



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUB**  
OF MERCED COUNTY

## Our Mission

To enable all youth, especially those who need us most, to realize their full potential as responsible, caring, productive citizens.

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# IMPACT REPORT



“I believe every child should come here because they never turn anyone away.”

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## Marcus Bullock

Junior Staff

Marcus has been a Club member since 2007 and has benefited greatly from the leadership and character development programs. He is a member of the Junior Staff and regularly volunteers and recruits new members. He has also enjoyed tremendous academic success and plans to attend college.

## The Club Experience

Boys & Girls Clubs fill the gap between school and home. We provide welcoming, positive environments in which kids and teens have fun, participate in life-changing programs, and build supportive relationships with peers and caring adults.



## The Need in Our State

Every day 1,247,699 kids in California leave school with nowhere to go.<sup>1</sup> They risk being unsupervised, unguided and unsafe.

## Our Reach



6  
Adult Staff



1  
Boys & Girls Club Site in  
Merced County



295  
Volunteers

2396  
Youth Served

= 396

Registered  
Members

+

2000

Youth Served Through  
Community Outreach

## Member Demographics

90%

Ages 12  
and Younger

10%

Teens

92%

Minority Races  
or Ethnicities

97%

Qualify for Free  
or Reduced-Price  
School Lunch

42%

Live in  
Single-Parent  
Households



# Demonstrating Our Positive Impact



## ACADEMIC SUCCESS

### The Need

21% of young people in Merced County fail to graduate from high school on time.<sup>2</sup>

### What We Do

Power Hour helps members ages 5-12 achieve academic success by providing homework help, tutoring and high-yield learning activities while encouraging them to become self-directed learners.

### Our Impact

Among our teen-aged Club members, **90%** expect to graduate from high school, and **10%** expect to complete some kind of post-secondary education.

### The Need

14% of high-school youth in Merced County were involved in a physical fight in the past year.<sup>3</sup>

### What We Do

The Passport to Manhood program benefits Club boys by reinforcing character, leadership and positive behavior.

### Our Impact

**71%** of Club teen members volunteer in their community at least once per year, while **28%** volunteer in their community at least once per month.



## GOOD CHARACTER AND CITIZENSHIP



## HEALTHY LIFESTYLES

### The Need

42% of young people ages 13-14 in Merced County are overweight or obese.<sup>4</sup>

### What We Do

Triple Play is a sports, fitness and recreation program that promotes healthy lifestyles and teaches Club members to make smart choices regarding nutrition and proper exercise.

### Our Impact

**83%** of Club members ages 9 and older report getting at least an hour of physical activity on five or more days per week.

## How You Can Help



With your generous support, Boys & Girls Club of Merced County will create opportunities to help more kids and teens achieve great futures. To make a donation or to learn about other ways you can help, contact **Michael Pierick, Program Director, Boys & Girls Club of Merced County, 209.722.9922.**

## GREAT FUTURES START HERE.



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<sup>1</sup> America After 3PM, Afterschool Alliance, <http://afterschoolalliance.org/AA3PM/>

<sup>2</sup> [www.kidsdata.org](http://www.kidsdata.org)

<sup>3</sup> [www.kidsdata.org](http://www.kidsdata.org)

<sup>4</sup> [www.kidsdata.org](http://www.kidsdata.org)