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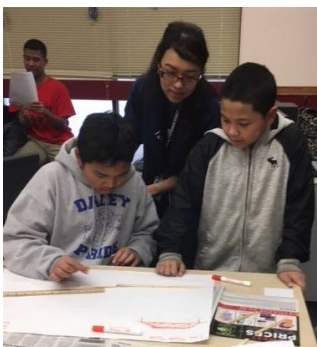
BOYS & GIRLS CLUB
OF GREATER LOWELL

Our Vision

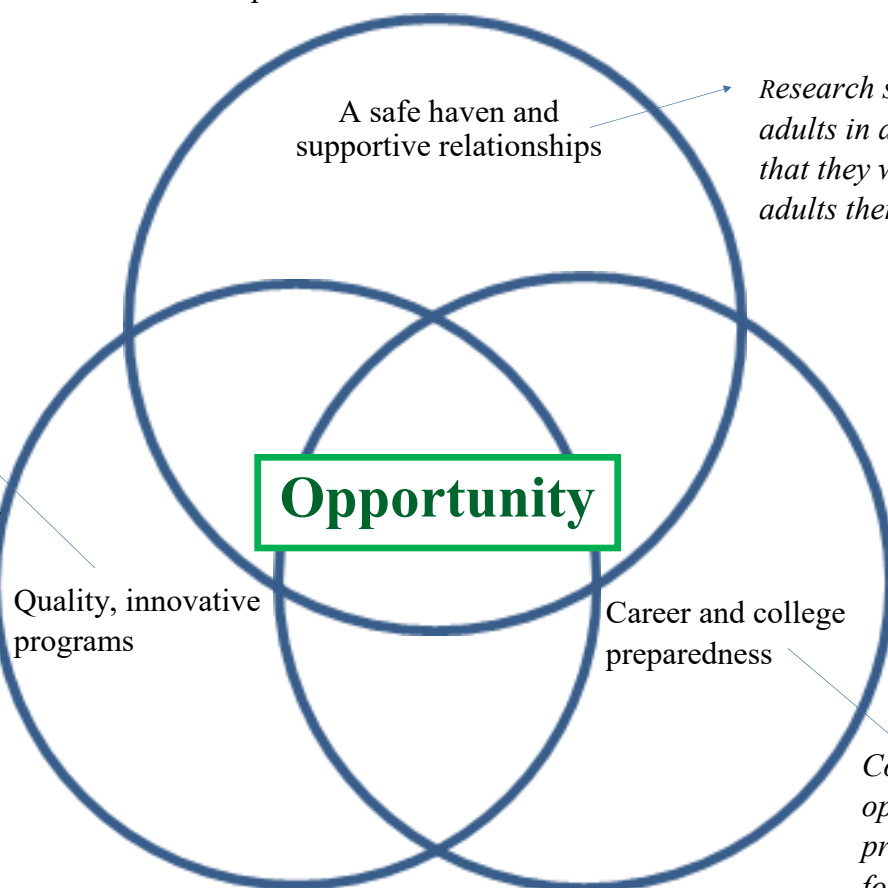
To provide opportunities for the most vulnerable youth in Lowell that will allow them to break the cycle of poverty and access a great future.

Challenges faced by youth in Lowell today:

- According to the Lowell Police Department, there are about 15 active gangs in Lowell with around 1,000 gang members and associates living in the city. Most of these gangs are active in the neighborhoods our Club members live in.
- 20% of residents of Lowell live below the poverty line, compared with the National Average of 14%. At the Club, 95% of our members are considered to be poor.
- According to the Urban Institute¹, only 13% of children who experience poverty are likely to graduate from college.
- The 2016 Greater Lowell Health Needs Assessment has identified mental health issues, substance abuse and addiction as among the most serious unmet needs in Greater Lowell.



Programs such as robotics, music, computer sciences, fashion design, arts, athletics and more help members build skills and confidence to pursue their goals.



Research shows that having one or more caring adults in a child's life increases the likelihood that they will flourish, and become productive adults themselves.²



College visits, career exploration, networking opportunities, and internships help teens prepare to graduate high school with a plan for their future.

Results

Club members are **more likely to avoid risky behaviors** than both MA and National Averages.

58% of Club members report feeling **safer at the Club than anywhere else.**

89% of our teen members **expect to attend college.**

Youth in Lowell need you:

- ◆ The Club has seen **explosive growth** in attendance –**up 30% from last year.** More kids than ever are seeking the safe haven and opportunities provided at the Boys & Girls Club.
- ◆ The low membership fee of \$30/year **only covers 3.3%** of the costs of operating the Boys & Girls Club.
- ◆ **Built in 1973**, our aging facility is plagued with infrastructure and program space limitations.

Today

- Take or host a tour of the Club
- Share our story with your friends and colleagues
- Join the Dutton Street or Jeremiah Millbank Society
- Volunteer with a group or as an individual
- Help defray expenses with in-kind donations
- Follow us on social media



Tomorrow

- Help fund our renovation and expansion
- Join the Club Allies to make an on-going investment in youth at the Club



Forever

- Include the Club in your planned giving with a bequest
- Ensure future generations have access to the Club with a gift to the endowment

