

Annual Report 2018-19



Boys & Girls Clubs
of Greater Halifax



Our Mission

The mission of all Boys and Girls Clubs in Canada is to provide a safe, supportive place where children and youth can experience new opportunities, overcome barriers, build positive relationships, and develop confidence and skills for life. The Boys and Girls Club is where every kid is a kid of privilege.

Our charity serves children and youth at the following club sites: Cole Harbour, Dartmouth North, East Dartmouth, Humber Park Elementary, Sackville, and Spryfield. These sites boast a combined total of more than 100 years of service. In our community we provide a diverse and dynamic range of services including breakfast, after school, summer camp, education, leadership, and youth drop-in programs.

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Who We Serve

Lariah Jordan,

Former club kid and now a Leader at our East Dartmouth site

"I grew up in this area, so I know all the kids. Many come from low-income backgrounds, so if people are struggling, they can send their kids here. It keeps them out of trouble. I love it here. All the things I loved about it when I was a kid, I get to do here again for the kids. It feels like you're helping. A kid may have had a bad day, all day, at school, and then they come here, you can listen to them, talk to them, and put their mind at ease."



Scott Trenholm,

Spryfield site member & Raise the Grade participant

"I learn a lot about leadership here. They teach me about a good work ethic, about getting my homework done on time. Usually with parents it's 'Do your homework!' so sometimes it feels better to hear about needing to do your homework from someone you haven't lived with your whole life."

Bruna Al Frenn,

Cole Harbour site member

"Kids need to have fun. Our leaders teach us that it's important to share things, and really important to have fun. To treat each other the way you would like to be treated. And that if someone's hurt, you should help them. I want to be an astro-physicist, because I really like science."



Milan Saunders,

Humber Park Elementary after school program

"I want to be a basketball player, and at the club I get to be on different teams in different activities, so it teaches me what it's like to be on a team. I like meeting new people who go to different schools; at the Boys and Girls Club you get to hang out with them."

Facts and Stats, Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Halifax

2018-2019 by the numbers

1 CLUB 6 sites

4155

**children &
youth participating in
programs and services**

83,000

breakfasts

506

**kids enrolled in early
morning and after school
programs**

482

**Kids enrolled in
summer camps**



Cole Harbour Club Manager Trina Elliott received a Bhayana Family Foundation Award for her extraordinary contributions to our club and the community! Congrats, Trina!



Bruna from our Cole Harbour site at our *Breakfast with Boys and Girls Clubs* fundraiser in March: "We are the future, and we hope we meet your expectations."



Our East Dartmouth kids welcomed the Premier for a tour!



Kid Food Nation in Spryfield where Faneet and the kids cooked for their families!



Hanging out with hockey idol Hayley Wickenheiser and her gold medal!



The crew from ADT Canada, volunteering in our breakfast program.



Floor Hockey Action at Humber Park Elementary's after school program!



Our Dartmouth North kids on the CTV Morning Live show with host Cyril Lunney!



The women's team from Mount St. Vincent University led our club kids in basketball drills.

CEO's Report

To everyone who supports our programs for children and youth, thank you for making 2018-19 a terrific year for our organization! To our club families, and to our club kids, thank you so much for choosing our programs and for participating in the Boys and Girls Clubs movement. Thank you for granting us this privilege of working for you.

I want to acknowledge and thank our program staff for the collective role they play in nurturing and inspiring the talent, imagination, and energy that our club kids possess. Our program team in our Cole Harbour, Dartmouth North, East Dartmouth, Humber Park Elementary, Sackville, and Spryfield club sites is the spine of our operation. Our club kids look to you as role models, guides, listeners, problem solvers, and leaders. Thank you for your devotion to our kids and dedication to our mission, and for your professionalism.

Last year our programs served more than 4,000 participants - children and youth involved in our various programs across all of our sites. We served nearly 83,000 breakfasts to 600 students in seven Dartmouth-area schools. Several hundred club kids learned about leadership, teamwork, music, healthy eating, and active play in our after school programs. Hundreds more experienced daily adventures and trips to beaches, lakes, museums, and art galleries in our summer camp program.

"Kid Food Nation," a program enabling kids to learn about and use high-end kitchen equipment to make healthy meals, came to our Spryfield site. "Dunk for Diabetes," a basketball skills and nutrition program, returned to our Dartmouth and Sackville sites. Our Cole Harbour team facilitated our Global Tours program, which supports children making the transition of entering junior high or high schools in new communities. In partnership with Canadian Tire Jump Start and the "Fast and Female" program, we hosted a first-ever summer day camp for girls to learn about different sports.

It's a strategic goal of ours to increase our service to youth 13 years of age and older. Many of our club kids "age out" of summer camp or after school programs when they're 12; we hope to keep our kids in the club when they hit their teens. In support of this goal, last year we increased the number of youth drop-in program hours in our Dartmouth North, East Dartmouth, and Sackville sites, so we could provide more time and space for youth to come and have a supportive, friendly, and safe environment to be themselves.

Our club kids introduced themselves to the community as civic leaders in new and exciting ways: encouraging people to unplug from devices and phones during our inaugural "Unplug to Connect" day of awareness; on another day, our kids greeted rush-hour commuters at the Dartmouth Ferry Terminal with kindness and flowers in our #BGCFlowers event.

We thank all of those corporate supporters who helped us reach new heights in our "Breakfast with Boys and Girls Clubs" event at NSCC's Akerley Campus: more than \$25,000 raised in support of our programs.

As we begin the 2019-20 year, it remains a key priority for us to continue to tell the story of our work and of our kids, so we may continue to generate the funds needed to maintain and grow our programs and to keep them affordable and accessible to our club families. Thank you to each of you who made a donation or an investment of time in support of our kids.

I would like to thank our volunteer Directors of the Board and Board Chair Amy Bragg for their time, talent, and wisdom! To our community partners such as the Government of Nova Scotia, the Government of Canada, and the United Way, thank you for your help and leadership.

Most of all, thank you to our children and youth for serving as excellent ambassadors for our programs and as community leaders. Over the past year, I met many of you and asked you to share your story and experience of being a club kid. Thank you so much for your generosity and willingness to share your story with me, and with our donors, friends, partners, supporters, and social media networks. You are why we are here.

Thank you,



Henk van Leeuwen

CEO, Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Halifax

Board Chair's Report

Another year is in the books for the Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Halifax Board of Directors, and it has been a year filled with challenges and successes on all fronts. Henk and his team have done an excellent job of creating safe and happy space for the children, youth and families in our communities. The Board has done our best to support the amazing work being done.

This year has seen us through a peer review, many policy updates, some funding challenges and so much more that really isn't very exciting to write about. What stands out, though is that through every challenge and success we work with, the kids, the volunteers and the staff shine.

Henk will undoubtedly share a lot of information about the club kids and program activities from the past year, and we will, of course celebrate our award recipients here at the AGM. I would like to take a minute to talk about the staff. We began most Board meetings this year with a presentation from a club staff member to share with the Board, all of the work that is being done. We asked for this, as a Board, so that we could be better informed about our programs, so we could meet our staff and so we would be even more inspired to do the work that we do. I have to say that the entire Board has been impressed with every member of the team that came to share with us. The work that our staff members do every day truly is changing lives. It is our privilege, as a Board to support that process. We want to celebrate you, the staff for how amazing you are!

The Boys and Girls Club of Greater Halifax is an organization that creates safe and happy spaces and places for the kids to grow, learn and play, and I believe this year has been a successful one to that end. We cannot accomplish any of this work without our many community, government, corporate and individual supporters. Thank you to all of those – funders, volunteers, staff, parents, community partners and kids who have supported us this year!

With Warmest Regards,

Amy Bragg – Board Chair



Treasurer's Report

The Boys & Girls Club of Greater Halifax financial statements for the year ending March 31, 2019 have been audited by the public accounting firm of G & R Professional Accountants.

The following is a brief summary of this year's financial activity.

The audited financial statements shows the following:

<u>Year ending March 31</u>	<u>2019</u>
General Fund Operations Revenue of	2,384,871
General Fund Operations Expenses of	2,540,451
Resulting in a surplus (deficit) of	(155,580)

In Addition to the General Fund

The General Fund had net assets (assets less liabilities) of	237,356
The Capital Fund had net assets of	235,320
The East Dartmouth Community Centre Fund had net assets of	21,983
The Memorial Funds had net assets of	2,699

In Summary for all funds: General fund (Operational), EDCC Building Fund and Boys and Girls Capital Funds:

Total Revenue and Contributions	2,397,711
Total Expenses	2,614,322
Resulting in a Surplus (Deficit) of	(216,611)



"No matter where we come from, we can still conquer and accomplish what we set out to do. Just because you're from a working class background doesn't mean you can't do something as good as someone else. The Boys and Girls Club is going to help you no matter what. They're going to do it. It's like another home. I can come here and talk to staff. Even though I'm younger, they don't look at me like I'm less than them."

-Asiah Sparks, East Dartmouth site

"You're learning new skills. The Boys and Girls Club helps a lot of parents do their jobs calmly, because they know their kids are safe. My Dad also says the Club is helpful because I'm meeting kids from other elementary schools, so when you move to junior high school from elementary school, you'll know kids from other schools."

-Owen McDougall, Cole Harbour site member



"We feel we have input and contribute ideas. We feel we're listened to and heard, we really like that. The club is always striving to improve. It's a safe space. It's safe emotionally. Kids come here, they can be themselves. Sometimes I'll say to Naomi, 'do you want to try something different, a different kind of program or activity?' She always says 'no. I'm staying at the club.'"

-Jennifer Guitard (her daughter Naomi attends our Dartmouth North site)

"I like having lots of activities, and that it's not the same activity each day. I did Kid Food Nation, and I liked making pizza and French toast. It's a good skill to have, and when I grow up, I want to be a chef. I learn a lot about different people, how they behave, how they act, and how not to go overboard and make them mad. I learn to respect them and their differences."

-Émile Chiasson, Sackville site



THANK YOU

To all of the children and youth for joining our club and joining our programs, and to your families who trust us to deliver our services with care and professionalism.

To our volunteer Directors of the Board, for your time, talent, support, guidance, and governance. We thank *all* of our volunteers who help us with our mission, and in the delivery of our programs. We cannot provide our programs and services without you. To our incredibly dedicated and professional staff. You are the ones changing lives, every day.

To our program partners – such as the Government of Canada, the Nova Scotia Department of Community Services, the Nova Scotia Department of Education and Early Childhood Development, the Halifax Regional Centre for Education, NSCC, Canadian Tire Jump Start, and the United Way.

To the amazing facilities that host our programs, staff, and kids in our multiple locations across Greater Halifax.

To the Boys and Girls Club of Canada, for its advocacy and tireless work in championing our programs, engaging Canadians, and securing resources to fund our services. To our many donors, supporters and sponsors, including the Sobey Foundation, the Windsor Foundation, the Telus Foundation, Westjet, the Aquaduct Foundation, the Halifax Youth Foundation, RBC, and Scotiabank.

To businesses, organizations, and service clubs who initiated or hosted their own fundraising campaigns or events for us, such as the Kin Club of Halifax, the Kinsmen Club of Dartmouth, the Spryfield Lions Club, the Rotary Club of Dartmouth, and the Rotary Club of Halifax Northwest.

To all of our neighbourhood Members of Parliament, Members of the Nova Scotia Legislative Assembly, and City of Halifax Councillors who all help us in so many different ways. Thank you Andy Fillmore, Darren Fisher, Darrell Samson, Claudia Chender, Brendan Maguire, Susan Leblanc, Tim Halman, Tony Ince, Bill Karsten, Steve Craig, Lisa Blackburn, Lorelei Nicoll, Sam Austin, Shawn Cleary, Steve Adams, Tony Mancini and Mayor Mike Savage.

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Cole Harbour – 50 Ritcey Crescent

Dartmouth North – 60 Farrell Street

East Dartmouth – 50 Caledonia Road

Humber Park - 5 Smallwood Ave (After School program only)

Sackville – 45 Connolly Road

Spryfield- 11 Aldergrove Drive



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