



## Frequently Asked Questions

### *What is the mission of Boys & Girls Clubs of Indianapolis?*

Boys & Girls Clubs of Indianapolis believes that every young person deserves to live a life filled with hope and opportunity. Because we care about our young people, we provide a safe, educational, and positive atmosphere where they can prosper and reach their full potential.

### *Who does BGCI serve?*

Boys & Girls Clubs of Indianapolis serves more than 5,800 youth at 10 different sites across Indianapolis, ages 5-18 annually. 51% of member households have an income of \$25,000 or less, and 79% of our members are eligible for free and reduced lunch.

### *How long have the Clubs been serving youth in Indianapolis?*

Since 1893! The Newsboys Home (then Boys Home and Employment Association) opened in 1893. In 1991, the board of directors voted to admit girls into membership thus becoming the Boys & Girls Clubs of Indianapolis. BGCI is currently celebrating 125 years of service to the Indianapolis community.

### *When are the Clubs open?*

Individual Club hours vary during after school programming; however Clubs are open between the hours of 3pm-9pm. Clubs are also open during summer months and school breaks. Please view [BGCIIndy.org](http://BGCIIndy.org) for specific Club locations and hours.

### *What does it cost to be a member of the Clubs?*

The Clubs keep membership fees affordable for all youth, the cost is only \$15 for a school year.

### *Is BGCI a United Way Agency?*

### *What other forms of Funding does BGCI receive?*

Yes, BGCI is a United Way agency. BGCI is funded by a combination of government, foundation grants, private individuals, and business donations and events.

### *Can I Volunteer?*

Yes! We are always looking for volunteers to help with tutoring, mentoring, and spending time in the Clubs with our members. To learn more about volunteering with BGCI, email [volunteer@bgcindy.org](mailto:volunteer@bgcindy.org).

### *How are contributions used?*

Donations allow us to keep our program services affordable for the families we serve. Although our membership fee is \$15 per year, on average it costs us over \$600 a year to serve one child. Donations help to fill that funding gap, which will keep our services affordable for the thousands of youth we serve annually.

### *Are you a certified non-profit organization?*

Yes! Boys & Girls Clubs of Indianapolis is a certified 501(c)3 non-profit organization.