

Six Month Impact Statement

Define your non-profits missions/goals?

Our mission is to empower youth, especially those who need us most, to achieve their full potential. The support of North Port Non-Profits United is helping us fulfill our mission on a daily basis. Our Steven and Marjolaine Townsend Campus, home of the Gene Matthews Boys & Girls Club in North Port lost two buildings of classroom space during Hurricane Ian. Therefore, all programs are now operating out of the gymnasium and outdoor spaces. This makes simple things like communicating to all of the groups of members difficult due to how loud the gymnasium gets due to poor acoustics and how difficult it can be for voices to travel outside. The purchase of the new speaker and microphone has made a tremendous improvement on the organization and communicability of the Club. Our staff do not have to overexert their voices as much as and the Club runs much more smoothly now thanks to this simple but effective support.

We have not held any community events during the first six months of this grant.

Indicators or methods used to measure impact?

The Club member demographics for the first six months of this grant are as follows:

- 179 Club members
- 54% Male
- 46% Female
- 91% in households making \$61,000 or less
- 70% make \$42,000 or less
- 53% in single-parent/guardian households

So far, we have not had any community events to raise funds to build a new Club in North Port. Also, we are ahead of schedule on our fundraising efforts as we have reached our goal for the project and do not need to raise any additional funds for capital.

We do have anecdotal evidence though of the impact of the speaker as staff have commented on how much more organized the Club is now that they have the ability to instruct all groups simultaneously. This reduces the strain on staff, improves communication and creates a better learning environment for our members and a better work environment for our staff.