



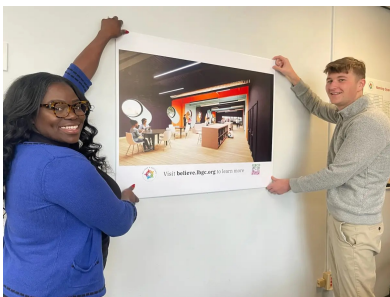
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Boys & Girls Club of Greater Lowell - February 2026

UMass Lowell City-ship Program Comes to the Club



Through the new City-ship program at UMass Lowell, we're proud to welcome four honor students to our Club for the academic year!

From supporting our Development Team to leading STEAM, SEL, and art workshops for youth ages 8–12, these students are gaining hands-on nonprofit experience while making a real impact in our community.

We love seeing the connection between the University and the Club grow stronger every day. [Click here to read more](#) about this inspiring program.

You're Invited: Youth of the Year/ Hall of Fame 2026

Join us on **March 12, 2026** at the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Lowell for the 2026 Hall of Fame & Youth of the Year Celebration, honoring Hall of Fame inductees Nancy Donahue, Eric Hanson, Jeff Lambert, Terance Mann, and Patrick Tighe for their lasting impact on Club youth and our community.

The evening will also feature outstanding teen leaders and the announcement of the 2026 Youth of the Year, celebrating the next generation of leadership. [Read more and register here.](#)



**Smart Giving Under the SECURE Act: How Your Retirement Assets
Can Do More Good**

Recent changes under the federal **SECURE Act (Setting Every Community Up for Retirement Enhancement Act)** have created new opportunities for supporters to give in ways that are both meaningful and tax-smart. If you have an IRA or other retirement account, here are a few ways the law may affect your charitable planning (and how you can use it to support Boys & Girls Club of Greater Lowell.) For more information, reach out to Marci DeCarli, Director of Philanthropy, at marci.decarli@lbgc.org.



Changes Under the SECURE Act

Required Minimum Distributions (RMDs)

The age for taking RMDs is now 73. However, you can still make a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) starting at age 70½. A QCD allows you to give directly from your IRA to the Club, and that gift is not counted as taxable income.

Heirs Must Withdraw Faster

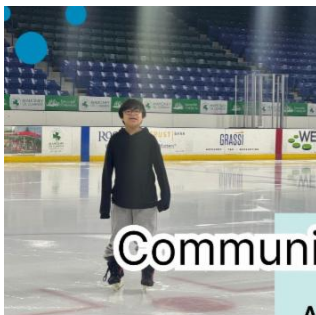
Under the SECURE Act, most heirs now have only 10 years to withdraw retirement assets — which means they'll pay taxes on that income much sooner. For many families, this makes retirement accounts a less tax-efficient inheritance.

Retirement Assets are Powerful Gifts

When left to loved ones, retirement assets are taxed at ordinary income rates.

When left to charity, they are 100% tax-free.

Your values. Their future. One smart plan.



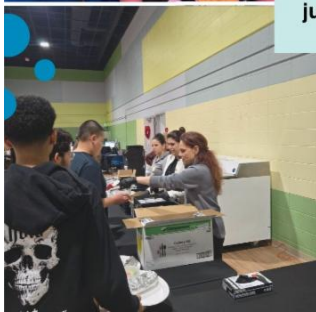
Community and Corporate Connections

A Heartfelt Thank You To:

Northern Bank! This month they kicked off their once-a-month commitment to helping our nutrition team serve meals to our members with a smile.

Northern Bank also sponsored an exciting evening at the Tsongas Center, where members enjoyed a UML game from a suite, experiencing it in a way that many had not before. This was followed by a fantastic opportunity to skate on the ice!

For further details on how you can get involved, please contact Justien at justien.martin@lbgc.org.



Support the Club Today

Tax summaries for 2025 are now available: please [email Sarah Chandonnet](#), Resource Development Director, to request one, or to request a copy of a specific receipt from 2025.



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