



The Open Door

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Boys & Girls Club of Greater Lowell - June 2026

Over 2,000 Books Read!

Our Education Comes First program recently surpassed an incredible milestone: more than 2,000 books read since January, doubling the amount read in the previous session!

Families are reporting substantial improvements in both reading and math skills - amazing! Through our partnership with Khan Academy, youth are [building confidence and learning at their own pace.](#) ❤️



A Visit From the Lord Mayor of Cork



We were honored to welcome Lord Mayor Fergal Dennehy of Cork, Ireland, to the Club as part of the enduring connection between our two communities.

As the first UNESCO Learning City designated in the United States, Lowell continues to lead the way in fostering lifelong learning and global collaboration.

The visit celebrated our shared commitment to education, opportunity, and community, and highlighted the strong bonds between Lowell and Cork. [Learn more](#) about this special visit and [connect to a podcast](#) hosted by our very own Clubhouse kids!

UML Honors the Club with the Chancellor's Medal!

We are incredibly honored to receive the prestigious Chancellor's Medal from UMass Lowell, celebrating our powerful partnership in youth development as we mark 125 years

of service!

From inspiring mentorship to hands-on learning, UML students consistently step up to support our youth. Our Executive Director (and former Club kid!) Joe Hungler [accepted the award](#) on behalf of the Club, dedicating this honor to the staff, volunteers, and community who make our mission possible every day.



From Gift to Growth: Sound Cloud Installation



Our Community Center & Cafe just got a major upgrade thanks to a generous grant from the Yawkey Foundation!

New acoustic [sound clouds](#) now help absorb background noise and reduce distractions, creating a brighter, calmer space where kids can focus, connect, and thrive. This improvement is already making a difference for the young people who use the space every day and is a great example of how community support helps create the best possible environment for our members.



The Power of a Bequest

Last month we talked about naming Boys & Girls Club of Greater Lowell as a beneficiary of your donor-advised fund. Here's another powerful way to extend your legacy: a charitable bequest in your will or living trust.

A bequest simply directs a gift to the Club upon your passing. It can be:

- A specific dollar amount ("I give \$10,000 to Boys & Girls Club of Greater Lowell")
- A percentage of your estate ("...5% of my residual estate")
- A specific asset, such as real estate or securities.
- A contingent gift, activated only if a family beneficiary predeceases you.

Unlike a DAF, a bequest doesn't require any action today. There is no account to set up, no transfer of assets now. You retain full use of everything during your lifetime, and you can update the language at any time. For Boys & Girls Club of Greater Lowell, even a modest bequest can be transformative. Gifts of this kind often help fund programs across generations, long after the donor's lifetime.

If you've already included the Club in your plans, we'd love to know. Letting us know, with no obligation, allows us to recognize your generosity, share your story with others if you're willing, and plan thoughtfully for the future.

To learn more or share your intentions, contact Marci DeCarli, Director of Philanthropy at marci.decarli@lbgc.org.

*Featured in our banner photo: Club kids created posters to celebrate [Pride Month](#).

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