our Clubs and transitioned back to virtual programs.

Yes it has been an interesting year. It is almost impossible to contemplate a year where our long standing events like our Invitational Basketball Tournament, Hot Sauce Dinner, Multicultural Festival or our annual Holiday Parties to name just a few did not happen. There were no Jets or Bomber games or summer camps to go to. To add insult to injury we suffered a cyber attack in late November that shut down our accounting systems for over two weeks. Yet despite the many challenges that 2020 presented we look forward to the opportunities 2021 will give us. Now more than ever, kids, families, and communities need Boys and Girls Clubs to support them during these uncertain times.

A special thank you to our dedicated staff who kept our organization going forward during a historic year that none of us will forget. And a final acknowledgement of appreciation to all of the funders and partners of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Winnipeg who have never wavered in their support of the work we do.

Sincerely,



John Barr
Chairperson



Ron Brown
President and CEO

Boys and Girls Clubs of Winnipeg (BGCW) has grown to become one of the city's leading youth-serving agencies, operating in areas across the city that need our services the most for over 40 years. We operate 11 community-based Clubs and numerous youth development programs to our members, offering a safe alternative to the streets during the evening and after-school hours.

All of our activities are free of charge, and are guided by professional staff and dedicated volunteers who serve children and youth ages 6-18.

Our agency focuses on the well-being of children and youth by teaching them the importance of healthy living, personal growth and social development. With positive role models and mentors at the forefront of our Clubs and programs, children and youth have the opportunity to achieve their full potential in a safe and facilitated environment.

The essence of our work is through a preventative and developmental approach to tackling a broad range of critical issues facing young people today. This is accomplished through five core program areas promoting healthy development:

- Education and career exploration
- Sports and physical recreation
- Arts and cultural appreciation
- Health awareness and life-skills development
- Leadership and service to community

BGC Winnipeg Celebrates New, Inclusive Branding

Coming in 2021, Boys and Girls Clubs of Winnipeg will become **BGC Winnipeg**. Not to be trendy. Not because it's shorter or catchier. But because we open our doors to all kids and teens and we believe our name should reflect that.

Removing gender from our name modernizes BGC Winnipeg and echoes the inclusive practices we're known for without straying too far from our history and national brand awareness. It also embraces the fact that we proudly serve young people and families of all ages, backgrounds, and identities.

New name, same legacy: over 40 years of creating opportunities for kids and teens in Winnipeg.



OPPORTUNITY CHANGES EVERYTHING

EDUCATION & CAREER EXPLORATION

The Education and Career Exploration program area enables youth to develop the skills and knowledge they need to help them in school and when finding employment.

Power Up!

Power Up! provides a supportive learning environment where children and youth have the opportunity to immerse themselves in engaging activities in an exploratory style in order to gain the skills, confidence, and motivation to become life-long learners. This year, participants continued their involvement with themed-base learning in a virtual setting. Facilitators continued to plan lessons around themes like transportation, the animal kingdom, and STEAM, but delivered them virtually via activity kits. Staff delivered kits filled with weekly snacks and supplies to the participants' homes and schools. Everyone was able to have snack together and build creations in an investigative, hands-on learning style all over Zoom! Some of the activities included virtual tours of different museums or "field trips", creating and testing egg drops, model boats to be tested in the students' bathtubs or sinks, designing your own pillow fort, and so much more.



Raise the Grade

Raise the Grade, supported by **RBC Future Launch**, continues to foster relationships with local youth in a supportive and engaging learning environment for high school students. Students have the opportunity to boost their grades, gain study skills, and learn about different employment and post-secondary opportunities all while building relationships with our dedicated staff and mentors. The main components involve goal setting, experiential learning, and hands-on and relevant learning opportunities with mentors and volunteers. This year, the program has moved to virtual with all of the same program offerings. Staff have been delivering weekly snacks and supplies to participants so that they can take part in cooking classes, goal setting workshops, resume building, and online virtual games to build relationships and stay connected.

2020 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Our youth development professionals help teen members complete applications for scholarships and bursaries for post-secondary studies.

These scholarships/bursaries play a significant role in helping young people, who otherwise lack the opportunity, to attend college or university.

Helping provide access to post-secondary education is a valuable way Boys and Girls Clubs of Winnipeg helps young people realize their potential.

We are pleased to offer scholarships to Boys and Girls Club members pursuing post-secondary education. These scholarships are made possible by generous support from our corporate and private supporters.

Isaac Kirungi – BGCW \$3,000, Friends of Winnipeg Youth Awards \$1,000

Isaac is currently enrolled at the University of Manitoba with plans of transferring to the School of Art next semester. He is pursuing a Bachelor of Fine Art with a keen focus on photography. He is currently studying other mediums of art to strengthen his skills and bolster his portfolio. Isaac shared that school is an odd situation via Zoom and he is looking forward to when he can be on campus.

Misgana Alemayehu – Eric and Carol Johnson \$32,000, Ted Rogers Scholarship

Misgana is currently enrolled in University 1 at the University of Manitoba and is looking to get into Environmental Design starting next year. She is mainly taking the prerequisites for the E.D. program and had a successful first semester. She is looking forward to the Architecture stream during her final two years in the faculty.

Susmitaben Patel – BGCW \$3,000, BGCC Scholarship

Susmita is in her first year in the Faculty of Science at the International College of Manitoba. She plans on doing a major in genetics and her long-term plan is to be accepted into medical school to become a doctor.

Nyamet Obeing – Friends of Winnipeg Youth Awards \$1,000, BGCW \$1,000

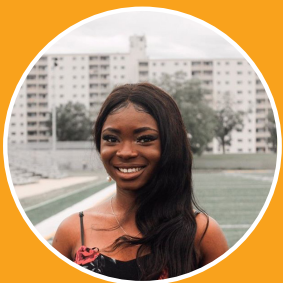
Nyamet is currently in the Health Care Aid program at Herzing College and plans on graduating this April with hopes of finding a job within the field before attending Nursing School. She is currently working as a Youth Program Facilitator at the Spence Neighbourhood Association.

Tofunmi Dada \$1,000 BGCW, Friends of Winnipeg Youth Awards \$1,000

Tofunmi is currently attending the University of Toronto, but is taking her courses online in Winnipeg. She is in the Commerce Program and on track to become a financial specialist with a major in International Business. She has a full course load at the moment, but is learning new habits, gaining new knowledge, and let us know that everything is going well so far.

Emmanuel Olugbodi – Pay It Forward \$2,000

Emmanuel is currently enrolled as a first-year student at the University of Winnipeg. He is currently a first year Business Administration student with a focus on finance and international business. Emmanuel shared that it has been harder to meet new people due to classes being virtual, but the smaller class sizes have given him a chance to talk with his peers and focus on his classes which are going well.



Clean Machine

The Clean Machine Streets and Waterways program had a busy and productive year in the summer of 2020 despite dealing with COVID-19. Over 70% of the youth hired were working for the first time and 96% were also members of the Boys and Girls Clubs. The Clean Machine Streets youth picked up over 250 bags of garbage from sidewalks and greenspaces throughout the city in 2020. The Clean Machine Waterways youth work on projects assigned by the City of Winnipeg Naturalist. Some of the projects we worked on in 2020 included maintaining and watering of some gardens, cleaning up of garbage in some of the green spaces throughout the city, weeding and pulling of thistle in the parks, spreading mulch to form pathways at some of the parks, fencing trees to prevent beaver damage, and the planting of flowers and small shrubs.



Youth Recreation Activity Worker Program

The Youth Recreation Activity Worker program which runs in partnership with **Red River College**, had another successful year in 2020. Due to COVID-19 in March, the last few months of the program had to be done online which presented many challenges and barriers for many of our students. We also could not have an official/proper graduation/celebration this year due to COVID. We did end up meeting the class for a celebratory dinner at the Forks in June. We had a total of 11 students graduating from the program. Some did find employment but many were unable to due to the pandemic shutdown of many organizations where they would have normally found employment. Three of the graduates also continued with their studies in September 2020, entering the second year of the Child and Youth Care worker program at Red River College.



Personalized Employment Program (PEP)

The PEP program continues to operate helping youth and young adults ages 16-28 find and maintain employment. The program offers individualized services as well as group work empowering the individual clients the tools and skills needed to successfully attain and maintain employment. Intakes are done on a continual basis throughout the year. Resume writing, interview preparation, job search skills and life skills are the most utilized services at PEP. In 2020, we had over 65 clients come and access our services.



SPORT, RECREATION & PHYSICAL ACTIVITY

The Sport, Recreation and Physical Activity program area promotes physical fitness, participation, positive use of leisure time, and the development of social and interpersonal skills.

Fun On the Rink

Our Ryerson Club members really enjoyed learning to skate thanks to support from **Canadian Tire Jumpstart** – a great opportunity to keep our youth active in the cold winter months!

The Positive Impact of Sport

Alex wants to grow up to be a Winnipeg Jets player. This year is the first year Alex has played any form of hockey. He joined our hockey team very shy and had social anxiety. Through the ball hockey program Alex has made multiple friends and for the first time ever has been part of a sports team. He has become more social and his parents often tell us how grateful they are for this program and what it has done for Alex.

Alex set goals for himself throughout the program and has achieved them, celebrated, and set new goals. Starting with scoring one goal up to scoring a hat trick (3 goals in one game).

Alex's parent and teachers have told me that his school work has improved tremendously as his ability to be more open and social has improved. Particularly his reading in which from the start of the ball hockey program was at a Grade 1 Level and is now caught up to his Grade 5 Level.

Summer Camps Gone Virtual

In response to the pandemic, our caring partners showed us what community really means. A huge THANK YOU to **Jays Care Foundation** for bringing virtual summer camps to so many Boys and Girls Club kids this past summer!



BOYS AND GIRLS CLUBS OF WINNIPEG 2020 GOLF EXPERIENCE

In the summer of 2020, our youth thought the closest they would get to golf would be Wii Golf... We are happy to say that their summer golf experience turned out much better!

Bridges Youth Golf Program

The Boys and Girls Clubs of Winnipeg Golf Program was a wonderful success at **Bridges** this past summer despite the coronavirus. Bridges was still able to schedule four clinics for Raven, Lyndon, Dominic, Jaime, Dallas, Syed and Opa (ages 13-18). Each 3-4 hour day consisted of the youth being instructed on the fundamentals of the golf swing, learning the etiquette of the sport, and of course lots of fun playing a few holes and enjoyed having lunch or dinner together after with Larry and the instructors.

"It was so great to see all the BGCW kids again this summer! Of those that were returning to the program for another year it is especially rewarding to hear about the changes in their lives. The boys and girls are so polite and considerate of others. What a gift for us and me to be around them again! Just giving kids a chance can be life changing."

- Larry Robinson, Bridges Golf Pro



Future Pros

In 2020, Syed (13) and Opa (15) were referred to the **Future Pros** program thanks to the Bridges Team. These two young people demonstrated enthusiasm, athletic prowess, self-discipline, and respect in sport while participating in the Bridges Youth Golf Program in 2019. Through Bridges' determination and coordination of Dana Todd, Executive Director of PGA of Manitoba Foundation Inc., the youth were accepted into the Future Pros program. Through the program Syed and Opa received their own clubs, shoes, gloves, shirt and had an opportunity to join the Niakwa Golf Course, as well as the Youth Golf Program at Bridges in the summer of 2020.

Through the generosity of the sponsors, **Golf Manitoba** and all that participated in the **Boys and Girls Clubs of Winnipeg Raffle** at Bridges the golf experience for youth was elevated in this wonderful game making a difference in young people's lives, creating opportunities that would not otherwise be possible!

HEALTH AWARENESS & LIFE SKILLS DEVELOPMENT

The Health Awareness and Life Skills Development area encourages youth to nurture their own well-being, set personal goals, and acquire the skills they need to live as self-sufficient adults.

Emergency Food Relief

Thanks to our partner **President's Choice Children's Charity**, the Summertime Eat Well initiative provides meals and snacks for Club summer programs. This year was different, and so their funding also helped our Clubs provide emergency food relief to families that need it most. With their support, along with help from **Breakfast Clubs of Canada, Harris Meats, M&M Food Market** and **Regent Superstore**, we were able to continue to support our Club families with emergency food hamper deliveries during these trying times.

"One family let us know that they have been struggling trying to get by. Her youngest child has a low blood cell count and their medicine is not covered by assistance so when they need groceries she has to ask her sisters for help. Her daughter is considered high risk and she needs to be extra cautious around people. They told us they are very grateful for all of our help and appreciates all we do."



Kitchen Upgrades

If food brings people together, kitchens are the vehicles to the destination. Boys and Girls Clubs of Canada understand the need for a high-quality, functional cooking space, especially when it comes to delivering its daily food program to children. This is why the national organization partnered with **goeasy** to upgrade 100 club kitchens in Canada over 10 years. The renovation project at our Gilbert Park Club, unveiled in February, brought goeasy (an alternative financial company which runs easyfinancial and easyhome) halfway to its goal.



LEADERSHIP & SERVICE TO COMMUNITY

The Leadership and Service to Community area empowers youth to support and influence their Club and community, sustain meaningful relationships with others and develop a positive self image.

Youth Council

Youth Council is comprised of eight youth who devote their time to philanthropy and giving back to their communities. Youth involved have the opportunity to attend meetings and workshops provided by the Winnipeg Foundation, volunteer at special events, and represent our agency at conferences and events. The main component of the program involves learning about other agencies around the city, interviewing representatives, and deciding on grantmaking requests. The program is led by youth with two selected youth reps to represent our group. The teens have the chance to practice and develop professional correspondence, conversational, leadership, and interviewing skills all while communicating and making sure the entire team's opinions are heard. Our mission statement was created as a group and it states: The Boys and Girls Clubs of Winnipeg aims to reduce harm in Winnipeg by helping agencies to provide safe spaces and accessible resources for people in our community. This year, we have primarily focused efforts on women's shelters and victims of domestic violence.



Lead Up

Lead UP provides youth with opportunities to engage in service initiatives that will address community needs, encouraging them to develop life and work skills, self-confidence, and self-efficacy, while discovering new opportunities. In the winter of 2020 the BGCW Lead Up youth had worked hard securing grants and planning for two major projects, a Multicultural Festival at the Victor Mager Club and a Lead Up Regional Forum at the Canadian Museum of Human Rights for 40 Boys and Girls Clubs youth from Manitoba, Ontario and British Columbia, both of which had to be cancelled due to the pandemic. Turning lemons into lemonade, the youth were able to change some grants into COVID-19 outreach projects. With a desire to lift the spirits of other's the youth made traction on spearheading many service projects to touch the lives of children and families in Winnipeg by assembling: 1,600 activity kits, 30 family emergency hampers and 150 Halloween treat bags. A Pen Pal Program ran in the spring. There were two fall community clean-up projects at local high schools. Two artistically talented youth designed inspirational postcards to insert in hundreds of agency outreach emergency hampers. In the fall, the youth secured an Antiracism Initiative Microgrant and held many meetings to plan a three week Black History Month event at Dakota Collegiate with the BIPOC Committee. Through several TakingItGlobal #RisingYouth grants, Lead Up felt empowered be active and make a difference during the pandemic.

The Boys and Girls Clubs of Winnipeg also manage a few programs that benefit youth and young adults from our administration office. These are not Club-based programs, but rather work to provide supports and opportunities to specific youth populations in Winnipeg.

VOICES: Manitoba's Youth in Care Network

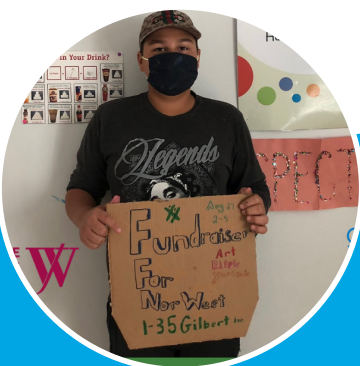
While it was definitely disappointing to not be able to get together for our weekly workshops and activities, the pandemic offered us the opportunity to grow in different ways. We enjoyed engaging with youth in and from care over the phone, using our social media platforms, and even old school letter mail. We are especially thankful for all of the members of our community who helped to keep young people in and from care safe and supported over 2020. Due to the generous support of the Children's Aid Foundation, we were able to support over 300 alumni of care through the Voices COVID Support Fund, which assisted with emergency costs like groceries, rent, hobby supplies, medications, and technological support to stay connected while we are physically separated

Community members also stepped up with contributions to the Voices Scholarship Program. Thank you to the Child and Youth Care Workers Association of Manitoba, and P.E.O. Chapter H for adding to the awards we were able to offer for 2020-2021. And we send our heartfelt thanks to everyone who helped keep Christmas special by sharing treats, gifts, and financially supporting the virtual Voices Family Christmas Party. With their support we were able to provide meals, gifts, and Christmas hampers to over 80 young people in and from care.



Youth Agencies Alliance (YAA)

At YAA we continue to build the capacity of our members and the broader youth-serving sector in our city by bringing people together to share resources and knowledge, while providing direct supports including youth programming, staff development and training, and social emotional learning and positive youth development best practices. The past year presented many challenges to us, forcing us to reinvent ourselves to continue offering programs and services to stakeholders. For instance, through the staff conference we were able to expand our partnership beyond Manitoba and provided members with perspectives and frameworks from Montreal, Toronto, and Vancouver. In partnership with Winnipeg Foundation, Green Action Centre, The Story Source and Lee Mae Spence we developed a new program – Youth Green Action Plan. YGAP offered 140 youth the opportunity to acquire climate justice information in a supportive environment, share their personal ways of knowing, and identify concrete climate change action. This initiative was youth-led in which youth participants developed climate actions. A few of these climate actions were Community Clean Up, Save the Trees Campaign, Campaign Against Litters, and Recycling Awareness Campaign. Through our Rotary Leadership Circle, we managed to recruit 140 youth and they were able to do more than 8084 hours of volunteer activities.



OTHER PROGRAMS & SERVICES

COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Although 2020 was a challenging year in so many ways, Boys and Girls Clubs of Winnipeg is incredibly thankful for the outpouring of support we received so that our hardworking staff and volunteers could continue to serve the children, youth and families in our community.

Comfort Food

Once or twice a month, **The Rec Room** donated 75 individually packaged meals to BGCW families across the city in the midst of COVID-19 to fill little tummies and help at a time of despair. In 2020, 600 meals total consisting of a vegetarian comfort food of Mac & Cheese or Chicken & Fries arrived at homes. Each meal came with a garden fresh salad too. The Rec Room is a new venture of Cineplex that offers amusement and classic games for grown ups in Southwest Winnipeg. The company wanted to give back to the community in a meaningful way, so what better approach than through the gift of food.

This Way Ahead

With skill-building that includes resume writing, job searching, mock interviewing, and real work experience, the **Old Navy** This Way Ahead program prepares teens to land a job at a Gap, Old Navy, or Banana Republic store. Participants are guaranteed an interview, and upon hiring they receive on-the-job support from their Club's job coaches and Gap, Inc staff.

Community Heroes

Collectively the **Lowe's Kenaston** group raised money for Gilbert Park Club sustainability and Club renovations through their 2019-2020 Heroes Campaign. Team Lowe's also secured a paint donation through Valspar and donated supplies. Over the course of four full days a team of 10-11 Lowe's employees volunteered each day along with two store managers (Paolo Gallo & Todd Maunder) and team leader Martin Phommarath.

Summer Picnic

For the past 11 years, **B'nai Brith** has sponsored an "Afternoon with the Goldeyes" for the clients of various agencies in Manitoba. Rather than cancel the event this year, B'nai Brith and **Salisbury House** provided a free picnic lunch for two of our Clubs.

Staying Connected

Thank you **Best Buy Canada** for providing tech so our Clubs could keep kids and families stay connected when they needed it the most. and **Lenovo Canada** for providing Chromebooks so more of our members could access our virtual programming!

Dishing Up Kindness

Thank you **Sysco** for your very generous donation of the plates/bowls/cups we needed to operate our summer learning program this year.

For the Love of Reading

Thank you to the **Indigo Love of Reading Foundation** for providing BGCW Club kids with books to keep up their reading skills while our schools and libraries were closed.

Freewheeling

Councillor **Kevin Klein** wanted children and youth in the community to be active and reached out to **WRENCH** to provide 50 bikes to kids who were in need of one. WRENCH connected with our Carpathia Club to help identify children and youth in the Tuxedo/Edgeland area that were in need of a bike.



DONORS

Thanks to your support, we are able to reach the children, youth and families who need us the most.

All Charities Campaign
BellMTS
Best Buy
Bianca Amor's Liquidation Centre
Boys and Girls Clubs of Canada
Bridges Golf Course
Canada Life
Canadian Online Giving
Canadian Tire Jumpstart Charities
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TOGETHER, WE CAN DO MORE!

Invest in Winnipeg's Future

Donate online at www.bgcwinnipeg.ca. Your gift goes directly towards providing programs and services to young people in need.

Volunteer

Make a difference in your community through volunteering. There are many ways to contribute based on your schedule and areas of interest.

Tell Your Employer

We offer many ways for organizations and corporations to get involved while engaging employees in valuable work.

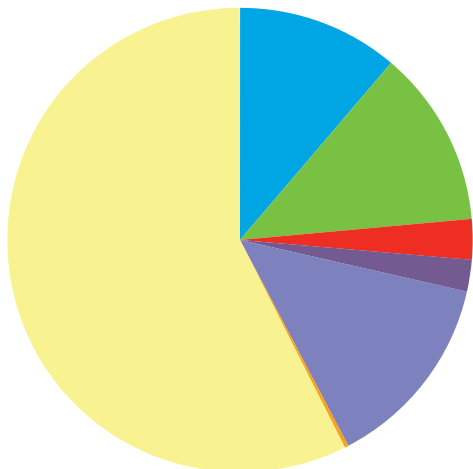
Talk to Your Friends

Word of mouth is a powerful tool. The more people that know about who we are and what we do, the greater impact we can have on the lives of children and youth that come through our doors. Connect with us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram and join the conversation.

**Call us today at
204-982-4940 to find
out how you can be a
part of our movement!**



FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS 2020

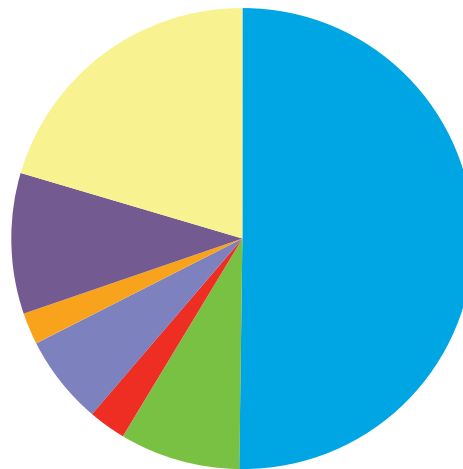


CORE FUNDING

REVENUES

● Province of Manitoba	473,900
● United Way	517,521
● City of Winnipeg	118,148
● COVID-19 Funding	92,800
● Self Generated	577,441
● Capital Contributions	11,352
● Special Projects	2,418,471

4,209,633

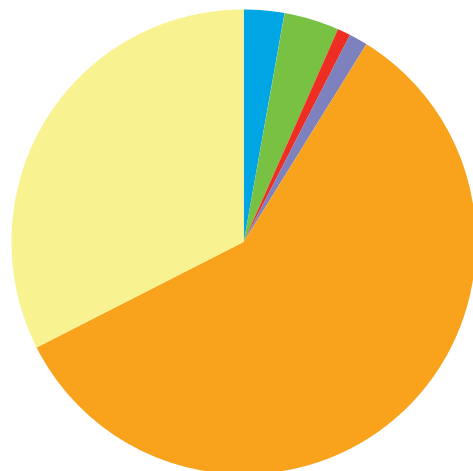


SPECIAL PROJECTS

REVENUES

● Province of Manitoba	1,214,309
● United Way	204,373
● City of Winnipeg	63,000
● The Winnipeg Foundation	151,299
● Government of Canada	53,911
● Boys and Girls Clubs of Canada	237,326
● Other Supporters	494,253

2,418,471



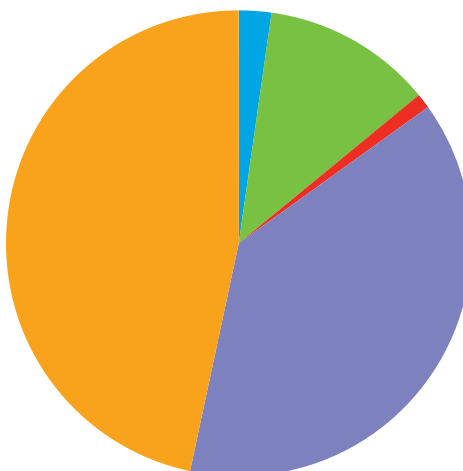
EXPENSES

● Facilities	112,178
● General	152,327
● Transportation	35,805
● Programming	51,806
● Special Projects	2,334,935
● Salaries/Benefits	1,293,539

3,980,590

Excess of Revenues over Expenses

229,043



EXPENSES

● Facilities	52,437
● General	275,524
● Transportation	24,450
● Programming	893,387
● Salaries/Benefits	1,089,137

2,334,935

Excess of Revenues over Expenses

83,536

Board of Directors

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RBC Royal Bank
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Tayo Oyedabejo
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Lead Up Youth Volunteers

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Thank you for sharing your time to make a difference in the community
by giving young people a safe place to learn and grow.

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



Mirzet Alekic

In 1995 Mirzet and his family arrived to safety in Canada as refugees from war torn Bosnia. The family survived several military attacks and lived in three refugee camps before they moved to Croatia then to Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada.

During Mirzet's first day at school in Winnipeg, he was introduced to BGC Winnipeg. Victor Mager Club quickly became a place where he could forget the past three years and play sports or computer games. It was a safe place or a sanctuary where he could once again be a child.

The Club became a gateway to Mirzet's new community; it was a place where he had the opportunity to experience new things like; camping, jets games, bomber games, leadership programs and many more. It was a place that provided mentors and allowed him to work on communication and leadership skills without judgment. BGC Winnipeg offered Mirzet his first job through Green Team and later on as Activity Worker while attending University of Manitoba, Asper School of Business.

In 2001, Mirzet was awarded one of the first \$3,000 Future Shop scholarships for university.

During his university years, Mirzet could be found working or volunteering at the Club. Mirzet coached basketball to many rising basketball stars including Phillip Labongo who was awarded a basketball scholarship at the University of Calgary and Amir Ali who became the captain for the Manitoba Bison's Basketball Team. In 2008, Mirzet decided to start a soccer program as a volunteer coach, engaged youth and introduced many young people to this sport.

Mirzet's Highlights:

- Touched the lives of many youth through the sport of basketball as a coach
- Supported other Alumnus in fundraising through an Industry Brunch Party
- Was a featured speaker at the BGC Winnipeg 25th, 30th and 40th anniversaries
- Acted as an ambassador with the United Way of Winnipeg
- Successfully applied for several grants through the GWL Community Volunteer Grant Committee
- Participated in the annual Race for Kids Event from 2013 to 2019, often on the top fundraising and first place team alongside former BGC Winnipeg Board Chair Kevin Betzold
- Delivered impactful speeches at many of our 100 Mile Dinners
- From 2012 to 2020 Mirzet served 9 years on the BGC Winnipeg Board of Directors on the Audit, Finance, Research and Executive Committees, as well as acting as Chair and Past Chair
- Represented the BGC Winnipeg Board at BGC Canada's National Conference

Mirzet has been an exemplary ambassador for our agency serving on the front lines with youth, speaking at community events and advocating for youth on our Board of Directors. We are so grateful for Mirzet's volunteer leadership and know that he has created positive life long memories for youth, staff and colleagues.

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