

# BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF STAMFORD



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OF STAMFORD

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public school  
buses drop off  
at BGCS



Teen center  
expansion and YMCA  
closure increasing  
demand to 550+ daily



## TWO LOCATIONS

Mary C. Rich Clubhouse  
Yerwood Center



Provide underserved  
youth access to after  
school and summer  
camp programs

# CLUB DEMOGRAPHICS

**3,000+**

youth served  
between the  
ages of 5-18

**95%**

youth of color

**98%**

families below CT  
income survival  
budget of \$75,000

**52%**

of members come  
from households  
below federal  
poverty line of  
\$30,000

**50%**

of youth we serve  
come from single  
parent  
households



# ALARMING COMMUNITY ISSUES

In Stamford, young people face big challenges, including:

## POVERTY

1 in 11 live in poverty

## FOOD INSECURITY

1 in 7 lack consistent access to food

## ACADEMIC FAILINGS

53% cannot read at grade level by grade 3

## VIOLENCE, GANG ACTIVITY, DRUG USE

1 IN 5 YOUTH ARE UNSUPERVISED AFTER SCHOOL

**ONE MISTAKE CAN RESULT IN LIFELONG CONSEQUENCES**

# THE NEED

Not all youth graduate from High School

Many youth who graduate from High School don't go to college

Youth are Unemployed / Underemployed - possibly for life

Rise in Crime & Drug Use

# BGCS BEST SUITED TO ADDRESS THE NEED

We serve over 3,000  
youth annually

Over 550 youth  
attend the Club  
daily after school

We have continuity  
and a pipeline of  
youth from grades  
K – 12

We have delivered  
over the years –  
and will continue to  
meet the needs of  
our community

## WE NEED YOUR HELP TO MEET DEMAND

# PROGRAM OVERVIEW

CHARACTER &  
LEADERSHIP  
DEVELOPMENT



EDUCATION &  
ENRICHMENT



WORKFORCE  
DEVELOPMENT



ATHLETICS &  
WELLBEING





# WHAT WE NEED



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# REQUEST FOR SUPPORT 2026-2027 – WAITLIST SOLUTION

MARY C. RICH CLUBHOUSE AND  
GARY WENDT TEEN CENTER

\$225,953

YERWOOD CENTER\*

\$324,130

\*City of Stamford requested BGCS operate Yerwood Center in 2015. While it has increased our capacity, it continues to be an overweighted operating burden.



# REQUEST FOR SUPPORT 2026-2027 - CITY OF STAMFORD PARTNERSHIPS

COMMUNITY NIGHT PROGRAM\*

\$127,138

COMMUNITY SWIM PROGRAM\*

\$61,800

\*City of Stamford requested BGCS form Community Night Program in 2015 and Community Swim Program in 2021



# REACH OUT



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