



**2025  
IMPACT  
REPORT**



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUB  
OF LAKE TAHOE**



**Tahoe  
Needs**

**Club Kids**

**Club Kids Need You.**

# A Message from Club Leadership

## OUR MISSION

To empower all young people to reach their full potential.

## OUR VISION

To be the place in our community where all young people are welcome. To have all of our members advance each grade level on time and prepared for the next school year. To be a second home for our members where they get to participate in programs and have experiences that they might not otherwise have had.

## OUR STAFF

- Jude Wood, CEO
- 5 Operations, Program, Safety, Membership & Admin
- 3 Events, Marketing, and Development
- 3 Facilities & Kitchen
- 6 Area Directors & Site Coordinators
- 4 Program Specialists
- 6 TK Leaders
- 40 Youth Development Leaders
- 5 Front Desk Agents
- 4 Youth Staff

2025 was the year of the rollercoaster. From the thrill and high of opening the new playground at the Angel of Tahoe Clubhouse, to the low of reduced federal and state funding. In these times, when funds and individual staff have been reduced or cut, the shining light to brighten even the darkest days has been our community. From a major donor providing multiple years of guaranteed support, to attendees at our fundraisers, to local businesses partnering with us, many of you stepped up to help us. It is our community that has sustained us in 2025, and it will be our community that drives our work forward in 2026.

We strive to return that generosity. The playground at the Angel of Tahoe is for everyone, and we have been thrilled to see so many kids, including visitors, getting out there and having fun. In 2025, we took another step in meeting community need. We opened a TK program at Meyers, providing much needed afternoon programs and care for this additional group of students, and we expanded enrollment at all sites to ensure that as many children as possible receive the benefits of enhancement education, while also permitting their parents to work and provide for their families.

As we look to 2026, we know there are more challenges to overcome. Already, we are advocating for the continuation of federal childcare subsidies, which are so vital for low- and middle-income parents, and we will be asking the State to continue supporting after-school programs with the Expanded Learning Opportunities Program (ELO-P) funding. Governor Gavin Newsom has invested billions into expanded learning, but as he nears the end of his tenure, it is vital that funding and support continue under his successor.



It will be another busy year, but we are up for the challenge. And when we tire, we just remember who we are doing this for, how much they mean to us, and how much it means to them: FOR THE KIDS!

**Jude Wood**  
CEO



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# Who We Are

## Serving Youth for 34 Years

Since 1991, Boys & Girls Club of Lake Tahoe has provided high-quality, community-based youth development services to children and teens throughout Meyers and South Lake Tahoe.



### Youth Served & Engagement

**1,000+**

total youth served

**560**

youth served daily

**4**

sites

Angel of Tahoe Clubhouse  
Bijou Community School  
Meyers Elementary  
Tahoe Valley Elementary

**1,990**

hours of Club services

### Mentorship & Safety

**20:1**

K-teen to mentor ratio

**10:1**

TK to mentor ratio

### The Club serves approximately

**40%**

of our community youth ages 4 to 14

### Access & Affordability

**256**

members who attend for free

**30,803**

free meals served made possible with our snack match

**44**

family Thanksgiving meals

**65**

family holiday meals made possible by Desolation Hotel

### Community Partnerships

**18**

nonprofit and community partners

### Donor & Support Network

**351**

donors



### More Club Access

Opened in Fall 2025, the Meyers Elementary site now serves TK students.

# Program Highlights

## NEW Programs



### Caught Being Kind

The Club launched this program to intentionally foster kindness and respect within our community. Through this initiative, our Club members took the Kindness Pledge, committing to treat others with respect, lead with empathy, and practice everyday acts of kindness.

### Esports

Every Club member second grade and above can participate in esports at no cost. 450+ members engaged, expanding access to technology, teamwork, and competitive skill-building. 32 Club members participated in an Esports tournament at the Angel of Tahoe.



### Teen Takeover

Teen Takeover, a Future Ready initiative, centers around the teen voice, leadership, and real-world skill building. By dedicating the final after-school hour four days a week to teen-only programming, teens have a consistent, supportive space for specialty programs, social activities, and themed events.

## NEW Summer Camps



Dino Dig Camp



Wild About Wetlands



Club Campout

# Spring & Summer Partnerships

**Blue Granite Climbing Gym** offered a six-week program focused on climbing safety, climbing styles, and team-building games that encouraged communication and cooperation.



**Tahoe Ballet & Performing Arts Foundation** hosted and sponsors a free three-day dance camp at Valhalla Tahoe, where participants explored jazz, ballet, musical theater, and fitness.



**TINS** partnered with the Club to host a hands-on summer Bug Camp that introduced participants to Tahoe's ecosystem through interactive learning experiences.



**Between Horses and Humans** led a hands-on three-day spring break program introducing students to horse care and horsemanship, creating meaningful connections for both participants and animals.



**The Studio** hosted a three-day Circus Camp where participants practiced juggling, balance, and other skills, culminating in a summer performance for friends and family.

See all partnerships on page 12

# Investing in Growth

## Professional Development Opportunities

Conferences and workforce certifications help Club staff and the Board of Directors gain insights, network with BGCA leaders, and bring fresh ideas back to the Club. This enhances the Club's effectiveness in serving youth and promotes a culture of continuous learning and growth.

### Staff and Board Participation

**14** staff

**2** board members



### Conferences

- February 2025  
**MyClubHub Conference** *Nashville, TN*
- May 2025  
**BOOST Conference** *Palm Springs, CA*  
**BGCA National Conference** *San Diego, CA*
- September 2025  
**BGCA Pacific Conference** *Las Vegas, NV*
- October 2025  
**Club Directors Academy** *Sacramento, CA*
- November 2025  
**Inaugural BGCA Rural Club Summit** *New Orleans, LA*

### Workforce Credentials

**Michelle Dahl** (right), Summer Youth Development Professional, earned her commercial driver's license to transport more youth to off-site activities during the summer.



*Michelle Dahl (right) with her commercial driving instructor.*

# Advocacy in Action

Our advocacy highlighted the importance of showing our value not just to our community, but to the state and the country.

## FEBRUARY 2025

### Congressman Sees Club Impact

Congressman Kevin Kiley visited for a teen-led tour highlighting programs, facilities, and the vital role the Club plays in supporting youth and the community.



## MARCH 2025

### CEO Advocates for Clubs in DC

When federal funding for Boys & Girls Clubs was threatened, CEO Jude Wood stepped up to join thousands of leaders nationwide to advocate for after-school programs. Jude traveled to DC to meet with local elected officials and their staff in the House of Representatives and US Senate. She noted the Club's role in enhancing children's education, providing safe and supportive spaces, and supporting working families by contributing to the economy through after-school care. Thanks to these efforts and bipartisan support, funding for operations and food programs has continued. The need for strong advocacy remains as important as ever.

## APRIL 2025

### California Days of Advocacy

Jude and Annika, 8<sup>th</sup> grade member, met with state representatives in Sacramento and officials from the Departments of Education and Health and Human Services.

*"It's important that we advocate so the Club gets proper funding to continue enriching the lives of local youth. As a teen, I find that advocating and standing up for future generations is important because we want them to have the privilege of the same and better enrichment I had growing up. Sharing my personal experience with state officials is critical to ensuring they understand the importance of this program and its impact in our community."*

**- Annika, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade**



# Achievements



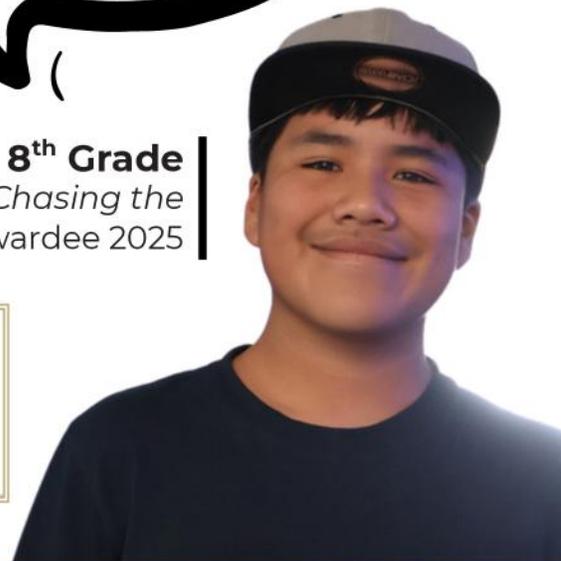
Winning this award shows my hard work and dedication. The Club gives me tools and opportunities to learn. Art helps me express my feelings.

**Mia, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade**  
BGCA National Arts Contest Winner 2025



The Club helped me learn coding, 3D printing, and more. I was inspired to 3D print a Mandalorian helmet in the STEM room. My favorite camp at Club is Battle Robots.

**Julio, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade**  
Hank Aaron *Chasing the Dream* Program Awardee 2025



**Ashley Hall, Director of Operations & Safety**, completed the CAPE (Child Abuse Prevention Specialist) Creating A Safe Environment training and earned her Tier 2 Trainer certification, qualifying her to deliver national CASE trainings within her Club and the region. She obtained her Tier 2 certification in April 2025, a prerequisite for the completion of the CAPE certification in December 2025.

## Organization Achievements & Awards

- 100s Club** – 100% of Future Ready Strategic Plan goals achieved
- BGCA League of EAGLES Award** – 85% of the Board of Directors were fully engaged with the Club and used best practices
- BCCLT for Best Nonprofit Organization** – Tahoe Daily Tribune
- Tahoe Brewfest for Best Charity Event** – Tahoe Daily Tribune
- Best Nonprofit Float** – 10th Annual City of South Lake Tahoe 4th of July Parade
- Youth Division Winner** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Lake Tahoe Gingerbread House Competition *Made by Club Teens*
- BGCA Youth Impact Network** – Completed the initiative focused on improving the quality and consistency of Club experience.

*Nikki Daniel (left) and Ashley Hall (right) accept the 100s Club award at the Pacific Leadership Conference in Las Vegas, NV*



# Events

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Bright Futures Awards Ceremony

April 30, 2025

**\$54,449 Raised** ❤️ **\$25k Match Donation from Untethered Workspace**

Awards

🏆 10 Years of Being AWESOME  
**Cristina Ramos, Former Membership Services Manager**

🏆 Advocate Champion Award  
**Greg Kiskinen, Board Member**

🏆 Angel of Tahoe Award  
**Enfields Overland & Alpine Community Impact Fund**

🏆 Community Partner Award  
**City of South Lake Tahoe Parks & Recreation**

🏆 Corporate Giving Award  
**US Bank South Lake Tahoe**

🏆 Impact Award  
**Luke Borchers, Health & Wellness Specialist**

🏆 Jeff Tillman Award  
**Kathi Jensen, Board President**

🏆 National Arts Contest Winner  
**Mia R., Club Member**

🏆 Teen Volunteer of the Year  
**Annika O., Club Member**

See A.W.E.S.O.M.E. Kids on page 10



Save the Date  
May 20, 2026



## 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Tahoe Brewfest & 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Tahoe Beer Week

August 23, 2025

**\$90,898.93 Raised** ❤️ **Title Sponsors – Caesars Republic & Harrah's Lake Tahoe, Ski Run Blvd, Visit Lake Tahoe, and Cold Water Brewery**

**34 Breweries**      **39 Vendors**  
**60 Volunteers**    **1,100+ Attendees**

Save the Date  
August 29, 2026

## 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Golf Classic Comedy Show & Paint and Sip Luncheon

October 19, 2025

**\$114,575.09 Raised** ❤️ **Title Sponsors – Desolation Hotel, Maggie's Restaurant & Bar, and Sorensen's Cafe**

**144 Golfers**    **50 Comedy Attendees**    **16 Painters**    **33 Volunteers**



Save the Date  
October 18, 2026

## 2025 TEAM AWESOME and Programming Events

- February 13–23 | **BGCLT Art Show**
- April 1 | **April Foolery Tap Takeover**
- May 21 | **Bird House Making STEM Fundraiser**
- July 18–September 18 | **Summer Art Exhibition**
- October 26 | **Pumpkin Party**
- December 7 | **Holiday Sausage Party**
- December 13 | **Retro Pray For Snow Party**
- December 15–16 | **Santa Train**



Summer Art Exhibition

# A.W.E.S.O.M.E. Kids

All members are empowered to live by the Club's AWESOME values. At the Bright Futures Awards Ceremony, seven Club members are recognized who exemplify a letter of the acronym.

## Accountable for My Actions

**Tucker** has improved in program participation, and is working really hard through power hour. He has become an active participant of program time and has shown great strength in holding himself accountable for his actions.



**A**

## Welcoming to All

**Persephany's** kindness and positivity create a welcoming environment where everyone feels valued and included. She prioritizes safety, ensuring that both she and those around her feel secure and supported. Her dedication and leadership set a great example for others.



**W**

## Everyone is Valued

**James** is always careful to include everyone, and radiates kindness and respect. He has been a great helper, especially with younger members, and truly sees the value.



**E**

## Safe & Supportive

**Eddy** provides a safe space for everyone she meets. She is comforting and present for her friends, staff, programs, and club meetings. She embodies what it means to be caring, soft-spoken and gentle yet bold in supporting those around her.



**S**

## Open & Honest

**Bryce** has a strong and determined spirit. He is a loyal friend and confidant, willing to admit mistakes and always do what is right, even when no one is watching. He reflects on his behavior daily and stays true to his moral compass, a rare trait that will carry him far in a bright future.



**O**

## Make Smart Choices

**Madison** is a valued member of club, consistently showing responsibility, kindness, and integrity. She prioritizes safety, creating a secure and welcoming environment for everyone. She consistently stands out by making smart choices in every opportunity.



**M**

## Excited for Fun

**Sofia** is an outstanding and dedicated member, always approaching programs with enthusiasm and a positive attitude. She embraces new challenges with an open mind and gives her best effort. Her commitment to growth and proactive approach make her an exemplary candidate for this recognition.



**E**

# Skye's Playground Opens

## Phase One Complete

Phase one of the "Let the Kids Play" campaign is now complete with the opening of Skye's Playground at the Angel of Tahoe Clubhouse. The previous playground, built more than 25 years ago for Al Tahoe Elementary School, had fallen into disrepair and was no longer safe or suitable for use.

Skye's Playground replaces the outdated structure with a modern, inclusive play space designed to support children of all ages and abilities. The playground emphasizes:

- Accessibility, safety, and versatility
- Opportunities for learning, socialization, and exploration
- Dynamic play features informed by youth and staff input



Located next to a highly used community field, the playground supports youth programs, schools, and recreational sports organizations.

Developed with Club members, staff, and Design Workshop, Skye's Playground now serves as a community hub benefiting more than 2,000 children and teens annually.

**Phase two will begin in 2026, focusing on resurfacing and repainting the blacktop.**

# The Promise of Supporters

## Celebrating Corporate Generosity

Vail Resorts' Epic Promise has been a significant supporter of the Club for more than a decade. Each year, Epic Promise donates Tahoe youth access to the mountain, sports equipment, and unique winter and summer experiences at Heavenly, Kirkwood, and Northstar resorts. In addition, Epic Promise provides the Club an annual grant to support operations as well as in-kind donations for fundraisers and events. Items include lift tickets, snow schwag, season passes, and Heavenly Gondola sightseeing tickets.

The Club is thankful for the plethora of support from Epic Promise with more to look forward to 2026. In April, skiers and snowboarders can attend VanWood 2026 at Kirkwood. Epic Promise has stepped up to provide a parking lot for overnight camping as well as other facilities for the multi-day event. At the Tahoe Brewfest in August, the event will kick off at Heavenly with an inaugural Beer Chase and Cub Run. Runners will complete their races at the Brewfest on Ski Run.

The Club is grateful to collaborate with Vail Resorts, a generous company with an attentive staff. On May 20, the Club will be thanking the Vail Resorts' EpicPromise team at the 4th annual Bright Futures Awards Ceremony for all they do for Tahoe kids. We encourage all to attend this vibrant event.



## Major Businesses & Foundations



## Community Partners



# Making an Impact on the National Level

What a year! As President of our Board, I gratefully attended the Boys & Girls Clubs of America's National and Rural Conferences. It gave me the opportunity to see how we compare with other clubs on the national level. Well, let me tell you, we can compete!

We can compete with facilities, programs, community support, our board, and our staff. I believe much of our success is attributed to the fantastic staff that works tirelessly to make our Club one of the best. They are committed, professional, and, most of all, dedicated to the members of the Club. The efforts they make to be informed about best practices in our programs, and their expertise in knowing the most up-to-date safety standards to keep our members and staff safe, are noteworthy.

The helm of this organization, CEO Jude Wood, is not only our leader, but also a respected leader in the National Boys and Girls Clubs Movement. Jude has advocated for us in this community, as well as with the movement for almost 12 years. Thank you for leading our Club to where we are today.

**Kathi Jensen** *Board President*



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