



# The Open Door

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*Boys & Girls Club of Greater Lowell - July/August 2025*

## A Message from Our Executive Director

I recently had the honor of watching four of our remarkable teen leaders—George, Kevin, Jayden, and Nana—speak up and share their stories in Congressional and Senate offices in Washington, D.C. They described it as one of the most impactful experiences of their lives. What you might not see is the journey it took to get there: more than 30 hours of travel, a full day of airport delays, and a 1:00 a.m. bus ride. Yet, their resilience and positive energy never wavered.

That same spirit of determination runs through [everything we do at the Club](#).



Joe Hungler  
Executive Director  
Boys & Girls Club of Greater Lowell

This year has brought financial challenges. Due to changes in federal funding, we've had to reduce our spending by \$350,000. At the same time, navigating the difficulty of past supporters redirecting their focus—perhaps simply not fully realizing our capital campaign contributions to the Believe & Become campaign cannot be used for daily program operations. Still, through strategic budgeting, creativity, and postponing new hires, we've stayed committed to our mission of ending generational poverty in Lowell.

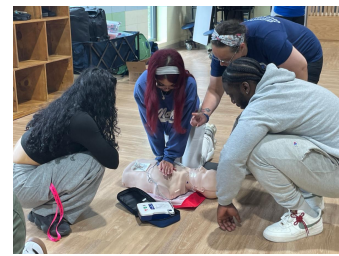


Despite ongoing construction, our members continue to thrive. The [new Smith Family Teen Center](#) is just weeks away from opening, and we're moving ahead with improvements to the front parking lot and upgrades to the aging, original Club building.

Thank you for standing alongside of us during this season of growth and transition. Your [partnership and continued support](#) are essential to the success of our young members.

**Staff Emergency Training**

Staff utilized time, between the school year ending and the start of the Club's Summer Programming, for training on a variety of topics. In June, all staff members were recertified in emergency procedures, including CPR (for infants through adults), AED use, administration of emergency injections, and basic first aid.



We are committed not only to serving our youth but to continually improving ourselves so we can be the best possible support for the kids who walk through our doors year-round.



## Community and Corporate Connections



### THANK YOU TO:

- **Skill Sharing Trainings:** We hosted an engaging training session led by the Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI), offering valuable insights and tools to strengthen our work with youth.
- **UML GW Lab:** The UML GW Lab kicked off their weekly summer commitment, bringing fun and educational STEAM activities to our youth members
- **Red Hat:** We were invited to present our volunteer opportunities to Red Hat employees eager to connect with and support their community.
- **UKG:** We're grateful to UKG for donating gently used tablets and delivering pre-assembled bikes, which will be gifted to families with young children.
- **Volunteer Engagement:** Several new volunteers completed orientation and jumped right into action, donating their time to support a variety of programs and making an immediate impact.

Opportunities like these are available throughout the summer!

Please contact Justien to discover the various ways you can get involved: [justien.martin@lbgc.org](mailto:justien.martin@lbgc.org)





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