



BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY

City of Delray Beach FY 2024-2025 Impact Report

The Boys & Girls Club of Delray Beach (Delray Beach Club) is located at 1451 SW 7th Street, Delray Beach, FL 33444, a low-income, under-resourced neighborhood. Club members range in age from 6-18, and our Clubs operate 51 weeks a year, M-F every school day from 2pm-8pm and 7:30am-6pm on school vacation days including the entire summer break. The Delray Beach Club provides daily meals, snacks, and transportation from schools to Clubs, facilitating attendance and helping parents maintain employment.

The families who utilize the Delray Beach Club reside in impoverished neighborhoods that do not reflect the general picture of Delray Beach, which has a median household income of \$87,911 (2025 US News).

In comparison, for Delray Beach Club children and teens in FY 2024-2025:

- 81% lived in households that earned less than \$40,000,
- with 59% of these families living in households that earned less than \$30,000.
- 57% resided in single parent, female-led/non-traditional families.

The racial demographic breakdown of the Delray Beach Club in FY 2023-24 was

- 72% Black/African American,
- 8% Bi/ Multiracial,
- 15% Haitian American,
- 4% White,
- 10% ethnically Hispanic.

The Delray Beach Club served over 580 children and teens in 2024-2025. As in prior years, programming continued to be supplemented by a 21st Century Community Learning Center (CCLC) grant from the U.S. Department of Education (DOE) passed through the Florida DOE. This grant provides academic opportunities during out-of-school hours for academic enrichment, including tutorial services to help students, particularly students who attend low-performing schools, to meet challenging State academic standards. “English Language Learners (ELLs) have become the fastest growing school age population in the United States. (National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) (2023). According to the Spring 2024 statewide assessment results, Palm Beach County had 32,821 students tested through ELLs assessment, with only 14% of those ELL students meeting the state’s criteria for English-language proficiency. Additionally, a district report indicates expansion of dual-language and multilingual education programs (e.g., Spanish and Haitian Creole offerings) in recent years. (Palm Beach County School District 2025). The Delray Beach Club continues to have a sizable number of ELL children and teens who need additional supports and interventions to be successful in school and life. “Earlier mastery of English predicts 5th-grade academic outcomes for low-income dual language learners in Miami.” (Cambridge University Press 2024). Our members at the Delray Beach Club receive additional academic support from certified teachers to succeed both academically and social-emotionally.

In conjunction with this academic programming, a broad array of additional programs and activities is offered across BGCPBC Core program areas:

- Character & Leadership
- Education & Career Development
- Health & Life Skills
- Cultural & Performing Arts
- Sports, Recreation & Fitness
- Technology/ STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math).

For students in Grades K–5 and 6–12, BGCPBC continues to deliver dynamic, grade-specific project-based learning experiences tailored to a wide range of learning styles. These programs help members establish a solid foundation in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM), while also fostering critical thinking, problem-solving, and reasoning skills through engaging, hands-on activities.

Our K–5 students explored science and creativity by designing magnetic tile art with paint, enhancing spatial awareness and self-expression. They discovered the science behind water “wicking” as they crafted vibrant paper flowers, built physics-driven kinetic creatures, and experimented with mixing ingredients to create bouncy materials that demonstrate changes in states of matter. Members also investigated crystallography by combining materials to observe crystal formation, applying principles of both science and engineering in real time. High school students focused on preparing for future educational and career opportunities by learning how to effectively market themselves, both on paper and in person. Through these activities, they gained practical skills in self-presentation, professional communication, and personal branding.

As in prior years, from October 2024 through February 2025, the Youth of the Year Competition took place at the Clubs. Teens ages 16-18 at each of our seven freestanding Clubs competed for the title and the winner at the Delray Beach Boys & Girls Club was Jayden Williams. Jayden has been a Delray Beach Club member for three years and attends Santaluces Community High School. His dream college is FAMU (Florida Agricultural & Mechanical University) where he plans to study business and entrepreneurship. The finalists were selected to represent their Club in a preliminary competition that included a comprehensive application, three essays, three letters of recommendation, and an interview in front of a panel of community leaders. At the Youth of the Year dinner, the seven finalists will give a three-minute speech, and the judges will decide the winner. Jayden did not go on to win the County-wide Youth of the Year title which went to Phildensy Jean of the Neil S. Hirsch Boys & Girls Club in Wellington. However, he and the other finalist received a four-year university scholarship plus room and board from The Mary Alice Fortin Foundation.





This summer, Be Great Summer Camp took over the Delray Beach Club for an unforgettable season of fun, learning, and adventure! Mornings kicked off with brain-boosting academic enrichment, followed by Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) to build confidence, resilience, and leadership skills. Afternoons were all about creativity and exploration: campers rotated through the Robotics Lab, Makerspace, Digital Media Studio, Recording Studio, and Gymnasium, diving into hands-on projects that sparked curiosity and innovation. Beyond the Club walls, campers embarked on thrilling field trips to places such as Everglades Water Park, Jungle Island, an escape room adventure, Greenacres Bowling, and Xtreme Action Park.

BGCPBC is also immensely proud of our Preventing Summer Learning Loss and Fostering Reading Engagement programming, highlighted by The Juice®, an innovative, online news platform that presents five original news stories on current events at four different comprehension levels, including features to meet the varied learning needs of our members. This marks our third successful summer utilizing The Juice programming, which actively promoted literacy development throughout June and July. Through The Juice, we've seen improvements in our members' reading comprehension, increased awareness of current events, and enhanced communication and critical thinking skills. It's helping our members grow into informed and engaged citizens, fully aligned with our mission to enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, and responsible individuals. The program kept members on track academically by preventing summer learning loss and making reading fun, interactive, and meaningful.

The Juice® Program Statistics:

- Members across 14 sites had the opportunity to explore five articles per session
- Numerous members independently read additional articles, increasing their reading volume
- 81 certified teachers guided members through various instructional approaches during an academic enrichment hour
- 1,241 members actively engaged in The Juice Program for one hour each day during summer programming

Engagement with Reading:

- Total Student Registrations: 1,241
- Total Stories Read: 124,225
- Average Stories Accessed Per Member: 100
- Total Questions Answered: 102,311 -a 71.8% increase from Summer 2024
- Average Quiz Questions Attempted Per Member: 82 – a 15.5% increase from Summer 2024
- Average Quiz Questions Answered Correctly: 76.5% - a 16% increase from Summer 2024
- Youth Interested in Using the Juice Next Year: 95% - a 19% increase from Summer 2024



At Boys & Girls Clubs of Palm Beach County, an integral part of our mission is to fight food insecurity, and we work every day to ensure that no child in our Clubs goes hungry. September was Hunger Action Month, serving as a critical reminder of the importance of food access. Research has shown a strong connection between food insecurity and various negative outcomes for children. According to Feeding America, 1 in 6 children in the U.S. faces not having enough to eat. In Palm Beach County alone, 50,890 youth are considered food insecure, lacking reliable access to the nutrition they need to lead healthy, active lives. To combat this challenge, BGCPBC provides healthy meals and snacks to all of our Club members each day they attend. We serve nearly 700,000 meals annually across our Clubs, and this effort is critical to the well-being of the youth we serve. In fact, 83% of parents reported that our snack and hot dinner program is an essential part of their child's daily nutrition. Our commitment doesn't end when the school week does.



BGCPBC also knows we can't tackle childhood hunger alone. That is why we continue to expand our partnerships and invite the community to join us in this vital mission. Whether through donations, sponsorships, or volunteering, there are many ways to make a meaningful impact. With the help of generous community partners, we provide additional resources to ensure our Club members and their families have access to nutritious food on weekends and non-school days. Throughout the summer months, Boca Helping Hands extended their support by donating food to ensure all Club members had access to nutritious meals during camp. We are also very thankful to Sprouts Healthy Communities Foundation and Sprouts Farmers Market for their generous grant of \$5,000, which went toward supporting the Boys & Girls Clubs of Delray Beach's garden. Through this garden, Club members explore exciting new flavors and embrace a healthy lifestyle. Programs like this teach children about healthy food choices and how to grow their own fruits and vegetables at the Clubs and at home; it is important that we not only make food more accessible to youth in our community but also encourage them to make healthy choices. BGCPBC is committed to fighting childhood obesity and sedentary lifestyles. With support like this from Sprouts Healthy Communities Foundation, we are able to instill a love of healthy eating in our Club members. Together, we are planting seeds for a healthier future for our youth and our community!



In October, BGGCPBC was invited by the School District of Palm Beach County to host a table at the 2025 College and Career Fair at the South Florida Fairgrounds Expo Center. We joined colleges and organizations from across the country to connect with teens, parents, and other members of the community to share the incredible teen programming we offer at the Clubs. In addition to having our own booth, over 200 active BGGCPBC members attended the fair and explored all of the amazing opportunities that await them! Palm Beach County School District Superintendent, Mr. Burke, even got in on the fun when he stopped by our booth to spin the wheel of questions! From college and career readiness to scholarships and everything in between, we are ensuring that the next generation of leaders are well-rounded and prepared for life after high school. Palm Beach County Needs Club Kids, and we are proud to facilitate their growth!



Performance Measures FY 2024-2025

The Delray Beach Boys & Girls Club will produce the following outcomes for regularly participating members (regularly participating members are those members who attend the Programs three (3) more days per week):

- (a) 75% of regularly participating members will increase reading performance as a result of homework help, reading enrichment, and project-based learning activities.
DID NOT ACHIEVE - 25% of regularly participating members increased their reading performance as a result of homework help, reading enrichment, and project-based learning activities. This is always a great challenge, and we will continue to address this need. However, although we were not able to achieve this measure, it is important to note that 46% of these children were already at a PROFICIENT or EXCEPTIONAL level of reading performance and maintained that level.

- (b) 80% of regularly participating members will take part in activities encouraging self-expression and appreciation of Cultural Arts.
EXCEEDED - 90% of regularly participating members took part in activities encouraging self-expression and appreciation of Cultural Arts.
- (c) 70% of regularly participating members will maintain or improve their academic performance in at least one core subject as measured by nine-week report cards.
**EXCEEDED - 75% of regularly participating members maintained or improved their academic performance in at least one core subject as measured by nine-week report cards.
(Math- 79% Grade Success: 26% improved, 53% maintained.)**
- (d) 65% of teen members, ages 12-18, will report feelings of "connectedness" with B&G CLUB staff, as measured by the Boys & Girls Clubs of America's National Youth Outcome Initiative.
EXCEEDED - 89% of teen members, ages 12-18, reported feelings of "connectedness" with Delray Beach B&G Club Staff, as measured by the Boys & Girls Clubs of America's National Youth Outcome Initiative.
- (e) 85% of regularly attending high school seniors will graduate on time and, of these, 88% will be on-track to begin post-secondary education (college, vocational, or military).
EXCEEDED - 97% of seniors regularly attending high school seniors graduated on time and, of those, 100% began post-secondary education (college, vocational, or military).

As always, BGCBCPC is extremely grateful for our long partnership with the City of Delray Beach. We thank you for a great 2024-2025 and look forward to an outstanding 2025-2026!

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