# IMPACT

## REPORT 2023

## THE YEAR OF GROWTH




BOYS & GIRLS CLUB
OF LAKE TAHOE

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# Letter from the Executive Director

2023 was an incredible time of growth for the Club. Not only did we open a fourth site at Tahoe Valley Elementary, but we ran 18 summer camps (the most ever), increased membership to more than 700 children (the highest it has been since pre-pandemic), raised staffing to over 50 people, invested in more training and development, and cultivated a number of exciting partnerships.

Of significant importance to me was the new programs and opportunities that we provided to Club members. At the start of the year, our Zoomies Robotics Team launched into action, providing 10 members with their first experience in a robotics competition. We put a third grade Club member against some of the best high school students in northern Nevada and not only did our team hold its own, but even defeated a few of them!

We held our first teen sleep-away camp, providing an overnight experience for not just our teens, but members of 7 other Boys & Girls Clubs from across northern California. We also launched our Boat Program thanks to Rich Sheridan and LL Marine Services; taking members out on Lake Tahoe, often for the first time in their lives. Our amazing summer camps offered everything from circus tricks to wooden boat building with MIT students, and the high quality experiences we offered is something I am incredibly proud of. It was without doubt, the best summer I have experienced in my nine years at the Club.

It wasn't just our program team doing bigger things. Our incredible events and fundraising team launched the Bright Futures Awards Ceremony, a special night, honoring our members, staff and volunteers. They also grew the Tahoe Brewfest to one of the best summer events in our region, and coordinated more than 10 other fundraising events and campaigns over the year.



The year culminated with a fabulous cornucopia of food and gifts for our families, a blue ribbon report from our safety audit, and an incredible show of support from our community.

The best year ever? Maybe, but we believe that the best is always yet to come. We have even bigger plans for 2024, including new high quality programs, more fun and opportunities for the members, a new playground, serving more kids and helping more families. Thank you for your support throughout 2023, and I look forward to you continuing to be part of our growth and development in 2024.

**- Jude Wood**

**growth** [grōth] *noun*

the act or process, or a manner of growing; development; gradual increase

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| **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 be 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 Reach

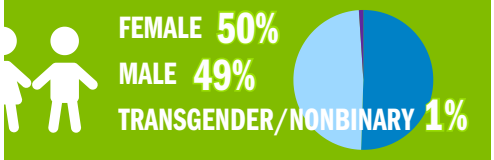
**Did you know?** The Club serves **30%** of our community youth ages 4 to 14

## CLUB MEMBERS

**575** KIDS SERVED AFTER SCHOOL

**370** KIDS SERVED IN THE SUMMER

**226** KIDS ATTENDED FOR **FREE**




## OUR CLUB

**50** STAFF MEMBERS

**4** SITES
Angel of Tahoe Clubhouse
Bijou Community School
Meyers Elementary
Tahoe Valley Elementary

**32** YEARS SERVING THE COMMUNITY

## NUTRITION

**18131** SNACKS SERVED

**14805** SUPPERS SERVED

## OUR SUPPORTERS

**152** DONORS

**109** VOLUNTEERS

## Additional Positions Added

Since 2022

As we continue to grow and serve more children, we are not immune to staffing challenges in our community. We are actively searching for individuals to join our team. If you know someone who has a passion for working with kids and wants to make a difference, please reach out to the Club.

- + **1** Area Director
- + **1** Cook and Cleaner
- + **2** Front Desk Receptionists
- + **1** Site Coordinator
- + **2** Youth Staff
- + **1** Health and Wellness Coordinator
- + **4** STEM Academy Interns
- + **3** TK Youth Development Leaders
- + **3** Youth Development Leaders

**expand** [ik-spand *verb*
to increase or grow in extent, bulk, of scope.



# Program Highlights



## Botvin
*After School*

Theresa Papandrea delivers the Botvin LifeSkills Training to our fourth grade through teen members during the school year, teaching them about how to make healthy choices and about the consequences of using drugs and alcohol.

**"Botvin gives the youth a space to not only learn life skills, but to practice them. It allows them to ask real questions and support each other with real issues seeing they are not the only ones thinking about these topics."** **– Theresa Papandrea** *Botvin Instructor*



## Flag Football
*Thanksgiving Break*

**3 Days 6 Teams 32 Co-Ed Players 2nd-8th Grade**

**Referee & Coordinator** Luke Borchers
**Winning Team & Coach** The Redhawks & Alex Zamudio
**Trophies 3D Printed By** David Wise
**Coaching Staff** Crissy Daniel, Ali Messina, Hannah Mott, Samantha Turle, and Alex Zamudio

**"Participants worked together and practiced sportsmanship. They learned the value of being on a team, how to take defeat, and how to modestly win. Everyones' heads were held high and spirits were elevated. It was an epic three days."** **– Luke Borchers**
*Health & Wellness Coordinator*



## Blue Granite
**Climbing Gym**
*Summer*



**6 Weeks**
**19 Members**

**Tahoe Fund provided a grant enabling rock climbing for our members.**

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## On the Lake
*Summer*

**120 Members went on the boat**



Thanks to a generous donor, Nackey Scagliotti, we were gifted a motor boat. The introduction to Nackey, and care for the vessel was provided by Rich Scherden of LL Marine Services. Every Wednesday, Rich took members out on the boat. Members learned about Lake Tahoe history and explored Emerald Bay. Rich continues to store the boat through the winter free of charge, and is working with Club staff to create a more robust environmental curriculum for 2024.

## Teen Programming
*All Year Long*

**58 Teens**

### Teen Off-Sites *All in our Backyard...*

**Frisbee Golf**
**Biking**
**Kayaking**
**Hiking**
**Paddle Boarding**
**Swimming in the Lake**
**Learning about Wildlife**

the CLUB TOTAL TEEN TAKEOVER



**"Off-sites offer teens the opportunity to build friendships, explore their curiosity, and be out in nature. My goal is to always provide an immersive, fun experience where teens feel safe, welcomed, and truly heard."** **– Mirelle Zamudio**
*Teen Coordinator*



**improve** [im-proov] *verb*
to increase in value or excellence

# Camp Highlights





## Camp Sub Astra Tahoe 62 Teens 17 Staff

**Boys & Girls Club of Lake Tahoe hosted an overnight camp at the 4-H campground in partnership with other Boys & Girls Clubs across Northern California.**

"It was an amazing experience to share our beautiful home. This was some teens' first time visiting Tahoe. We had a great time boating on the Lake, hanging by the campfire, playing basketball games, making new friends, and enjoying what Tahoe has to offer."

**–Ali Messina** *Program Director*



**ATTENDING CLUBS**

Boys & Girls Club of Coastside
Boys & Girls Club of North Valley
Boys & Girls Club of San Leandro
Boys & Girls Club of Santa Cruz
Boys & Girls Club of Stanislaus County
Boys & Girls Club of Vacaville

## Art Camps



- Mask Making
- Clay Sculpting & Designing
- Canvas Painting
- Nature Journaling
- Outdoor Painting



**"The arts teach children valuable learning skills that can be used in life. They can also provide an outlet for children to express their creativity and give them helpful information they may not know otherwise." – Gina Stowell** *Art Specialist*









## Battle Bots

The Club partnered with STEM Director, David Wise, and the Tahoe STEM Academy to offer the inaugural battle robot bootcamp in July 2023. Club and community participants built and customized one-pound, plastic "Antweight" Combat Robots using electronics, 3D printers, and laser cutters. On the final day, participants battled their robots in a custom arena in front of parents and community members. This engaging camp was popular for middle school students, as well as a few elementary school participants.



# Program Partnerships



## CalFresh/4H

***CalFresh & 4H help children lead healthier lives by promoting awareness, evidence-based nutritional education, and physical activity.***

- **Teens as Teachers** Teens learned how to make healthy dishes and taught the younger members how to cook and create recipes.
- **Rethink Your Drink (RTYD)** Promoted water drinking and healthy beverages.
- **CATCH P.E.** Empowered school communities to cultivate Whole Child wellness as a lever for student success and social equity.

***Members receive 30 minutes of physical activity and are encouraged to drink water everyday at Club with CalFresh.***

## Recreation Center

Members enjoyed the City of South Lake Tahoe's pool and gym during the summer for physical activity, interactive games and team-building.



flourish [flur-ish] *verb*

to be at the height of fame, excellence, or influence

# 2023 Achievements



## BGCA Awards & Certificates




**BGCA Regional Pacific Conference - Horizon Award**
*Executive Director - Jude Wood*

**Club Directors Academy Certificate**
*Program Director - Ali Messina*
*Area Director - Nikki Daniel*
*Area Director - Nico Huerta*

**Over 175 Staff Training BGCA Certificates**

## TAHOE CHAMBER 40 Under 40

*Ali Messina*




The "40 Under 40" program highlights and honors the South Shore's brightest young community leaders' accomplishments, and community involvement.

## Opening our Fourth Site

*Tahoe Valley*



"Helping open the Tahoe Valley site for TK and Kindergarten was very special. Watching it grow to what it is today has been beautiful to watch." **– Siena Conant** *Site Coordinator*





**10 Years at Boys & Girls Club of Lake Tahoe**

Club Director - Ashley Hall

## End-of-Summer Party

**August 18, 2023**






The End-of-Summer Party, originated by and held in honor of Lisa Maloff, gives members the opportunity to jump, play, and race each other on obstacle courses and slides.

**DONORS RAISED OVER $13K**



## ZOOMIES #21621 LAKE TAHOE

- ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE SCHOOL CLUB MEMBERS
- COMPETED IN 16 MATCHES
- MAINTAINED AN 8-8 RECORD

***Members:***

- Designed, built, and operated robots to navigate obstacles, move objects, and compete against other robots
- Collaborated, thought critically, and developed problem-solving skills with technology and engineering in mind
- Competed in the FIRST Tech Challenge of Northern Nevada (FTC)

"Zoomies is very fun and I loved working on the robot every Friday and when competing. I learned how to wire the robot and am looking forward to learning more about coding the robot next season."
**– Kyra Schumacher** *9 years old*



## Safety

BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF AMERICA
COMMITMENT TO SAFETY

**THE CLUB JOINED**

**The Safety Improvement Network to:**

1. Establish a vision for a Culture of Safety.
2. Assess and improve the composition and effectiveness of the Safety Committee.
3. Create and execute an annual safety improvement plan.
4. Establish Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI) routines for testing, monitoring, and improving safety across the organization.

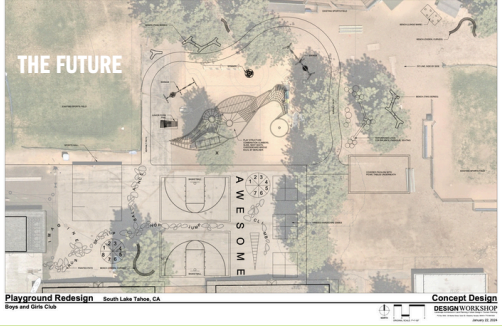
**In 2024, the Club's Safety Committee will start its initiative to develop an emergency response plan for the Angel of Tahoe building.**

*Our Club had a successful 2023 External Safety Assessment through BGCA*

bloom [bloom] *verb*
to flourish or thrive



# Development







## Community Playground Project $450,000 GOAL

Accessibility, safety, and versatility are the main focuses for the Community Playground Project. With more youth programs, schools, and community sports using the spaces around the existing playground, we need a space that is fun and accessible for all ages, all abilities, and all children. The new playground will be used by more than 2,000 youth and teens annually, and will serve as a focal point for the Al Tahoe neighborhood and surrounding area.

"Research shows outdoor play involving some level of physical activity has a positive impact on a child's mental health because it increases natural endorphins, fosters higher self-esteem, and contributes to well-rounded social relationships."
**– Dr. Tracy Protell** *Barton Psychiatry*



**To Learn More and Donate Visit: BGCLT.ORG/LET-THE-KIDS-PLAY**

## 2023 Donor of the Year

DESOLATION HOTEL
SOUTH LAKE TAHOE & HOPE VALLEY

UNTETHERED WORKSPACE · LAKE TAHOE, NV ·

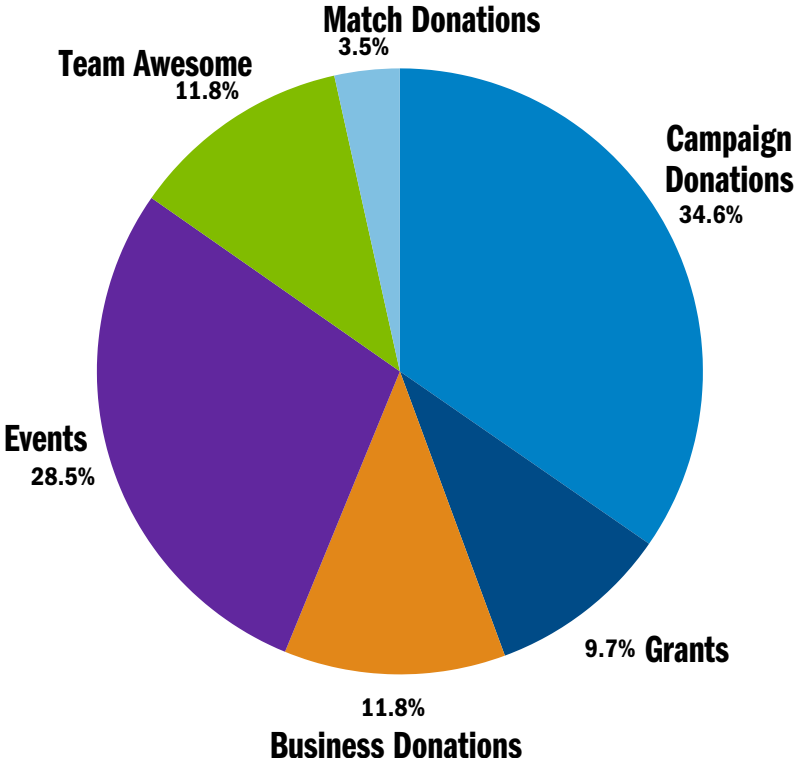
The Boys & Girls Club of Lake Tahoe honors our donors of the year, Desolation Hotel and Untethered Workspace. This group funded a $25,000 match donation for the Bright Futures Awards Ceremony, sponsored Tahoe Brewfest and the 30th Annual Golf Classic, and donated $10,000 for family holiday meals from Whole Foods Market.



## Support for the Club

***How do your contributions impact the Club?***

Most Club fundraising comes from campaign donations and special events. Anyone can join Team Awesome by making a contribution of any size. Make an impact to the Club by joining Team Awesome or contributing to the Playground Project at bgclt.org.




**development** [dəˈveləpmənt] *noun*

is the building and nurturing of life-long relationships between the donor and the organization that results in donations AND advocacy in the community on an organization's behalf

# Fundraising Events




## 6th Annual Tahoe Brewfest

**Ski Run Blvd | August 26, 2023**

**$100k+**
Raised for the Club

**2,500+**
Attendees

**100+**
Volunteers

**40**
Breweries

**20**
Vendors







**NEXT BREWFEST - AUGUST 24, 2024**

**Sponsors |** Charter Spectrum, Cold Water Brewery, Desolation Hotel & Maggie's Restaurant, Durkin Tree Service, Embarc, Harrah's & Harveys, Quick Space, Redwood Printing, Tahoe Green, The Turn Bar, US Bank, Visit Lake Tahoe

## 30th Annual Golf Classic

**Edgewood Tahoe | October 15, 2023**





**31ST GOLF CLASSIC - OCTOBER 13, 2024**

**$95k**
Raised for the Club

**136**
Golfers

**20+**
Volunteers

**Title Sponsor |** Desolation Hotel, Maggie's Restaurant and Sorensen's Cafe

**Sponsors |** Alex Ramon, Barton Health, Beach Hut Deli, Donna Seldes, Durkin Tree Service, Jim Bagan Toyota, Launching Fore Charity, Liberty Utilities, MacDuff's Pub, SLT Optimist Club, Swiss Sierra, Tahoe Bagel Company, Tahoe Wellness Center, TEEZ Golf Apparel, Wasatch Electric

## Inaugural Bright Futures Awards

**Angel of Tahoe Building | April 26, 2023**

**14**
Awards Presented

**100**
Attendees

**$25k**
Untethered Workspace Match Donation



**2024 AWARDS - MAY 1**




**ALL AWARDEES**

*Angel of Tahoe Award:* **Debbie & Kirk Ledbetter**
*Junior Youth of the Year:* **Madison McGuire**
*Impact Award:* **Pedro Lopez**
*Community Program Partner:* **Theresa Papandrea**
*Community Program Partner:* **Cristina Luquin & Alejandra Girón**
*Teen Volunteer of the Year:* **Nolan Hall**
*Volunteer of the Year:* **Jeff Tillman**

*A.W.E.S.O.M.E. Award Recipients*
*Accountable for My Actions:* **Rhett Tillson**
*Welcoming to All:* **Skyla Maher**
*Everyone is Valued:* **Kalirae Brown**
*Safe & Supportive:* **Zoelle Zunino**
*Open & Honest:* **Gabe Marianelli**
*Make Smart Choices:* **Evelyn Anderson**
*Excited for Fun:* **Melanie Sanchez**

# *All of our members are A.W.E.S.O.M.E.*

*At the Bright Futures Awards, we recognized seven Club members who exemplified a letter from our motto A.W.E.S.O.M.E.*



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



### Welcoming to All

"I always accept people for who they are and I make friends with them even if I don't know them very much. Club gives me the opportunity to be myself and learn important skills."
– **Skyla Maher** (Second to the left)

### Safe and Supportive

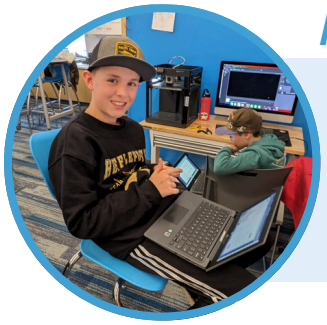
"I like to help people and I try to be kind to everyone. I just love to cheer people on."
– **Zoelle Zunino**





### Make Smart Choices

"Club gives me a place to hang out with friends outside of school and a space for myself where I can do art, STEM, and games. It's important to make smart choices because if you don't make smart choices people around you, as well as yourself, could get hurt." – **Evelyn Anderson**



### Accountable for My Actions

"The Club gives me an opportunity to meet people from other schools, get my homework done, and have fun. Staying accountable is important to me and is a value I try to uphold in my life everyday." – **Rhett Tillson**

### Everyone is Valued

"When I received the award I felt very good. I liked going to the Angel of Tahoe building for the ceremony. It felt really good when I wrote thank you cards to other people."
– **Kalirae Brown**



### Open and Honest



"When I received the award I felt very happy, confident and proud of myself. I was very pleased to receive the award. It was a good experience."
– **Gabe Marianelli** (Left)

### Excited for Fun



"I am grateful for all of the Club staff because they are kind and always there for you when you get hurt. I love seeing everyone have fun at Club." – **Melanie Sanchez** (Left)

## Junior Youth of the Year

**Madison McGuire**
*7th Grade*

**"Being Junior Youth of the Year is a huge accomplishment. Many of the staff believed in me and encouraged me to keep going, especially Club Director Ashley Hall. I always feel included and welcomed at Club. I love making new friends and doing programs and events with them."**

**9 YEARS ATTENDING CLUB**

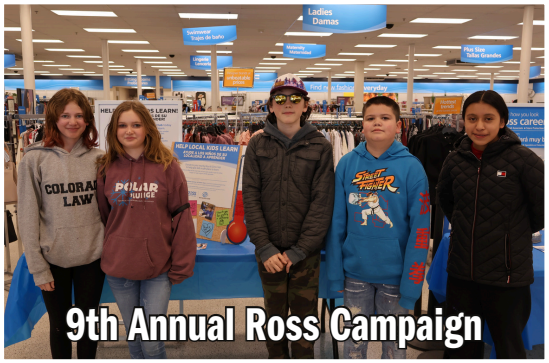
**Favorite Program**
Summer Teen Programming

**Favorite Event to Volunteer**
The Multicultural Event

**Favorite Camp**
4H Overnight Camp



inspire [In'spaIr] *verb*
to make someone feel that they want to do something and can do it






















# CLUB IN THE COMMUNITY













**teamwork** [teem-wurk] *noun*
a group of persons acting together as a team or in the interest of a common cause

# Letter from the Board President

## Board of Directors

**President**
Kathi Jensen
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Looking back at 2023, I would like to begin by thanking our incredibly loyal, committed, and hard working Board of Directors. I believe I can speak for all of us when I say that being connected to the Boys & Girls Club of Lake Tahoe is a privilege and an honor. We are very proud of what has been accomplished this year. These many accomplishments that could not have taken place without the dedication of our Executive Director Jude Wood and her remarkable staff. After the excitement of the grand opening of the new Angel of Tahoe Building in 2022, our staff continued their enthusiasm by providing quality programs and experiences for our 700 members. They strive on a daily basis to improve our Club and to do what is best for our members. Our Club is an integral component to the Lake Tahoe community and our Board is extremely proud to be a part of it.

**- Kathi Jensen**





# Thank You to our Major Supporters

## Businesses & Foundations

## Partners