



# THE BUGLE

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The Club For Boys!



Fall 2024 • Helping all boys meet their needs today, so they can fulfill their potential tomorrow.

## A Reason To Celebrate

**JOHNNY HAS BEEN COMING TO THE CLUB FOR BOYS** since he was 6. Now, as a 16-year-old, he has gone through a lot of challenges. His mother is not in his life due to substance abuse. Johnny is currently living with his father until his mother is stabilized. They were homeless at one point, but dad has worked hard and has now given them a place to call home. During that time, the Club did offer Johnny the use of our washer, dryer, and showers to use if needed and made sure that food was available to him.

Despite all the challenges, he is cheerful and shares hugs freely with everyone around him. He's a wonderful young man and can light up a room. Johnny works part time at the Club, and he also worked on the Christmas tree lot last December.

In compiling the educational statistics, staff noticed that Johnny had several sessions over the past year with our educational coach and certified school teacher, Ruthann, in our Older Boys Program. Ruthann is one of our certified public-school teachers.

In the 2022-2023 school year, Johnny was a freshman at Central High School, and he shared with staff that he was failing all his classes. Our staff connected him with Ruthann in February 2023 which started to improve his grades, but not enough to pass his freshman year. He went to summer school and worked with Ruthann on a weekly basis throughout the summer. By Fall of 2023, he was able to move forward as a sophomore. He has continued his sessions with Ruthann and his grades are up! He's not failing any of his classes. He said that the coach "helped me get all my assignments in and pass my classes." Johnny enjoys working with Ruthann, and she has made a real difference.



Johnny is smart. We are grateful for the dedication of our education coaches and partnership with Rapid City Area Schools. Without them, Johnny may not have had this opportunity to get back on track.

**Club staff try every day to reach out and help boys who need support. Sometimes it works; sometimes it doesn't. In this case, it was a huge success. Great job to Johnny who reached out to staff who care about him.**

**Now he's on his way to graduating high school. A reason to celebrate.**

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# Reflecting On FY24

**1,049 Boys**

were members of The Club for Boys.

**229** boys on average came to The Club each day.

**287**

boys attended daily during the summer.



**210**

boys attended daily during the school year.

**53%** of the boys designated themselves as members of a minority group, usually Native American. **7%** also designated their ethnicity as Hispanic/Latino.

**36%**

were being raised by a single parent. An additional **9%** were being raised by a relative other than a parent; and **3%** were in foster care.

**72%**

were in households that meet US Dept. of Agriculture Poverty Guidelines for free and reduced meals.

**33%**

were challenged by a disability or health issue.

**38%**

lived at or below the federal poverty guidelines (\$31,200 for a family of 4).

At least **10%** of the boys were homeless sometime during the year.

At least **13%** had a parent or close family member incarcerated.

**65,065** meals and snacks served.

**75%** of our boys in attendance everyday ate a meal or snack.

**114**

boys participated in our Flag Football League.

**115**

boys participated in our Basketball League.

**204**

boys participated in Walk Club.



**24** boys participated in our Junior Retailers Program on our Christmas Tree Lot.

# 351 Boys

sought help from our educational coaches.

**42%** of these boys lived at or below the federal poverty guidelines.

**74%** were in households that meet US Dept. of Agriculture poverty guidelines for free and reduced meals.

**7%** were homeless during the time they were receiving educational support.

**67%** were at a high risk of being homeless.

**58%** of the boys designated themselves as members of a minority group.

# 159 Boys

received scholarships to The Club.

**171** Boys and their families received extra food from The Club.

**55%** of members' families participated in events or received services.

## Breakdown of Club Age Groups:

AGE 6-7	<b>120</b>	AGE 10-11	<b>255</b>
AGE 8-9	<b>271</b>	AGE 12+	<b>403</b>

## Breakdown of School Ages:

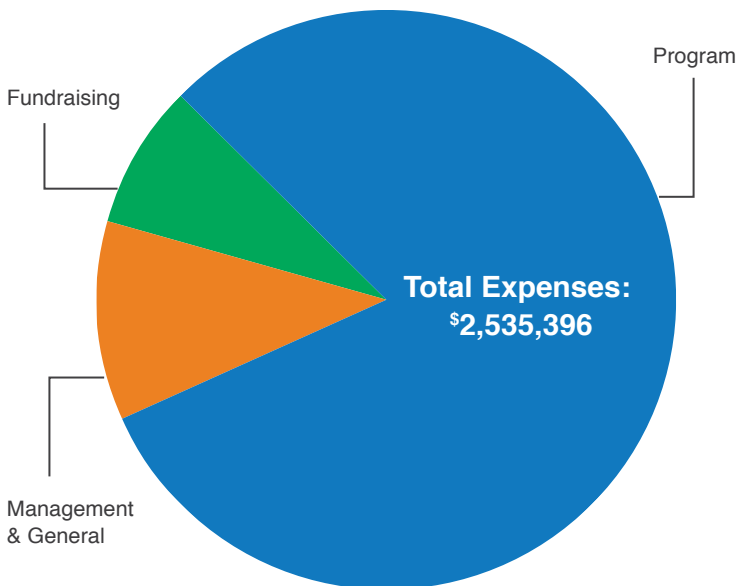
- Elementary School — **505**
- Middle School — **359**
- High School — **185**

## FY24 Club for Boys Expenses



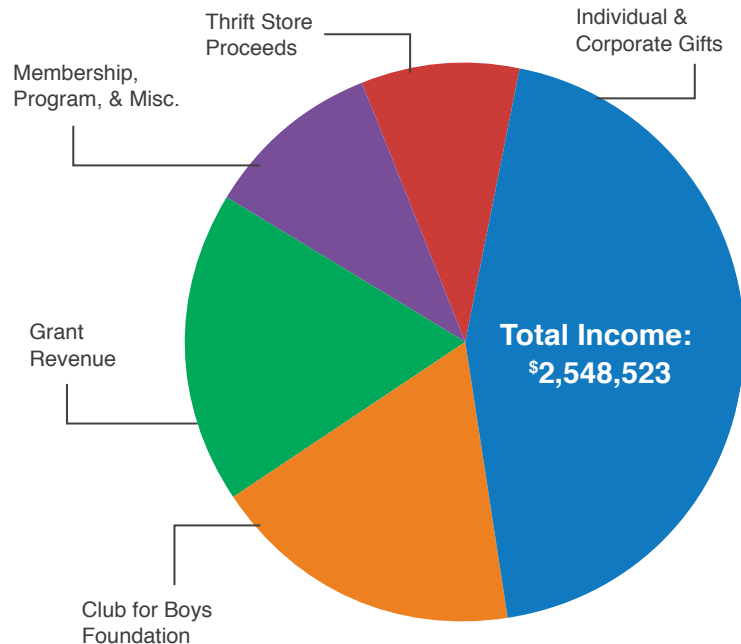
- Program — 81%
- Fundraising — 8%
- Management & General — 11%

*These figures are pre-audit.*



## FY24 Club for Boys Income

- Individual & Corporate Gifts — 44%
- Club for Boys Foundation — 18%
- Grant Revenue — 18%
- Membership, Program, & Miscellaneous — 10%
- Thrift Store Proceeds — 9%



# YOUR GIFT CHANGES THE LIVES OF OUR BOYS

We would like to thank everyone who donated gifts of time, money, and in kind.

Thank you to the people, businesses, and organizations that gave gifts from April 2024 to June 2024 to The Club for Boys.

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West River Electric Cooperative \*

# A Place For Any Boy Who Wants To Join

Rusty is a new member at The Club for Boys this summer!



**WITH ANY NEW MEMBER**, our staff work quickly to get to know each of them through new members' meetings, awareness, and communication between staff.

Rusty is a new member who stood out right away. This new teenage member is on the spectrum. He is highly intelligent, which causes him to push limits and ask continuous questions about why we do things the way that we do. He lacks social and emotional skills. He is one member that we would consider in the 33% that were challenged by a disability or health issue last year.

As we do with all our members, staff rallied together to try and make this a place where Rusty can succeed and feel comfortable. Usually program staff take the lead, but Club for Boys training shined when our Assistant Executive Director, Club Director, and Facilities Manager lent a helping hand.

It began with Mark Kline, Assistant Executive Director. It's amazing what a fifteen-minute conversation can do. When all was said and done, Club for Boys magic happened. It shined with our ASBRID training and the power of learning our members' name. At the end of the conversation, Rusty could not remember Mark's name due to lack of cognitive skills, but Mark remembered his. Mark gently pointed this out and after that moment, Mark became one of Rusty's key mentors who has supported him since.

Clay Quinton, Individual and Family Services Director, has also been working with Rusty and his family on how to support him at the Club. Carri Redmond, Club Director, is working with him on job skills and customer service.

Zac Pengra, Facilities Director, is working with him on strategic projects that include following through with responsibilities and understanding that there are reasons for following rules. An educational coach is guiding him on appropriate behavior to succeed in school and make friends. In addition, program staff are key to the success that Rusty is experiencing with friendships, life skills, and support.

It is truly a team that came together for Rusty. "This is an example of our staff working together for this one child," Kline stated.

The Club for Boys may not be the place for everyone, but we try hard to make it the place for every boy to succeed. This is just one example of how dedicated our staff are to fulfilling our mission.

“What we are doing with this member isn't anything special. It is what we do for any boy who comes in our doors.”

—Mark Kline,  
Assistant Executive Director

## 4 wishes

- Hot Wheels Toys
- Magnet Toys
- Candy for Our Halloween Party
- Kinetic Sand



## Thank You for Your Support!

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We are able to do more at The Club for Boys with the support of people like you!

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# Alumni Handprints Information

Many alumni may remember placing their handprints on a wall in the Club, on a piece of cloth to cover a pool table, or on a ceiling panel. As buildings and programs change, sometimes those handprints disappear.

**The Club for Boys Alumni Association is providing a lifetime opportunity** to any member who has walked through our doors to leave their handprint on the outside of the building.

Handprints are \$100 each and can also be purchased by others to honor a former Club member.

**Proceeds benefit The Club for Boys.**



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