



BOYS & GIRLS
COUNTRY
A Home for Children



2018
Annual
Report

Mission

To change the lives of children from families in crisis by loving and nurturing them in a Christian home environment, raising them to become self-sustaining and contributing adults.

Vision

That every child has a place to grow up and a sense of being home.

About Boys and Girls Country

When Tommy and Jean Robinson founded Boys and Girls Country (BGC) in 1971, they were acting on their desire to turn confused, misguided and hopeless youth into productive, responsible citizens. To do this, they provided youth with a loving Christian home environment, an education, a vocational training program, and a shared sense of responsibility. That original goal has not changed, and almost 1,500 children and young adults have found a home at Boys and Girls Country since that day.

The program at Boys and Girls Country is unique in several ways. First and foremost, we have remained true to our Christian roots, addressing the spiritual needs of our children in addition to their physical, social, emotional and educational needs. We are only able to do this because of God's grace, daily prayers and generous gifts from investors like you. You make a difference in the lives of 100 children every year!

Boys and Girls Country provides a home and a family to more than 100 children and young adults each year who come from difficult circumstances which no child should ever experience. Our families "do life" together. They attend church, do homework, prepare meals, and do chores together. Like all families, we have our struggles, but we do that together too. Boys and Girls Country guides our kids through educational milestones, supports them emotionally as they navigate life's challenges, holds them accountable to their peers and the greater community, and encourages them to dream big and achieve goals.

Finally, Boys and Girls Country goes above and beyond when it comes to growing children for life. Unlike other group living programs, our kids never age out of our program. In 1997 we established our College and Career program, giving Boys and Girls Country the capacity to support our high school graduates until they are independent adults. Whether they attend college, trade school, serve in the military, or begin a first job, they have a home and the support of family. Our College and Career mentors live on campus and are available to guide our young adults through choosing college classes, moving into a dorm room, putting together a resume, or learning to cook a meal. It is not uncommon for graduates of our program to come back to ask for advice or just visit.

In 2018, Boys and Girls Country celebrated 47 years of providing a home for children whose families are in crisis. Thank you for being a part of our story and our history. Most importantly, thank you for making our vision a reality for our kids.

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LETTER FROM OUR DIRECTORS

One of the most told stories from the Bible is David and Goliath, the story of a young boy defeating a giant. Our kids at Boys and Girls Country (BGC) have faced “Goliath” many times. For many of them, life before BGC was chaos as they were facing abuse, neglect, fear and other demons from dark places. But the light has

been turned on, and they are now thriving in every area of life from the classroom to the football field. Spiritually, many of our kids have found a new faith in baptism and Christian fellowship.

It is a joy to look back on 2018 and see the positive changes in our kids and celebrate their accomplishments. Our kids now have their own newsletter called “The Acorn” which highlights their achievements and the day-to-day happenings on campus. The new Transitional Living Program started in spring 2018 – a “bridge cottage” to help our students prepare for college and gain independent living skills during the last semester of their senior year. Our 4H charter has been reinstated, and students are now actively involved in one of the historical programs of Boys and Girls Country.

In 2018 we changed our fiscal year from a calendar year to an October through September fiscal year. Therefore the outcomes reported here will differ from last year’s report since they represent a 9-month period. Please note that the financial report was prepared to reflect the period of October 1, 2017 to September 30, 2018. Our financial position and commitment to stewardship have not changed. We will continue to be resourceful and strategically manage every dollar donated to Boys and Girls Country. Just like our kids who strive to be better personally, we are committed to being an organization of continuous improvement.

When you come to visit BGC, you will see your investment at work. Our cottage rebuild is still on pace to complete one new cottage every year. Last March eight boys and their Teaching Parents moved into a beautiful and spacious new cottage donated by the Hamill Foundation. In 2019 we are preparing for the graduation of 14 seniors and plan to build another new cottage donated by the Woodforest Charitable Foundation.

We know there are always ways we can be better, and we look to the future to build on our blessed history. BGC is a special place because our community strives to look at these kids the way God does rather than the view of a secular world which has let them down. Your generosity helps them prepare for a future that will change the trajectory of their lives.

David was just a boy who had the courage to face Goliath without fear and trembling. He did not back down as he remembered God’s faithfulness, protection and provision. Thank you for helping us put hope and courage back into the lives of the children we serve. We are grateful for your support.



Vincent Duran

Vincent Duran | *Executive Director*

Steve Stephens

Steve Stephens | *Board Chair*



OUR HOME

OVER 90% COME FROM FAMILIES LIVING IN POVERTY

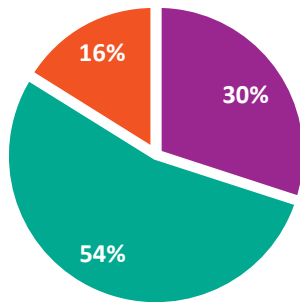


You Helped 105 Children in 2018*



1,977

calls were received for help



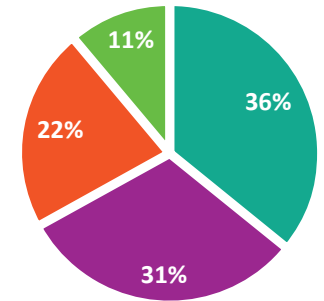
Age Groups

8-12 18 and up
13-17



92 + 13

children and young adults called BGC home.



Ethnicity

African-American Caucasian
Hispanic Other

*based on nine months



COST OF CARE

You Provided Care

In 2018, it cost **\$150** per day to care for one child at BGC. This cost includes housing, food, clothing, healthcare, counseling, and teaching parents.

IT COSTS **\$150** A DAY TO CARE FOR **1 CHILD**



345
medical visits



6,248
meals served
per month



895
individual counseling
sessions

Many of our kids come to Boys and Girls Country without ever having received consistent dental and medical care. Every child in our home receives required immunizations, twice-yearly dental visits, and routine check-ups, as well as any emergent or special medical or dental attention needed.

***based on nine months**

Most of the children who arrive at Boys and Girls Country have suffered from abuse, neglect, loss, or other emotional trauma. Staff at Boys and Girls Country closely monitors the emotional health of each of our children. At this time, half of the children living at the Roberts Road campus attend counseling about once a week.

EDUCATION

You Helped Them Reach Their Potential

Every child who comes to Boys and Girls Country is assessed by the Program Manager of Education to determine appropriate grade level and identify any needed educational services. Many children who enter our home are several grade levels behind their peers in key subjects. In addition, many have special educational needs that have never been addressed.

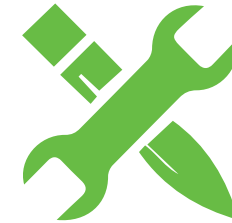


2,000
hours of tutoring

Paid and volunteer tutors help our kids achieve academic success.



13
young adults lived
on C&C campus



3
in trade
school



6
high school
graduates



17
kids participated
in 4H

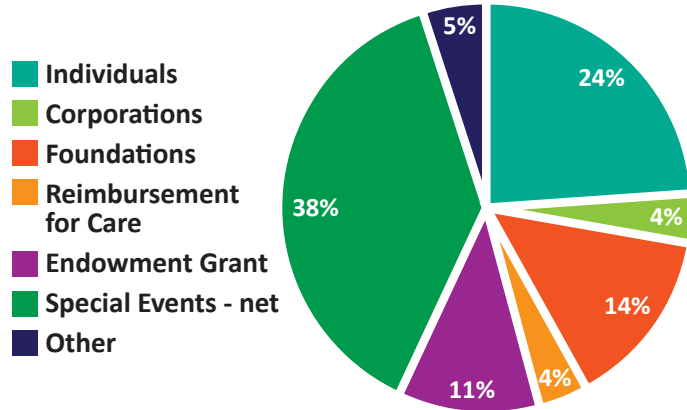
Children do not “age out” of Boys and Girls Country. Most children placed in foster care or a child welfare system have to leave at the age of 18. At Boys and Girls Country, our kids are encouraged and able to remain part of the family as young adults through the College and Career program.

*based on nine months

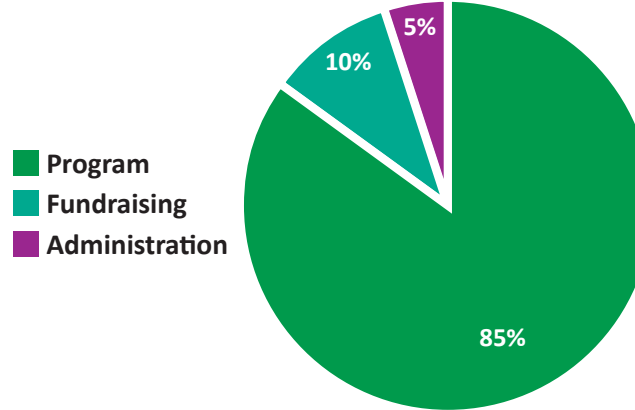
You Invested In Their Future

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Revenue
\$5,045,738



Expenses
\$5,819,062



Endowment Fund
\$19.9 Million

in assets in the Endowment

57 chairs at the children's table

19 scholarship funds



1,584*
volunteers came to our campus



4,453
hours of service were provided



Totaling over
\$109,945
in valued hours

Note: Effective in 2018 the organization adopted a September 30th fiscal year end. This financial report reflects the period of October 1, 2017 to September 30, 2018. The organization's Form 990 for 2018 (available summer 2019) will include only activity for the nine months ended September 30, 2018.

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