

Boys & Girls Club of Greater Lowell - January, 2025



"Eat more fruits and vegetables" "Share my toys with friends and siblings" "Brush my teeth twice a day" "Be a better friend, sibling, son/daughter, and member of society"

These are some of the 2025 goals Club members recently shared with staff, alongside the creation of vision boards for how they hope to grow. Here at the Boys & Girls Club, it isn't just our members that are setting goals for growth for the coming year - as a community we are working towards becoming a bigger, even better, version of the **Boys & Girls Club of Greater Lowell**.

The Club has been consistently evolving to support our Club members' goals. 2024 was a year with many changes and opportunities (see below for more details) especially with the building on Middlesex Street, which will ultimately double the number of kids and teens who can come to the Club each day. As we enter our <u>125th year of serving</u> young people in Lowell, the Boys & Girls Club is on the cusp of some of the most exciting changes in its history.

2025 marks the Club's 125th Anniversary!

We are excited to celebrate with you throughout the year with special events, memorabilia, and a nostalgic look back at the organization's history starting in February of 1900, right up through today. We can't wait to reconnect with former Club members, staff and volunteers that have been part of the Club's history, and to showcase the amazing young people and staff currently building great futures for themselves and the Boys & Girls Club.



A look back at 2024

2024 Photos & Videos



The 27th Annual Holiday Auction raised a record-breaking amount of money for programming. Watch the recap above!



The Club's Annual Thanksgiving Celebration was hosted by the Terence Mann Complete Player Foundation.



Teen Center construction underway

The most noticeable change at the Club can be seen (and heard) from inside the Club itself. The team at <u>C.E. Floyd</u> has managed the process of excavation, foundation pouring and finally the installation of steel beams.

New kitchen welcomes staff

With the opening of the Community Center and Cafe, our nutrition staff are thrilled to move kitchen operations down to the first floor, and into a state of the art (and enormous) kitchen. We will be sending out invitations to come see the ribbon cutting soon! Check out the <u>time lapse video</u> of the transformation of the empty pool into the vibrant Community Center and Cafe.

Members are doing big things!

In 2024, our members won the WinterFest 2024 Youth Mural Competition; teen leaders visited Summit for America's Youth in Washington DC.; members participated in a brand new Club flag football team collaboration with Lowell High School; and 11 senior members graduated high school! Want to see everything the Club and members are up to? <u>Follow us here.</u>

2024 Tax Receipts

We are so grateful to our supporters without whom none of these life-changing programs would be possible. If you need another copy of a receipt from 2024, please email Amuna Abdow at <u>amuna.abdow@lbgc.org</u>.



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