



Boys & Girls Clubs
of Calgary **80 YEARS**

Annual Report 2018

Building Belonging



“It might be your job, but for me it was a sister I never had, a mom, a brother, thank you.”

Emelie, All In for Youth participant



“Young people depend on our ability to dream big. We have the plan for investments in programs, facilities and leadership that will secure brighter futures for young people facing complex challenges.”

Jeff Dyer, CEO, Boys & Girls Clubs of Calgary



80 Years of Relationships

BGCC is a source of belonging and resilience for thousands of young people who lack the advantages of their peers. Beyond our traditional club programs, BGCC addresses a range of social challenges and provides support for vulnerable young people, including newcomers, LGBTQ2S+ and Indigenous youth. Among the Boys and Girls Clubs of Canada family, Calgary is recognized today as the largest network of programs with the greatest breadth of services.

In 80 years, much has changed, both in our city and at BGCC. We're always evolving, but our commitment to providing safe spaces and positive relationships for young people has never wavered. To feed this dream—and the dreams of our city's youth—we count on the support of our leadership, coaches, volunteers and donors.

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BGCC is committed to reconciliation and acknowledges the traditional territories and oral practices of the Blackfoot (Siksika, Piikani, and Kainai), the Tsuut'ina (Sarcee), the Stoney Nakoda First Nations, the Métis Nation (Region 3), and all people who make their homes in the Treaty 7 region of Southern Alberta.



BGCC by the Numbers

In 2018, BGCC served

4,469 CHILDREN AND YOUTH

487 PARENTS, GUARDIANS OR NATURAL SUPPORTS

EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT

194 Children served
83% of children improved their social/emotional skills, while their parents received support to strengthen their families

103 Parents/guardians served

HOMELESSNESS, EXPLOITATION & TRAUMA

529 Youth served
81% of youth ended their experience of homelessness through shelter and housing supports
111 youth were prevented from experiencing homelessness through connection to natural supports
78% of youth transitioning out of foster care moved on to a positive destination

COMMUNITY & CULTURAL CONNECTIONS

2,102 Children/youth served
95% of kids at Clubs had improved social/emotional skills
315 new Canadian youth received settlement coaching supports
88% of youth positively connected to the Indigenous community through Iiyika'kimaat

SUCCESS IN SCHOOL

1,021 Children/youth served
86% of young people working with an All In for Youth success coach have graduated or are registered for school next year
58 Indigenous parents engaged to support their child's success in school; 100% increased their knowledge of the school system

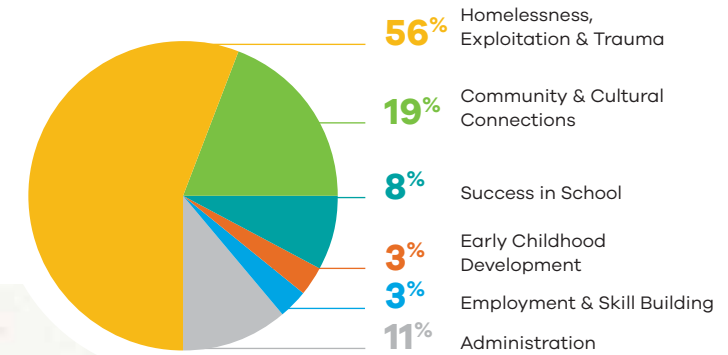
EMPLOYMENT & SKILL BUILDING

501 Youth served
242 youth received support in building employment skills
361 jobs provided for youth by employment programs

2018 EXPENDITURES

\$20,142,666

In total



1939 – 2018

The Past Shapes the Future

“As long as there are young people and families to serve, BGCC will continue meeting the needs of youth and setting a strong foundation for the future. The last 80 years have prepared us well for our next 80.”

Shawn Cornett, Chair, Boys & Girls Clubs of Calgary



1939 Boys Town is organized by Calgary Rotary Club with support of the Calgary Police force in the basement of the Carleton Hotel. The club is intended to be a safe place for boys whose fathers have gone to war.



1964 Renfrew Boys Club opens in annex building adjacent to the original Rutledge Field Airport hanger in NE Calgary. Today, the Hanger is being renovated to become one of BGCC's main programming spaces.



1987 Avenue 15 Shelter opens to provide temporary shelter and basic needs for youth experiencing homelessness, and support in future housing decisions.



2009 BGCC launches Infinity, Canada's first Housing First program for youth, and acquires Hera School, which offers supports to girls experiencing sexual exploitation.



1944 Girls Town is established by Donna Reynolds, a probation officer with the City of Calgary's Children's Aid Department.



1975 Boys Clubs of Calgary officially changes its name to Boys & Girls Clubs of Calgary and becomes the first club in Canada to welcome girls.



1997 BGCC Club opens in Bowness, joining established Community Clubs in Forest Lawn, Penbrooke, Thorncliffe, Falconridge and Pineridge.



2018 2018 BGCC purchases a social enterprise, Bricks 4 Kidz. Supports for youth experiencing homelessness shifted with shelter consolidation and increased focus on working with youths' natural support networks.

A Time to Dream Big

BGCC has a long and distinguished legacy of building relationships and safe spaces for young people. That's what happens when people come together with a single vision and a commitment to a brighter future. For the next 80 years of BGCC, we look forward to learning, adapting and growing so that we can continue to create relationships to help every young person grow up well and thrive.

The world is always changing, and young people face a wide and increasingly complex range of challenges. At BGCC, it's our job to meet these challenges and to continue to provide the relationships and supports that will secure brighter futures for young people.

BGCC gratefully acknowledges the support of our community, volunteers, committed donors and funding partners.



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