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The Club for Boys is dedicated to providing positive experiences that develop self-esteem and character in a caring, safe, and fun environment for all boys.

A Helping Hand

THANKS TO A PARTNERSHIP with the Department of Health, there is now a resource in place to help Club members and their families secure the essentials they need to achieve, and maintain, good health.

The new Family Services program seeks to address all aspects of wellness to help families long-term. “Simply getting people to the doctor or the dentist isn’t going to work. There is so much more that goes into good health, and that includes having a place to stay, enough food, and security,” explained Sara Gentry, Executive Director of The Club for Boys Foundation.

Family Services Director, Stephanie Pangburn, has helped dozens of families since the program’s inception at the Club in November 2022. She regularly teams up with community partners such as One Heart, WAVI, and the Department of Social Services to connect those in need with resources that will put them on the path to success. For Stephanie, her mission is simple: “I’m here to help. And if I can’t help, I will get them to someone who can.”

Many of those that stop in for Stephanie’s help are frustrated after being handed off from agency to agency. “People don’t know where to turn. Or they get shot down when they do reach out. It’s not easy for people to say, ‘I need help,’” Stephanie remarked. “So, I believe in doing warm referrals – going to the appointment and sitting with them if needed – to make sure that issues get resolved.”

So far, Stephanie’s dedication and persistence has resulted in many success stories. She helped a member who had just turned 18 years old secure housing, food stamps, and Medicaid so that he could get established on his own. She recently arranged for accessibility ramps to be built on a boy’s home, allowing his mother to enter and exit their home in her wheelchair more easily.

In the end, Stephanie’s main goal with the program is to empower the families that she works with. “I want to show them that they can do it – here’s the first step, and then the second. I want them to believe in themselves.”



Stephanie Pangburn
with Club Member

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—Stephanie Pangburn,
Family Services Director

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Meet Our Boy of the Year

Urijah Brooks

Fair Play

Honesty

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Code of Honor

WHEN URIJAH BROOKS found out that he is this year's Boy of the Year, he was deeply moved by the news. "I was really surprised. After everyone said how I should be Boy of the Year, how nice I am, and how hard I worked to earn it, it made me emotional and I almost started to cry," he said, reflecting on the powerful moment at the Boy of the Year banquet.



Each month, The Club for Boys recognizes several members for exuding the qualities emphasized in the Club Code: fair play, honesty, sportsmanship, and respect. From the boys that are chosen throughout the year, one is selected in the spring for Boy of the Year.

Urijah, 11, started attending the Club when he was eight. The sixth grader can often be found playing basketball or dodgeball in the gym or shooting pool in the game room. "I'm a pool shark," he said with a grin.

During his time at the Club, Urijah has become known for his dedication to helping staff and his peers. "I remember times after family events where you will see him with a vacuum or a broom and he's helping to clean up while his family waits for him," recalled Club Director Carri Redmond. "That's just how helpful and kind he can be."

Hope Stenerson, who works in the Club's Nutrition Program, described how Urijah's caring spirit impacts those that he encounters. "When they say people light up a room, that's Urijah," she said. "He walks into the cafeteria and the first thing he does is greet everyone. He's great with the kids, he's great with the staff. He's just a nice kid."

Urijah's instinct to serve others extends far beyond the Club's walls. "I like to help others, so I'm thinking about being a teacher or a police officer when I grow up," he revealed.

His advice for those interested in becoming a future Boy of the Year? "Help other kids when they need help, when they get hurt or if they're doing something wrong," Urijah said. "Help others follow the Club Code."

Urijah Brooks, 2022 Boy of the Year, with Doug Herrmann, Executive Director.



I will show my love for God in the way I treat my family, friends, and fellow members.

I will show respect for our flag and our country, which has given me my freedom.

I will show my gratitude for our Club by displaying fair play, honesty, sportsmanship, and respect for the staff, Club equipment, and my fellow members in all that I do.

I will show kindness to others and will expect them to show kindness to me.

I understand that my membership depends on my ability to live up to this code.

Building Community

FOR DOUG HERRMANN, Executive Director of The Club for Boys, the need for quality affordable housing for Club members and their families was clear. “Homelessness affects about 10% of our boys each year, and for those that experience being homeless, it’s the most disruptive thing in their lives. Everything is affected – school, their social lives, their contact with positive adults.”

To help meet that crucial need, The Club for Boys teamed up with real estate developer Lloyd Companies to create Heartland Heights, a two-building housing community in Rapid Valley.

The first building, which was completed in the summer of 2022, is currently fully occupied, with 24% of residents having connections to Club members and their families.

Now, with Heartland Heights’ second building scheduled to open its doors to residents this summer, Doug reflects on the partnership. “It’s very rewarding to know that we’re nearing the end of the two projects,” he said. “We’re excited about what this means for both our members and for families throughout our community.”

The feeling is mutual for Mark Quasney, Vice President of Development Finance at Lloyd Companies.

The completion of Heartland Heights does not mean the end of the collaboration between Lloyd Companies and The Club for Boys; as the property managers of Heartland Heights, Lloyd Companies will provide a secure, amenity-rich community for residents, while the Club will supply members with busing services between the Club and Valley View Elementary School.

Doug believes this continued partnership will benefit many Club members. “The location of Heartland Heights is where the largest percentage of our Club members who we bus live and go to school,” Doug explained. “We’re excited to see our boys grow up there.”



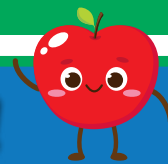
For the Heartland Heights Project, The Club for Boys partnered with Lloyd Companies as the collaborating non-profit and will not fund or manage the building.

“It’s been a long haul for both of these projects, but the reward – that families that didn’t have a place to live will now have a home – it makes it all worth it.”

— Mark Quasney, V.P. of Development Finance, Lloyd Companies

Summer Meal Program!

During the summer, kids 18 and younger can enjoy free, nutritious meals for breakfast and lunch! The Club for Boys is also partnered with Feeding South Dakota to send members home with backpacks to ensure they have a healthy meal during the weekend.



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(Deodorant, Toothpaste, etc)



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“ I appreciate The Club
for everything they do
for my family! ”

— Krista W.,
Club Member Mom



“ We couldn't be blessed
with a better team! ”

— Carri Redmond, Club Director

Leaders Building Leaders

THREE MEMBERS of The Club for Boys' leadership team are participating in a brand-new program that aims at providing out-of-school time (OST) professionals with the resources they need to further develop themselves and their teams.

Funded by the South Dakota Department of Education, Path2Impact includes three paths: a Leadership Path, a Sustainable Teams Path, and an Instruction & Engagement Path. Each path includes a customized curriculum consisting of both virtual meetings and face-to-face retreats that allow participants to connect with other professionals and build their skill sets.

In January 2023, Assistant Executive Director Mark Kline, Club Director Carri Redmond, and Education Director Gregg McNabb began their journey down Path2Impact's Leadership Path. So far, the path has included training through Zoom meetings and a retreat in Pierre. "It was good to get to know everyone in person," Carri remarked. "We received some great material to share with the rest of our staff."

In fact, Mark, Carri, and Gregg's main goal from attending the trainings is to acquire new techniques that they will then use to cultivate leaders among Club staff and members. "We're looking forward to seeing how we can be utilized to mentor others within our organization and to take what we learn back to our staff," Mark explained.

Path2Impact also brings together leaders from different backgrounds, an aspect that Gregg has found to be particularly rewarding. "Coming from a public school setting, I have enjoyed the opportunity to understand more about leadership at the after school level," he said.

Mark agreed that bringing diverse leaders together is a major benefit of the program. "All of the different experiences and perspectives adds a lot of value to the program."

The trio graduates from the program in August and will return next year to mentor the next round of Leadership Path trainees, bringing their experience full circle. Among next year's new trainees will be additional Club staff, setting out to improve upon their own leadership skills.

Involving the entire Club for Boys team in this exciting new program is important to Carri. "No matter what position someone has here at the Club, we're all leaders," she proclaimed.



Creative and Learning Specialist

Tanner will be focusing on STEM project based learning activities in our education center and throughout The Club for Boys. We are excited that Tanner will be getting the National Certificate for STEM Teaching.

*If you are interested in volunteering for hands-on educational activities,
please contact Chantel at ChantelM@TheClubForBoys.org

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Urijah Brooks

“ When a kid needs somebody to have their back when they’re feeling nervous, Urijah is the kid I think of. ”

—Hope Stenerson, Staff



Scan here to hear more about what our staff members have to say about Urijah!

