

KENTUCKY YOUTH OF THE YEAR

Since 1947, Youth of the Year has been Boys & Girls Clubs of America's premier recognition program, celebrating the extraordinary achievements of Club members. To achieve the title of Youth of the Year on any level, Club members must embody the values of leadership and service; academic excellence; and healthy lifestyles. They should exemplify the critical impact that Boys & Girls Clubs have on the lives of young people.

2016/2017 MILITARY



Elizabeth Thompson
USAG Fort Knox
Devers Youth Center

Elizabeth was a Club member since she was 7 years old. She joined Club teens in a Youth Leadership Forum where they discussed main issues and later presented their findings to the Garrison Commander. She helped start a Glee Club and was involved in Youth Council and Keystone Club. She earned position of Field Commander for the high school marching band, was president of the Literature Club, and was named Miss Fort Knox high school. Elizabeth is a freshman at University of Louisville pursuing a degree in Communications.

2016/2017 TRADITIONAL

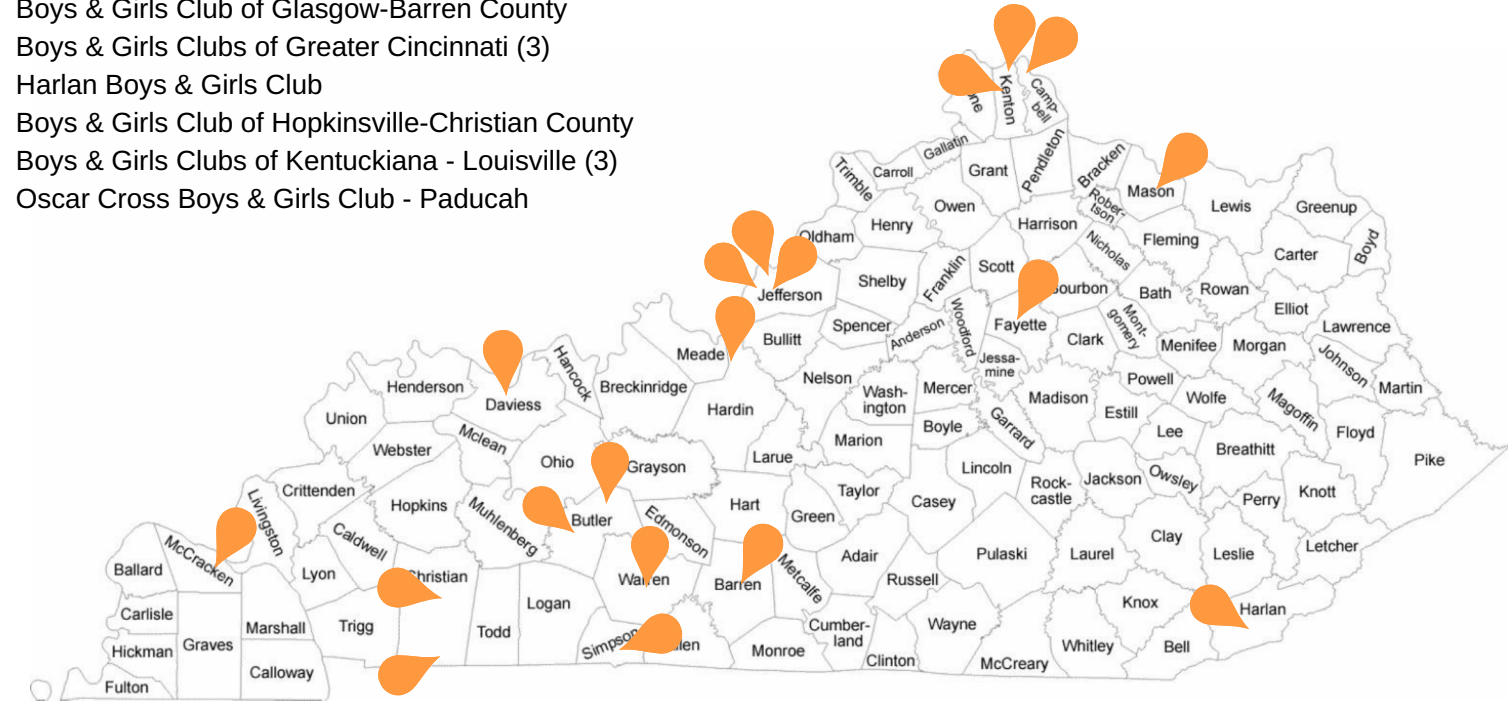


Tayquan Spencer-Smith
Boys & Girls Clubs
of Kentuckiana's
Shawnee Unit

Tayquan was a Club member for over 10 years. He has encountered and overcome many hurdles already in his life. He is a hard-working individual and demonstrates a positive attitude and leadership characteristics. Tayquan assisted his peers at school and at the Club. He lead Passport to Manhood for younger male Club members and also healthy lifestyle programs. He was an active participant in the Shawnee Weed & Seed program, Zumba classes, and community garden programs. Tayquan now attends Indiana University Southeast to pursue a college degree in Human Resource Management.

CLUB LISTING

- Boys & Girls Club of Bowling Green
Boys & Girls Club of Butler County (2)
Cliff Hagan Boys & Girls Club - Owensboro (2)
Boys & Girls Club of Franklin-Simpson County
Boys & Girls Club of Glasgow-Barren County
Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Cincinnati (3)
Harlan Boys & Girls Club
Boys & Girls Club of Hopkinsville-Christian County
Boys & Girls Clubs of Kentuckiana - Louisville (3)
Oscar Cross Boys & Girls Club - Paducah
- Salvation Army Boys & Girls Club of the Bluegrass - Lexington
Tom Browning Boys & Girls Club - Maysville
USAG Fort Knox CYS Services (2)
USAG Fort Campbell CYS Services (3)



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OUR MISSION
To enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens.

2016 IMPACT REPORT

THE CLUB EXPERIENCE

Boys & Girls Clubs fill the gap between school and home. We provide welcoming, positive environments in which kids and teens have fun, participate in life-changing programs, and build supportive relationships with peers and caring adults.

THE NEED IN OUR STATE

America After 3PM revealed that 104,693 children (15%) in Kentucky participate in an afterschool program, yet 265,184 children would be enrolled in a program if one were available. These youth leave school with nowhere to go. They risk being unsupervised, unguided and unsafe.



OUR REACH
28,000 Youth Served

23 Kentucky Club Sites

Every day, **3,000** youth enter a door of a Kentucky Club



42% - Girls 58% - Boys

24% of Members are Teens

76% of Members are 5 - 12 years old


31 % of Members live in single-parent households

Nearly 70% of Members qualify for free or reduced-price school lunches


PROGRAMS

Boys & Girls Clubs are open after school and during the summer to provide children and teens with a safe place to go where they can connect with caring adults. Professional staff and volunteers use a combination of locally developed programs and those developed and tested nationally by Boys & Girls Clubs of America in the following program impact areas: academic success, good character & citizenship, and healthy lifestyles.

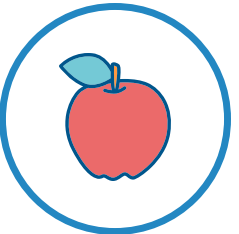
ACADEMIC SUCCESS




CHARACTER & CITIZENSHIP



HEALTHY LIFESTYLES





OUR ECONOMIC IMPACT

Investing in Boys & Girls Clubs Pays Dividends for Youth, Families, Our Nation, and State

In 2015, a study conducted by the Institute for Social Research and School of Public Health at the University of Michigan commissioned by Boys & Girls Clubs of America found that every dollar invested in Boys & Girls Clubs returns \$9.60 in current and future earnings and cost-savings to American communities. The greatest benefits are from Club members' improved grades and reduced alcohol use and their parents' earnings. Boys & Girls Clubs also contribute to major savings for society by helping to prevent costly expenditures for health care, public assistance programs, and criminal justice system involvement and incarceration.

When focused on Kentucky Boys & Girls Clubs, **every dollar invested returns \$14.56** in current and future earnings and cost-savings.

PRIORITY OUTCOME AREAS

ACADEMIC SUCCESS

THE NEED


- 11% of KY high school students failed to graduate on time
- 44% of KY fourth graders are not proficient in reading
- 55% of KY eighth graders are not proficient in math

WHAT WE DO

Our educational programs help ensure kids and teens will be successful in school, keep them learning throughout the summer months, and prepare them to be globally competitive graduates.

OUR IMPACT

Among our teen-aged Club members, 97% expect to graduate from high school, and 87% expect to complete some kind of post-secondary education.



GOOD CHARACTER + CITIZENSHIP

THE NEED


- 46.7% of KY middle school students had been in a physical fight in the last year
- 10.4% of 6-17 year old children in KY consistently exhibited problematic social behaviors as compared to 8.8% nationwide

WHAT WE DO

Our leadership and volunteer service programs empower youth to become good leaders and citizens with a passion for helping others.

OUR IMPACT

- 46% of KY Club teens reported volunteering once or more a month
- 90% of KY Club youth reported having a good sense of civic responsibility



HEALTHY LIFESTYLES

THE NEED



- 19.7% of KY residents 10 - 17 years old are obese
- 25% of KY children 6 - 17 years old live in poverty

WHAT WE DO

Our programs help youth engage in positive behaviors that nurture their well-being. Club members learn how to manage stress, demonstrate good teamwork, eat right, and keep physically fit.

OUR IMPACT

- 94% of KY Club youth reported abstaining from cigarette smoking
- 65% of KY Club youth engage in physical activity 5 or more days a week

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