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BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
OF MERCED COUNTY

Our Mission

To enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible adults.

2017

IMPACT REPORT



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.¹ They risk being unsupervised, unguided and unsafe.

Our Reach



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Boys & Girls Club Site in
Merced County



270

Volunteers

1951

Youth Served

451

Registered
Members

+

1500

Youth Served Through
Community Outreach

Member Demographics

80%

Ages 12
and Younger

20%

Teens

77%

Minority Races
or Ethnicities

47%

Qualify for Free
or Reduced-Price
School Lunch

43%

Live in
Single-Parent
Households

“ I am inspired to always be helpful because of the way the Club treats me! **”**

Adrian S.

Club Member - Age 11

Adrian has been a member since early 2017, and his natural exploration and curiosity has allowed himself to explore careers, activities, and programs that have developed great interest in his abilities to read, create, and think. Adrian is one of three outstanding members that were recognized at the Annual Dinner, as well as receiving the Most Improved Attendance Award by the Ford Motor Company at our Day for Kids event, during the 2017-2018 school year. Adrian's leadership has developed not only from within the Club but within his life outside of the Club. Adrian has become a role model for younger members and continues to inspire all of us around him with his charismatic, nurturing, and compassionate ways.



Demonstrating Our Positive Impact



ACADEMIC SUCCESS

The Need

13% of young people in Merced County fail to graduate from high school on time.²

What We Do

Power Hour provides academic support to all youth, including extended learning opportunities through service learning projects in the Club and in our community.

Our Impact

Among our teen-aged Club members, **83%** expect to graduate from high school, and **50%** expect to complete some kind of post-secondary education.

The Need

19% of high-school youth in Merced were involved in a physical fight in the past year.³

What We Do

Torch & Keystone Club work collaboratively to develop community service learning projects at the Club and in our community to build character and leadership among our youth.

Our Impact

67% of Club teen members volunteer in their community at least once per year, while **67%** volunteer in their community at least once per month.



GOOD CHARACTER AND CITIZENSHIP



HEALTHY LIFESTYLES

The Need

46% of young people ages 9-14 in Merced County are overweight or obese.⁴

What We Do

Through Triple Play: Mind, Body, & Soul, Health Habits, and our everyday Snack & Meal program, members engaged in behaviors and disciplines to encourage consistent healthy life choices.

Our Impact

56% 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, Club Director, Boys & Girls Club of Merced County, 209.722.9922. www.bgcmerced.org**

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

² CA Dept. of Education, CA Longitudinal Pupil Achievement Data Systems (CALPADS) (May 2016)

³ www.kidsdata.org

⁴ CA Dept. of Education, Physical Fitness Testing Research Files (Jan. 2018)