



BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
OF SARASOTA COUNTY

Boys & Girls Clubs of Sarasota County provides educational, developmental and recreational programs to thousands of youth each year at five different Club locations, including the **Gene Matthews Boys & Girls Club** located at 6851 S. Biscayne Dr. in North Port.

Our Mission:

To enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring and responsible citizens.

Empowering youth to achieve their full potential with:

- a safe, secure service location to learn, play and grow;
- trusting relationships with positive youth development professionals and mentors;
- opportunities that they may not otherwise have the chance to experience; and
- life-enhancing programs designed to help them excel in school, become leaders, adopt healthy habits and create plans for success after high school graduation.





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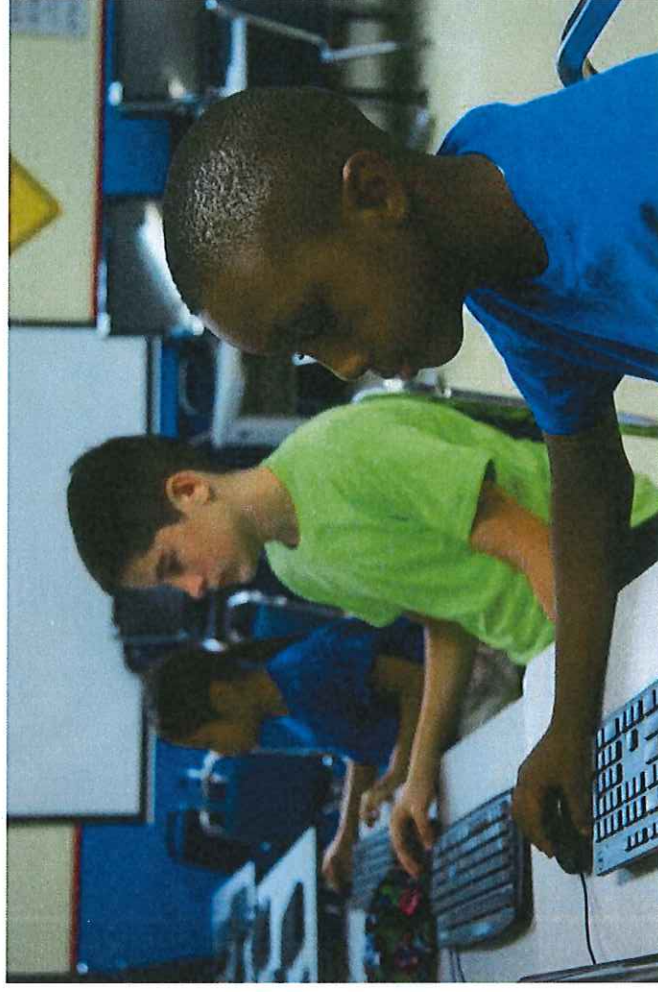
Providing greater opportunities for the **children who need us most** to achieve their full potential at a low, affordable price.

In 2017, the Gene Matthews Boys & Girls Club served more than **830 children**, ages 6-18:

- 43% Male
- 57% Female
- 45% age 9 and younger
- 33% age 10-12
- 22% age 13 and older
- 63% free or reduced-price lunch
- 47% living in poverty

Club Membership Fees:

- A full 2018 **Summer Memberships** (10-weeks) is **\$250**, including a healthy lunch and snacks each day.
- A complete 2018-2019 **School-Year Membership** is **\$100** with an additional **\$50** program service fee due per month to maintain Club membership.





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Enabling youth to **reach their full potential** through award-winning programs.



Character & Leadership Development:

- STAR (Students Taking Active Roles) Leadership Training
- SRQVolunteer
- Days of Service
- Perlman Price Young Entrepreneurs (PYE) Program
- Keystone

Health & Life Skills:

- Healthy Habits
- SMART Families (Prevention Programs)

The Arts:

- Fine Arts
- Digital Arts
- Image Makers (Photography)

Sports, Fitness & Recreation:

- Triple Play
- MLB Play Ball

Education & Career Development:

- Project Learn
- Power Hour
- Community-Specific Reading Programs (Kids READ & Summer Book Challenge)
- Career Launch
- College Tours
- Robert & Patricia Gussin Endowed Scholarship at Duquesne University



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Maximizing our impact through Character & Leadership Development, Education & Career Development, and The Arts.

Gene Matthews Boys & Girls Club Highlights:

- **14** North Port STAR graduates have served as **full-voting members of local and county-wide boards** including City of North Port Beautification & Tree/Scenic Highway Committee; North Port Parks & Recreation Advisory Board; Gene Matthews Boys & Girls Club Advisory Board; Friends of North Port Area Library; North Port Art Center; United Way South Sarasota County, United Way Suncoast, and Superintendent's Student Advisory Council;
- **3** members have received a **four-year, full-ride college scholarship** with the Robert & Patricia Gussin Endowed Scholarship at Duquesne University;
- **6** Club members have **won national awards** in Boys & Girls Clubs of America's Art Competitions;
- 2015 Boys & Girls Clubs of America **National Youth of the Year**;
- 2017 Summer PYE **Business Proposal Winner and 2nd Place Winner**;
- 2017 Fall PYE **Business Proposal 2nd Place Winner**;
- In 2017, **Power Hour and Project Learn** participants showed an:
 - **84%** received above average grades in Reading;
 - **84%** received above average grades in Math;
 - **87%** received above average grades in Science; and
 - **99.7%** obtained on-time grade advancement.
- **6** Teens will attend the **2018 Keystone Leadership Conference** in Atlanta – our Keystone Club has received national recognition at the Keystone Legacy Level, which is the Highest Ranking.





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What's next? Planning for growth, extending our reach to serve more youth and strengthening our commitment to our community's future leaders.

Conducting the Needs Study:

- Where do our current Club members reside?
- Where is our Club currently situated?
- Are we located where the children and families who need us most can easily access us?

Findings & Recommendations:

- Maintaining the Gene Matthews Boys & Girls Club
- Adding a second service facility on the east side of North Port to accommodate the city's growth

Success Stories:

- Local city partnerships
- Newtown Estates Park Boys & Girls Club model
- Partnership with Sarasota County Schools

