

Celebrating 30 Years of Youth Development on the Coastside



Building Bright Futures BGCC Impact Report 2025

Thank You

A Message from the BGCC Executive Director



Your generous support allows us to provide essential programming to all Coastside youth. We are committed to ensuring that every kid on the Coastside has access to safe, effective, and engaging programs that strengthen their abilities in academics, arts, and athletics.

Here, we share the tremendous impact we are making and the central role we play in youth development on the Coastside. We are able to serve the Coastside with your consistent and ongoing support. Thank you for your partnership!

— Mark Newton, BGCC Executive Director

Our Mission

Enable **all** Coastside youth, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, and responsible citizens.

Strategic Priorities

Safety First
Secure Our Future
Strengthen Our Programs
Strengthen Our Organization



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Emeritus status recognizes former BGCC Board Members who have contributed substantially to the organization's well-being and success. These individuals continue to serve as advisors, ambassadors, and contributors to the organization.

Progress



"I love being outdoors instead of being on my phone."



"The Club helps me get my homework done. I have all As because of BGCC!"



1018

Total Members



"Receiving the Junior Youth of the Year award means I am valued for who I am."

I am the leader my younger self always wanted and needed."



30

Community Partners



185

Adult Volunteers



Serving Ages

6-19

KIDS

545

Unique Annual Donors



77

Adult Staff and Coaches



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ANNUAL BUDGET

"I am grateful to BGCC for giving me a safe space as a kid."



No child is ever excluded!
Financial assistance is always available.

Confidence

Student Recognition

Students are honored for academic achievement, leadership, and contributions to others at BGCC.

Youth of the Year



Pictured with Zirlali Huerta

Adriana R.

"The Club is like a second home – a place where I've grown, learned, and built friendships that shaped who I am. It's taught me confidence, teamwork, and leadership, and the power of service and community." – Adriana

Junior Youth of the Year



Pictured with David Aliamus and Sandra Sarabia

T.J. B. and Brian M.

"BGCC has done so much for me. The Club has fueled my love for adventure and exploration through outings and field trips to places I could only dream of going to before." – T.J.

"BGCC helped me learn how to be a great student. They provide a lot of support resources for students, including a quiet place to study and ways to get help when we're stuck on a hard assignment." – Brian



Members of the Month

Students are selected based on attitude, academics, character, and involvement.

Janery B. | Stephen S. | Marina R.
Sergio O. | Monserrat A. | Xander C.
Gustavo G. | Clarissa H.

Enhancing Success

Our middle school **Academic Success Center** empowers students to improve their overall academic performance and develop the skills necessary to be high achievers in everything they do.

82%

of BGCC sixth graders made honor roll in fall 2025!

Broadening Horizons

Students can choose between activities:

- Visits to local businesses and galleries
- Robotics, puzzles, and thinking games
- Makerspace STEM/STEAM lab
- Recreational sports, cooking, arts and crafts

Academic Achievement

- Daily homework time
- Weekly grade checks
- Internet, Chromebooks, printers
- Project supplies at no cost
- Grade-level cohorts
- Consistent, trained, bilingual counselors
- Guest speakers and workshops

Connection

Social-Emotional Wellness

Youth Behavioral Specialist
Full-Time and Onsite

Every afternoon and throughout the summer, students are greeted by Bella Evans, the BGCC full-time **Youth Behavioral Specialist** who knows them by name, listens to their stories, and supports them during tough times.

As young people face growing pressures from school, social media, and changing relationships, our trained staff provide steady guidance and care.

Using trauma-informed practices, we create a safe, trusting environment where students feel noticed, supported, and encouraged to connect and grow.

When confidence is rebuilt,
resilience grows!



- Daily member check-ins
- Trauma-informed approaches
- Staff training

Connecting to Nature

- Junior Naturalist tide pools program
- Overnight camping at Memorial Park
- Field trips to Alcatraz, Presidio Tunnel Tops
- Exploration of local parks, beaches, and farms
- **Partnerships include:** Golden Gate Conservancy, Midpeninsula Regional Open Space, Elkus Ranch, and San Mateo County Parks



Camps for Breaks and Summer

- Affordable all-day childcare for working families
- Kid-approved activities: cooking, gaming, crafts
- Board games and walking field trips
- Sports clinics and field games
- High school Counselor in Training program



Stewardship

Community Impact Awards



Pictured with Jill Jacobson

Betsy del Fierro
Above and Beyond Award

The *Above and Beyond Award* recognizes outstanding leaders who have positively impacted the Club and our community as a whole.



Pictured with Sandra Sarabia and Mark Newton

Barb Nielsen
Open Heart Award

The *Open Heart Award* recognizes a community supporter not often seen, who serves from the heart, while quietly supporting more visible individuals.



Pictured with Kristina Lugo

Christina Baker
Open Heart Award

Field Renovations

BGCC and Cabrillo Unified School District (CUSD) partnered to replace the turf and make upgrades to improve the safety of these well-used fields and ensure their continued availability to the entire Coastside community. BGCC funds used for these renovations were provided by donors specifically for this project.



Cunha Soccer Complex (173,460 SF)

- Replaced soccer field and cage turf
- Expanded training areas on the north and south ends of the field
- Striped fields (soccer) and placed markings (flag football)



High School Baseball Field (120,000 SF)

- Replaced baseball field turf
- Resurfaced bullpens and batting cages
- Rebuilt pitcher's mound

"BGCC is an essential partner of CUSD in providing not only world-class facilities, but critical and effective out-of-school programming for all Coastside kids and families."

— Dr. Ramon Miramontes, CUSD Superintendent

Leadership Transitions

Mark Newton *Executive Director*

In May 2025, the BGCC Board of Directors selected Mark Newton as the next Executive Director. Throughout his personal and professional life, Mark has been deeply involved in developing youth programs and supporting the nonprofit community, attributes that were paramount in BGCC's search for a new leader.

An experienced leader in arts, athletics, education, and nonprofit management — and a former classroom teacher, coach, theater director, and administrator — Mark will help BGCC expand our impact, strengthen partnerships, and create more opportunities for the youth and families we serve. His passion and leadership come at an ideal time as we continue empowering the next generation.



Jill Jacobson *Strategic Advisor/Outgoing Executive Director*

As Jill Jacobson transitions to her role as Strategic Advisor, BGCC wants to recognize some of her many accomplishments as Executive Director:

- Locating a permanent home for the Club in the center of town
- Strengthening the financial position of the organization through strong partnerships with donors, foundations, and community partners
- Crafting and implementing an actionable Strategic Plan
- Adopting the Cunha after-school sports program into BGCC and shaping it into a thriving offering for hundreds of youth
- Modeling trauma-informed support for youth during and after the pandemic



Sandra Sarabia *Program Director*

Over the last 11 years, Sandra Sarabia has built relationships and helped develop, implement, and evaluate programs, so all our Members can have bright futures.

From a Club Kid chasing dreams to the Program Director now shaping them — she knows firsthand what opportunity can do. She is here to create programs that give our youth exposure, access, and a real chance to engage — all in a positive, caring environment where they feel seen, supported, and inspired to grow.

Opportunity

Management and Partnership in Sports and STEM

BGCC helps administer HMB Soccer Club, Coastside Basketball, and HMB Robotics, and partners with HMB Golf Links and La Petite Baleen to provide countless opportunities for Coastside kids.



"Our partnership with BGCC has helped us introduce thousands of Coastside kids to competitive soccer."

— Dan McMillan, President, HMB Soccer Club



"BGCC has enabled us to allow every kid on the coast, regardless of their financial situation, access to high-level youth basketball."

— John William Parsons, Founder, Coastside Basketball



BGCC Robotics Programs



FIRST® LEGO® League
Elementary



Coastside Circuits
Middle School



Pumpkin Bots
High School

*"As the **Half Moon Bay Robotics** programs expand across grade levels, more students are gaining access to STEM and developing the creativity and confidence to innovate."*

— Jennifer Dill, Founding Mentor

Elementary Expansion

"Your incredible staff makes my kids feel safe, welcome, and comfortable. Thank you for opening your hearts to them and treating everyone equally. I highly recommend this place to everyone. Thank you for providing such a great opportunity for these kids."

— BGCC Parent



New Elementary Offerings

After-school programming now extends to grade 4 and provides tutoring, arts, sports, and healthy snacks.

Introduction to Robotics offers access to STEM experiences for elementary kids.

Low-cost camps support working families during February, April, and November school breaks (grades 1-6), and through most of the summer (grades 1-12).

Enrichment programming engages kids at Hatch Elementary in after-school wellness activities.



"If you are looking for an open, loving place for your kid to go after school, then this is the right place for you."

— BGCC Club Member (grade 5)

Keystone

BGCC~Cunha Athletics

When CUSD budget cuts threatened the middle school athletic program, BGCC stepped up to fund and run the BGCC-Cunha After-School Athletics program.



550 kids • 33 teams • 8 sports

- Basketball
- Soccer
- Volleyball
- Cross Country
- Tennis
- Wrestling
- Flag Football
- Track & Field



Cross Country



Flag Football



Volleyball

Essential to Our Community

In addition to our management of BGCC-Cunha Athletics, we help build and maintain facilities which provide opportunities to over 5000 people a year!

"BGCC introduced me to a lot of sports. I got to try flag football, volleyball, golf, tennis, and track. They always made sure I had the equipment I needed, and great coaches."

— BGCC Club Member

Building and Managing Local Facilities

BGCC partners with CUSD and the City of HMB, to create and steward first-class facilities — giving everyone in our community vibrant local spaces to compete, connect, and thrive.



BGCC Clubhouse



CUSD/BGCC Event Center



Cunha Soccer Complex



Community HUB



Cunha Tennis Courts



HMBHS Baseball/Softball Fields



Half Moon Bay Skate Park



Roller Hockey Rink at HMBHS

Careers, College, and Connections

Our **Teen Center** offers a safe place for teens to experience connection and benefit from support and resources wherever their path may lead after graduation.

College preparedness

- Tutoring to improve grades and support for major projects
- Assistance with course selection to ensure college enrollment requirements are met
- Workshops to demystify the college application process
- College essay and financial aid workshops
- Tours of local colleges



College of San Mateo (CSM) Tour

Workforce readiness

- Exploratory trips to the CSM fire academy, cadaver lab, and planetarium
- Career workshops for résumé writing and LinkedIn
- Opportunities for job training and experience
- Bob Senz Vocational Scholarship



Bob Senz, BGCC Founder



"I am grateful to BGCC for giving me a safe space as a kid and helping me grow personally and professionally."

— Carmen R., Program Staff Counselor, former Club Member

Counselors in Training (CIT)

High school students volunteer to mentor younger kids and gain valuable training and work experience.



Counselors in Training (CIT)

"We came to camp when we were younger, and we loved it so much. So, we decided to volunteer to help with the littler kids."

— Jessica S. and Stephany S. (CITs 2025)

Mentorship

Leadership Staff



Mark Newton
Executive Director



Sandra Sarabia
Program Director



David Aliamus
Operations Director



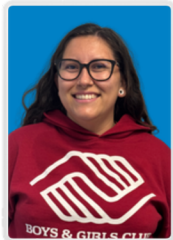
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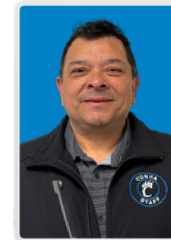
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Development Director



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Athletic Director

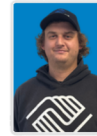
Program Staff

Our bilingual **Youth Development Professionals** (YDPs) draw on their own experience as former Club participants and local college students to foster strong relationships that support, engage, and inspire students.

Bilingual **Dedicated**
Relatable **Caring**
Trusted Connections



Mia Abundis



David Billington



Cynthia Hernandez



Lisardo Huerta



Iggy Lira



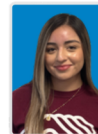
Sierra Lopez



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Program Volunteers **185+**

Volunteers from our local community support BGCC. They share their passions with youth in robotics, gardening, reading, algebra, ultimate frisbee, and more. We count on their wise counsel as they provide leadership and governance in finance, fund development, and safety.

Specialty Staff

Jill Jacobson
Strategic Advisor

Greg Jacobson
MyClubHub

Birgitta Istock
Communications

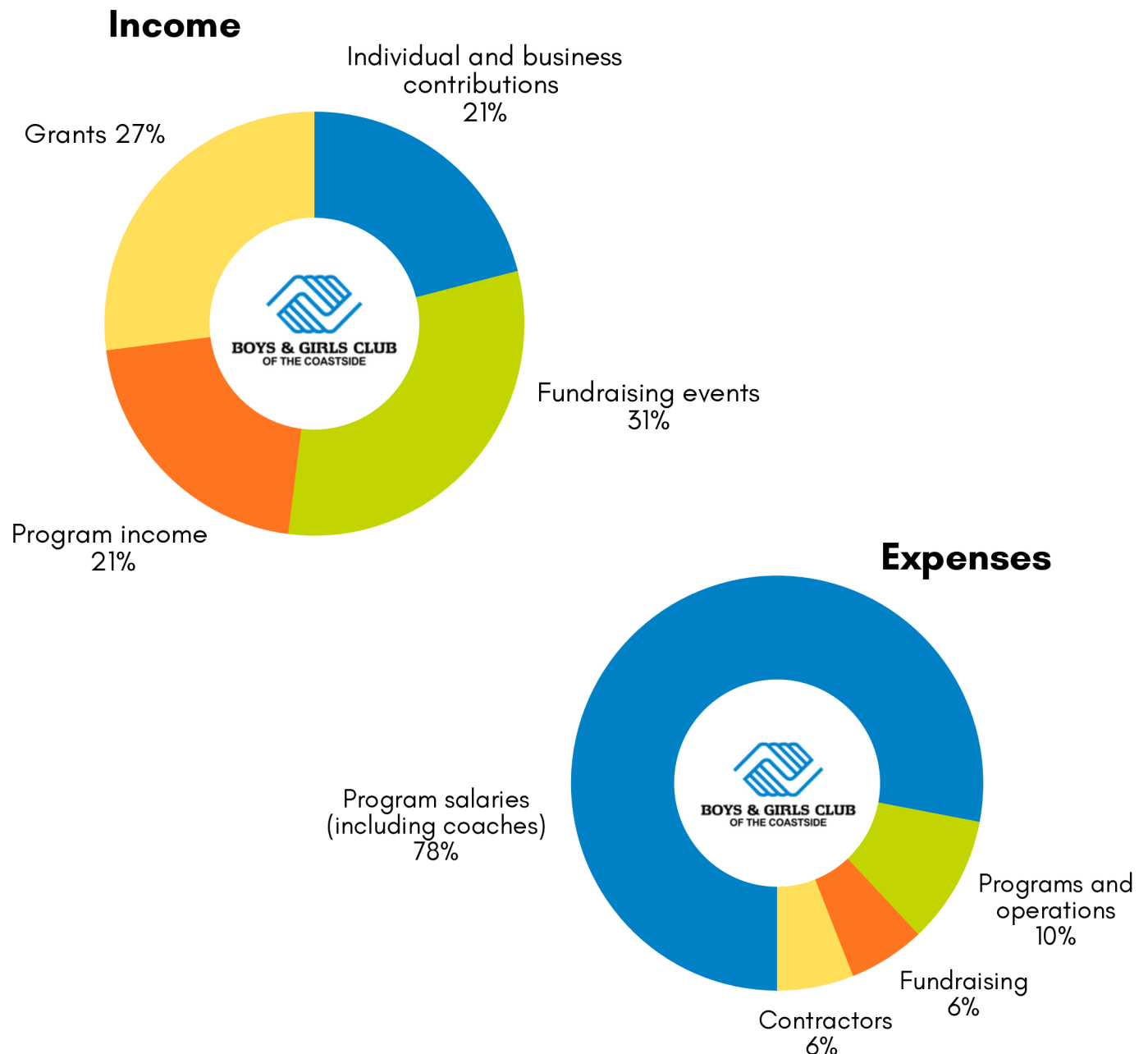
Maria King
Grants

Responsibility

Financials

Every BGCC program is funded by donor support.

Your dollars, goods, and services keep us running with an annual budget of \$1.7 million.



Figures represent data for January 2025 to December 2025. For audited financials and our latest tax filings, please go to <https://bgccoastside.org/annual-financial-reports/>.

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Strategic Partners

BGCC is grateful to these organizations and others for their partnership, which enables us to deliver high-quality programs for Coastside youth.



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Gratitude



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By including BGCC in your
estate plans, you help assure
the Club's mission will continue
to serve future generations —
just as our founders envisioned.



★ Thank you!

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who donate time,
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throughout the year!



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- Sponsor an event.
- Apply for employer-matching gifts.
- Donate stock or a car.
- Add BGCC to your estate plan.
- Volunteer with the kids.



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