



# THE BUGLE

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The Club For Boys!



FALL 2023 • Helping all boys meet their needs today, so they can fulfill their potential tomorrow

## A Year of Learning

**WHEN GREGG McNABB** stepped into the role of Education Director at The Club for Boys last year, he set his sights high on what he hoped to accomplish in his new position. His main objective was to reestablish the Education Center as a program that would better serve the Club's members and help them achieve academic success.

"When you build a new program, you have lofty goals and set benchmarks for yourself to meet," McNabb said, reflecting on his first year at the Club. "I believe we've met all of my goals, and we're really starting to build some momentum with my plan."

The first step in McNabb's plan was to bring in certified teachers from Rapid City Area Schools (RCAS) to provide members with small group coaching, which not only provided an excellent resource for boys who needed help with their school work, but also served in strengthening the partnership between the Club and the school district.

For McNabb, this growing alliance with the RCAS is crucial for the continued success of the education program. "The relationship with the school district is outstanding. They're very open to feedback and are an open line of communication," he explained. "The teachers are very grateful to have an after-school program that provides academic support for what they're trying to achieve day-to-day for our boys."

The momentum that McNabb built in the Education Center did not stop once school was dismissed for the summer. Three RCAS teachers were available for math and reading



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—Gregg McNabb, Education Director

assistance throughout the summer months, which helped in preventing learning loss and provided much-needed academic consistency for members.

"Our members need to know that someone's showing up for them every day. They have their classroom teacher, and, when they get out of school and come to the Club, they have myself and my staff here everyday to work with them to become the best student they possibly can," McNabb said. "When they see that, they build trust in us that we're there to help them, that allows them to be more vulnerable on their academic journey."

As the academic year begins, McNabb is looking forward to another successful year in the Club's Education Center. "We're going to keep building on the relationships with the school district and reach out to more teachers to let them know we have the same goal, and that's maximum academic performance for our boys."

58

Average Number  
of Members  
Receiving Weekly  
Math Coaching

64

Average  
Number of  
Members

Receiving Weekly English &  
Language Arts Coaching

43

Average  
Number of  
Members

Receiving Weekly  
Writing Coaching

Time Spent Answering  
Math Questions



25  
HOURS

Total Number of Math  
Questions Answered

10,009

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Reflecting On

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## Every Boy Deserves a Chance to Succeed.

IN FISCAL YEAR 2023, the Club's daily attendance was back to pre-pandemic numbers. There were many happy moments made daily at the Club, including in leagues, during meals, at the Older Boys Program, in the Education Center, and in the lifelong friendships between our boys. Take a look back at the impact the Club was able to make last year, from June 2022 through May 2023.

932



Members  
at The Club for Boys

212

Boys came to The Club  
each day on average

64,087

Meals & Snacks  
were Served at  
The Club



43%

of Club Members  
Lived at or below the  
Federal  
Poverty Guidelines



71%

were in households  
that meet USDA poverty  
guidelines for free and  
reduced meals



38%

of Club Members  
were being raised  
by a Single Parent



10%

of Club Members  
were being raised  
by a relative other  
than a parent



2%

of Club Members  
were being raised  
in Foster Care



9%

of Club Members  
were Homeless  
sometime during  
the year



13%

of Club Members  
had a parent or  
close family member  
incarcerated



# Climbing The Ladder

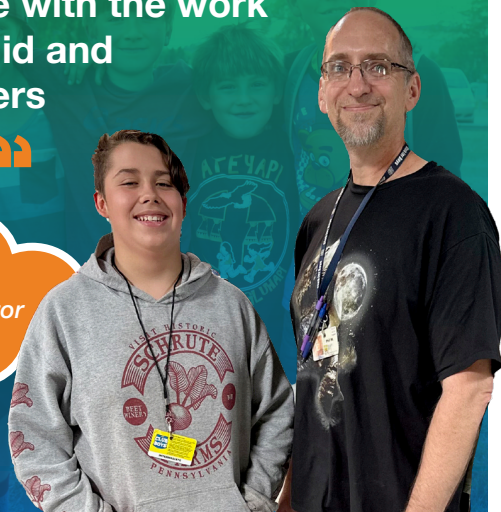
**TWO LONG-TIME EMPLOYEES** of The Club for Boys have recently stepped into leadership roles, marking an exciting transition for the Club's members and staff.

Nick Lowry and Phil Martin are now program directors at the Club, bringing over 41 years of combined experience to their new position. As program directors, Nick and Phil will be responsible for supervising front-line staff and will have a larger role in decisions that affect the future of the Club.

Phil began his career at the Club as a volunteer in September 1995 while he was waiting to enter the Coast Guard.

“During my time volunteering, I fell in love with the work The Club did and the members it served.”

—Phil Martin,  
Program Director



After his opportunity with the Coast Guard did not work out, Phil officially became a staff member in February 1996.

He has held many roles during his 28 years at the Club, including developing and running the Hideout since 2008. Although he is experiencing some sadness in leaving a program he grew so invested in over the years, he is excited about the opportunities and challenges his new position brings. “I’ve always considered myself a support player, so being in a

leadership role will put me outside what I’ve always considered comfortable,” he remarked. “But I know that I have more to contribute.”

Like Phil, Nick also began his journey with the Club as a volunteer. Fourteen years later, with the titles of gym director, athletic director, and program supervisor under his belt, he is thrilled to continue to make a difference in the lives of Club members. “Over the years, I have learned that the commitment, encouragement, and steady support we provide them is a real investment in their lives and is not only making a difference now but also in the future.”

Club Director Carri Redmond is looking forward to seeing the impact Nick and Phil make in their new positions. “Phil’s creativity and ability to see different perspectives are a couple of his greatest strengths. These two qualities are going to benefit our programs in a positive way,” she explained. “And Nick serves on our safety committee, so he has a great eye for seeing things that could be a hazard and getting ahead of the game to get those things fixed. He is the perfect representation of safe in our safe, caring and fun slogan.”

For Nick, what he hopes to accomplish as a program director is simple:

“My goal is to continue to provide memories, support, and safety to our boys.”

—Nick Lowry,  
Program Director



Are You Interested in Volunteering at The Club for Boys?

Please email Samantha, our Volunteer and Event Coordinator, at [SamanthaW@TheClubForBoys.org](mailto:SamanthaW@TheClubForBoys.org).

4 wishes

- Markers, Crayons, Pencils, and Dry Erase Markers
- Coloring Books (All Ages) and Puzzles (300-Piece Intermediate Level)
- Chess Boards and Board Games
- Empty Toilet Paper, Paper Towel, and Wrapping Paper Rolls for STEM Activities



We are able to do more at The Club for Boys with the support of people like you! In addition to your financial support of our work, which keeps our dues at just \$12 per year per boy, we would appreciate donations for some items for The Club!



Thank You for  
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You may also scan this QR Code to view other items on our Amazon Wish List!

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According to a recent survey,

**DID YOU KNOW...**  
**68%** of Americans do *not* have a will?

**A WILL IS A NECESSARY DOCUMENT** that specifies your last wishes, such as how your property will be divided and who will act as guardian of your children.

**INCLUDING THE CLUB FOR BOYS FOUNDATION IN YOUR WILL** means that your legacy will live on through the good works of the Club for Boys. Your bequest will go into a professionally invested endowment. Then, each year, the Foundation returns 5% of the endowment, based on a three-year average, to the Club for its current operations.

Drawing up a will is easy to do online, or you can contact a local attorney for more complete service. If we can help, please call Sara Gentry at 605-593-0242.

With your help, we can continue to provide a safe, fun, and caring environment for our boys!



# Funding Needs, Changing Lives

**EACH MORNING** throughout the summer, a line of boys could be observed waiting patiently outside The Club for Boys' front door. While they were waiting to enter, some of the boys were looking forward to socializing in the Games Room, while others were excited to challenge themselves with math problems in the Education Center. Whatever activity they decided to partake in at the Club, they all could count on a day filled with fun, friendship, and happy memories.

This past summer was a particularly busy one at the Club, with an average daily attendance of 300 boys per day. In addition to enriching programs and activities to fill their time, the boys also received nutritious meals and snacks. However, the Club not only provides these services for members only during the summer – the Club's doors are also open year-round as a safe, positive space where individual needs are addressed.

Fund a Need was created so that the Club can continue to meet those needs. The Club continues to keep membership dues at \$12 a year so that attendance is affordable for all boys, but the real annual cost of membership for each boy is \$2,167. To fill the gap, help from generous donors throughout our community is needed.

"Last year, we raised \$180,000 with Fund a Need," said Chantel McDonnell, the Club's director of development. "This year, our goal is to raise \$225,000 so that we can continue to serve our boys and be a service to our community."



Help The Club for Boys in continuing to develop programs that address the needs in our community, and, more importantly, the needs of our members, by participating in this year's Fund a Need.

To give to Fund a Need, use the QR code, or visit [TheClubForBoys.org](http://TheClubForBoys.org)



“ It is because of our donors that we are able to offer this magical place to all boys that want to join. ”

— Chantel McDonnell, Director of Development

## Service Above Self

**EACH MORNING FOR RAPID CITY POLICE CHIEF DON HEDRICK**, that is more than just a mission statement – it's a way of life.

In addition to serving on the Rapid City Police Department for over 21 years, Hedrick has also been a member of The Club for Boys board of directors since 2015, a role he takes just as seriously.

"The Club is serving a vulnerable population in our community, and many of the boys they serve have had a less than favorable encounter with law enforcement," Hedrick explained. "Having the opportunity to engage in a way that creates a positive experience and builds trust was something I was drawn to."

Over the years, Hedrick has become a familiar face at The Club for Boys. His favorite event is Hooked on Hardwater, which he enjoys participating in each year. He also regularly makes trips to the Club, in uniform, to spend quality time with the boys. "They are always so excited and hang on me," he said, laughing. "They're looking for someone to talk to and have a meaningful connection with. It's very humbling."

Currently, Hedrick is enrolled in a doctorate program at Johns Hopkins University, where he is studying public health with a focus on violence reduction. "A lot of the research I'm seeing is how a key component of mentorship is needed to reduce violence and steer people from going down the wrong road. I get to see regularly how The Club for Boys provides that mentorship that is desperately needed here in our community."

The Club's members are not the only ones being impacted by Hedrick's involvement.



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— Don Hedrick,  
Rapid City Police Chief



"This experience has changed my life," he said. "It's amazing getting to work with people that truly care and want to make our community a better place. It's been uplifting to be a part of such a positive group."

Hedrick feels that his work on the police department mirrors his work on the Club's board, and it all boils down to one simple concept: "Service above self. That's our motto around here, and a part of the department's mission statement. And I see it every day at The Club for Boys. Serving those that need it the most."



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Are you among the over 40,000 members that have walked through The Club for Boys' doors over the years?  
If so, we want to connect with you!

As the Club prepares to celebrate its **60th Birthday** in November, an alumni association is being formed to keep past members up to date with current Club happenings, as well as give them an easy way to stay involved.

**If you are interested in joining the alumni association**, please email [Alumni@TheClubForBoys.org](mailto:Alumni@TheClubForBoys.org) with your name, address, and your favorite memory of attending the Club.

You can also follow the association's Facebook page:  
[Facebook.com/TheClubForBoysAlumniAssociation](https://Facebook.com/TheClubForBoysAlumniAssociation).

We look forward to hearing from you!