

*The **Positive** Place For Kids*



BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
of Buffalo

2006 ANNUAL REPORT



MEETING THE CHALLENGE...

Dear Friends,

Every year, Boys & Girls Clubs of Buffalo (BGCB) faces the awesome challenge of providing not only a safe place for youth to play, but also helping them learn the skills they will need to thrive as adults. Each year the task becomes more and more difficult as fiscal resources become more strained and the community's needs continue to grow.

Over the course of 2006, we rose to the challenge and moved forward as we continued to develop relationships, opened new sites and helped thousands of Western New York's neediest youth grow and succeed.

While we can not deny that the struggle has proven to be quite the adversary, we also cannot deny that the support of the community and the tenacity of the staff has allowed our agency to continue to provide quality programs and service.

In 2006 we opened two new sites: Elmwood Village Charter School and Community Charter School. Our membership increased at a rate of almost 5% from last year, which translates to over 9,000 young people benefiting from our services. Teen programming increased dramatically, allowing us to send young leaders to the Boys & Girls Clubs of America Keystone Conference where they will hone their leadership skills.

In addition to the triumphs we experienced in the program department, we also had tremendous fundraising success. Veteran Board Members Greg Dearlove & Mike Burns took on the challenge of **One Campaign**. With their commitment and hard work from our entire Board, we nearly doubled the amount of money that was brought in through this same campaign last year. Additionally, our annual Legacy event exceeded all expectations under the direction of new Board Member, Kenneth Sodaro.

One of the key components in providing the programs and services we offer is our partnership with other businesses and agencies. We recognize that every organization has limitations and resources, in knowing this, we have been able to target other businesses and agencies to assist our youth and their families in their struggle to grow beyond their circumstances and reach further than they had ever imagined.

Growth is a sign of persistence, life, and success. We are very much alive here at Boys & Girls Clubs of Buffalo, thriving off the continuous dedication of people like you. Dedicated supporters who know that caring for today's youth is the most important thing we can do for the future of our communities.

We hope that in reviewing this program you will enjoy reading about the success of Boys & Girls Clubs of Buffalo and know that your continued support and dedication was essential in making it happen.

Sincerely,



Michael P. Beecher Jr.
Chief Volunteer Officer



Diane L. Rowe
Chief Professional Officer

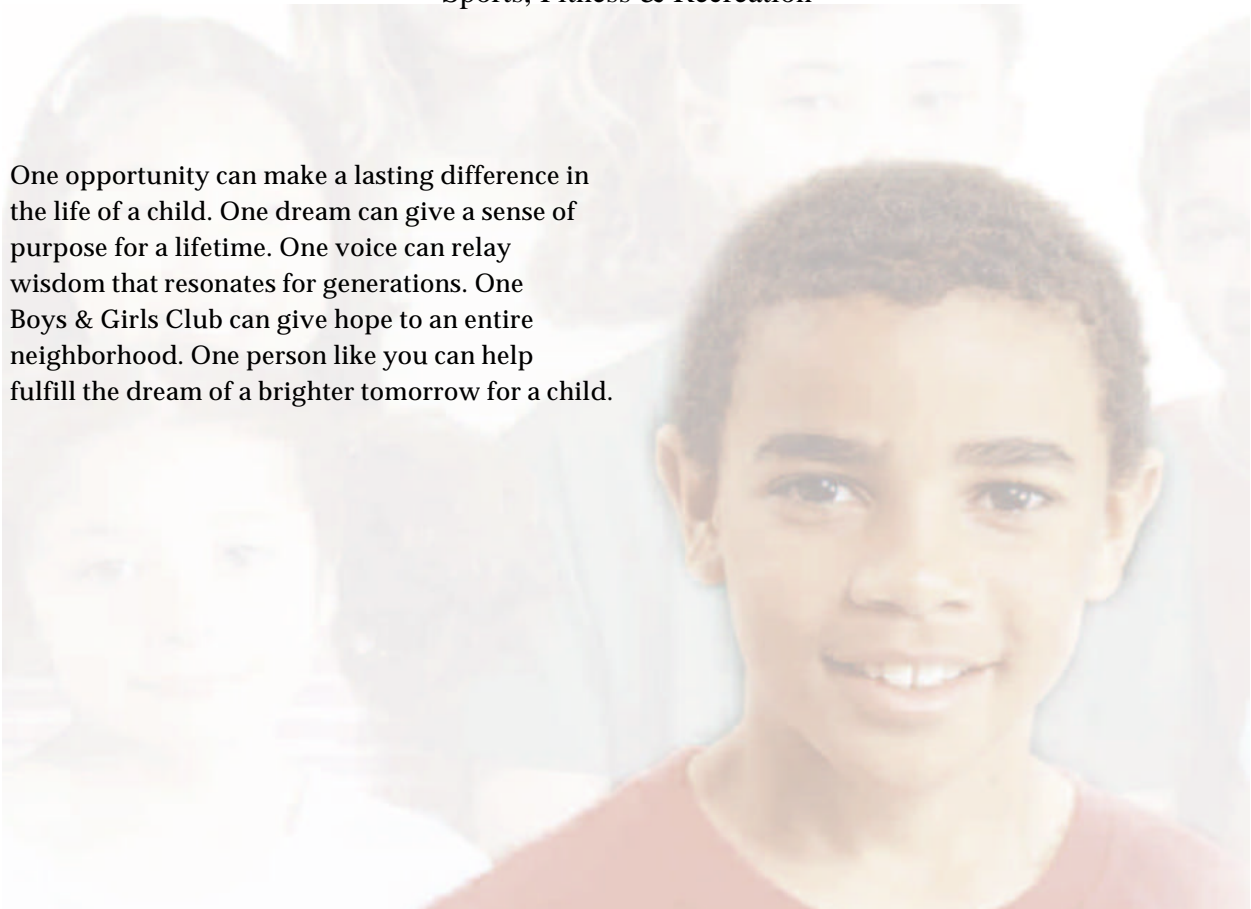
THE PROGRAM

Our Mission is to provide appropriate and diversified programs and activities that serve to attract and hold area youth to the Clubhouse. We provide environments that teach children the skills needed to build positive lives, attitudes and behaviors.

Boys & Girls Clubs of Buffalo's programs are developed around our five core areas which engage young people in activities with adults, peers and family members that enable them to develop self-esteem and to reach their full potential. Recognizing developmental principles, the Core Programs are based on physical, emotional, cultural and social needs and interests of girls and boys.

FIVE CORE AREAS

Education & Career Development
Character & Leadership
Health & Life-Skills
The Arts
Sports, Fitness & Recreation



One opportunity can make a lasting difference in the life of a child. One dream can give a sense of purpose for a lifetime. One voice can relay wisdom that resonates for generations. One Boys & Girls Club can give hope to an entire neighborhood. One person like you can help fulfill the dream of a brighter tomorrow for a child.

We look to constantly build on these core programs by addressing the needs of the community and demands of the time. Here is but a glimpse of what occurred in 2006...

EDUCATION & CAREER DEVELOPMENT

Education & Career Development programs enable youth to become proficient in basic educational disciplines, apply learning to everyday situations and embrace technology to achieve success in a career.

Program Highlights

Lights on After-School

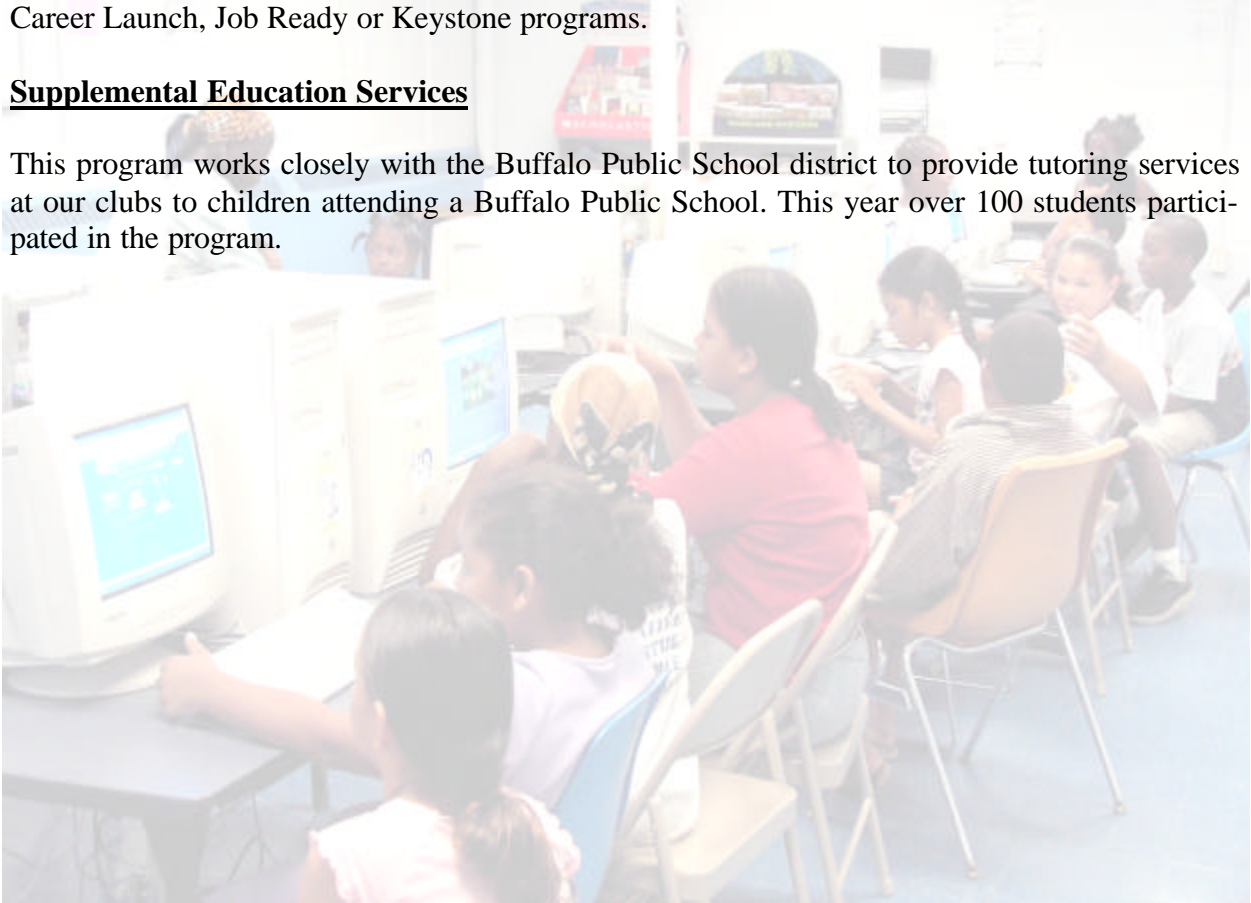
On October 11, 2005 the Babcock Clubhouse hosted Lights on After-school, a one-day event set aside during the year to recognize the importance of after-school programs. On this day, members showed parents, elected officials and the community that our programs are important and we need their support to keep our after-school programs going strong.

Camp Old Navy Program

Teen members participated in the Camp Old Navy program. This opportunity supports career exploration, and members gained valuable experience inside a professional work environment. Club members will experience behind the scenes processes and hands-on training in retail management, sales and merchandising. This was a great opportunity for members that participate in Career Launch, Job Ready or Keystone programs.

Supplemental Education Services

This program works closely with the Buffalo Public School district to provide tutoring services at our clubs to children attending a Buffalo Public School. This year over 100 students participated in the program.



CHARACTER & LEADERSHIP

Character & Leadership Development programs empowers youth to support and influence their Club and community, sustain meaningful relationships with others, develop a positive self-image, participate in the democratic process and respect their own and other's cultural identities.

Program Highlights

Advocacy Day

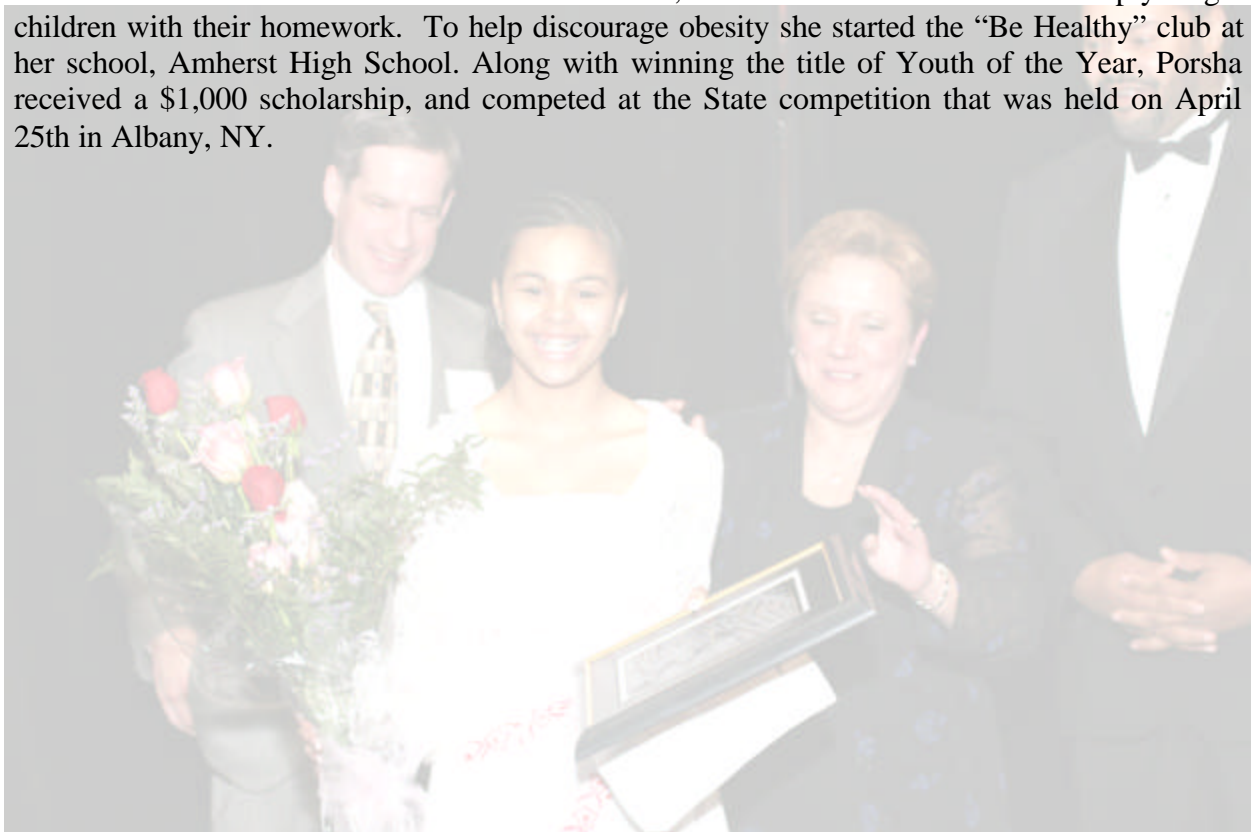
On February 28, 2006, members participated in Advocacy Day in partnership with Coalition for After-School Funding. Over 40 members traveled to Albany, NY to voice their support to State Legislators on the need for after-school programs.

John F. Beecher Community Garden

With the assistance of about 40 workers from Wal-Mart, members volunteered their time to work in the community garden, paint areas inside the Club and clean up the surrounding area. Wal-Mart once again demonstrates itself to be a community supporter.

2006 Youth of the Year

Porsha Cooper, age 14, was selected as the 2006 Youth of the Year for Boys & Girls Clubs of Buffalo. As a member of the Amherst Satellite Site, Porsha volunteers her time to help younger children with their homework. To help discourage obesity she started the "Be Healthy" club at her school, Amherst High School. Along with winning the title of Youth of the Year, Porsha received a \$1,000 scholarship, and competed at the State competition that was held on April 25th in Albany, NY.



HEALTH & LIFE-SKILLS

Health & Life-Skills programming develops young people's capacity to engage in positive behaviors that nurture their well-being, help them to set personal goals, and develop the competencies to live successfully as self-sufficient adults.

Program Highlights

National Family Week

BGCA celebrated National Family Week from November 19 – 25th. They conducted an essay contest by looking for youth to share their impressions about their family. Many members expressed "What My Family Means to Me." As we all know, as an agency BGCB encourages our members to take part in family pride. This was an opportunity that all members at all club-houses will be participated in.

Cavity Free Zone

In Partnership with the Community Health Foundation, we provided free Dental Services to over a hundred members. Prevention Specialists work closely with members and their families without dental insurances to provide them with free dental check ups and assistance. In addition, members participate in our Crest Cavity Free Zone program, where they are taught the importance of brushing their teeth.

Kids Café

Through the Kids Café program, over 200,000 youth were provided a well-balanced nutritious meal. Members that participate in the program gain knowledge in the area of nutrition, social skills, etiquette, manners, patience and improvement in their communication, writing and math skills.



THE ARTS

Programming in the Arts, enables youth to develop their creativity and cultural awareness through knowledge and appreciation of visual and tactile arts and crafts, performing arts and creative writing.

Program Highlights

Nights at the Theater

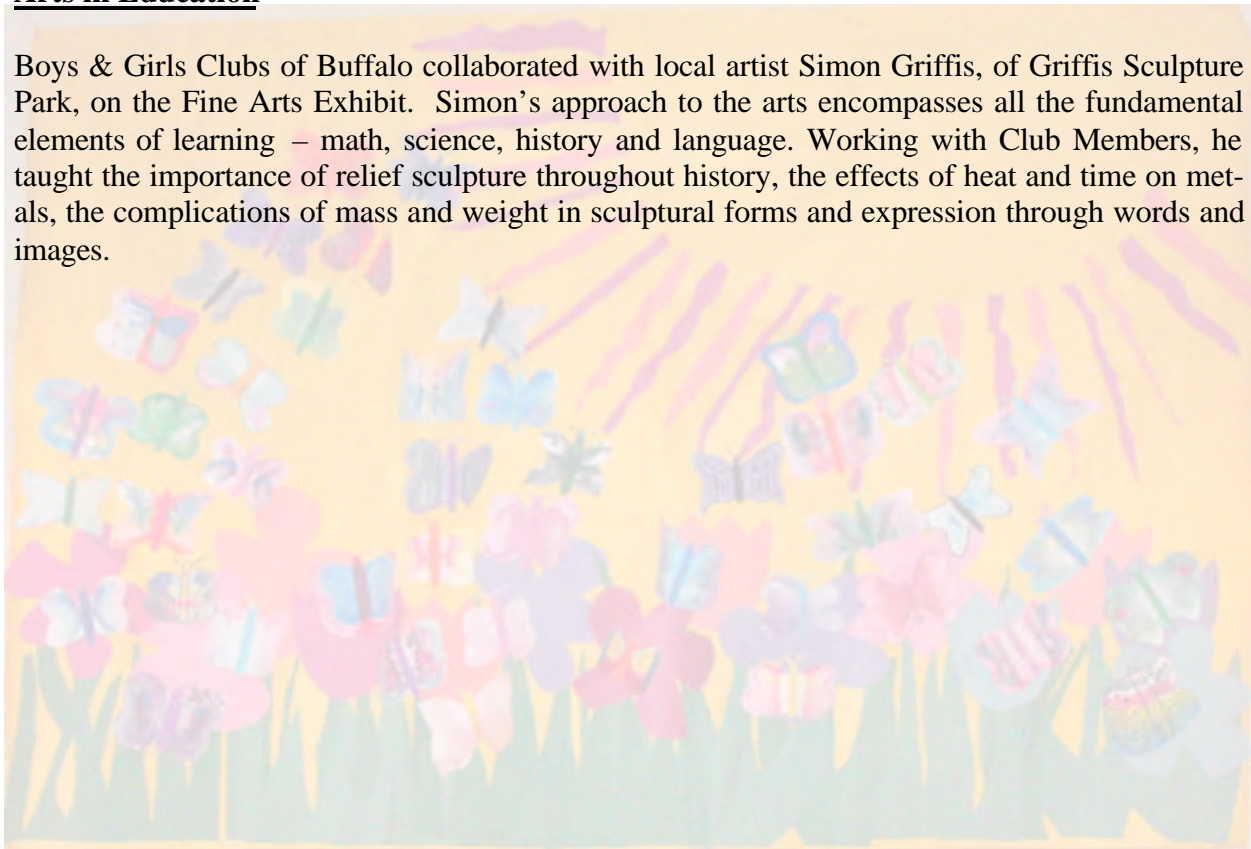
On June 9, 2006, members attended the production of Annie at the Shea's Performing Arts Theater. The night began with the wonderful upbeat and attention-getting performance of Annie, ending with the young cast members visiting and signing autographs for the staff and members who attended the event. They also attended many other plays throughout the year.

African Dance & Drum Program

Each week members participate in African drumming and dance, which has been an essential part of many cultures as a means to create group unity, celebrate life, and many other purposes. Members have the opportunity to customize hands-on drumming and create dances.

Arts in Education

Boys & Girls Clubs of Buffalo collaborated with local artist Simon Griffis, of Griffis Sculpture Park, on the Fine Arts Exhibit. Simon's approach to the arts encompasses all the fundamental elements of learning – math, science, history and language. Working with Club Members, he taught the importance of relief sculpture throughout history, the effects of heat and time on metals, the complications of mass and weight in sculptural forms and expression through words and images.



SPORTS, FITNESS & RECREATION

Sports, fitness & recreation programs enables young people to develop fitness, positive use of leisure time, skills for stress management, appreciation for the environment, social and interpersonal skills.

Program Highlights

Boys & Girls Clubs of Buffalo Ice Rink

The Home Depot, KaBooM! and Boys & Girls Clubs of Buffalo joined together and built the first, state-of-the-art KaBoom! ice rink in the U.S., at the John F. Beecher Clubhouse in Buffalo. In a show of true community spirit, more than 150 volunteers transformed an old basketball court into a 42'x82' outdoor hockey rink for the children and athletes of the Westside community. In addition to the rink, volunteers revitalized the space with several "play enhancement" amenities, such as player benches, cubbies, and a storage shed.

Verb – Yellow Ball Event

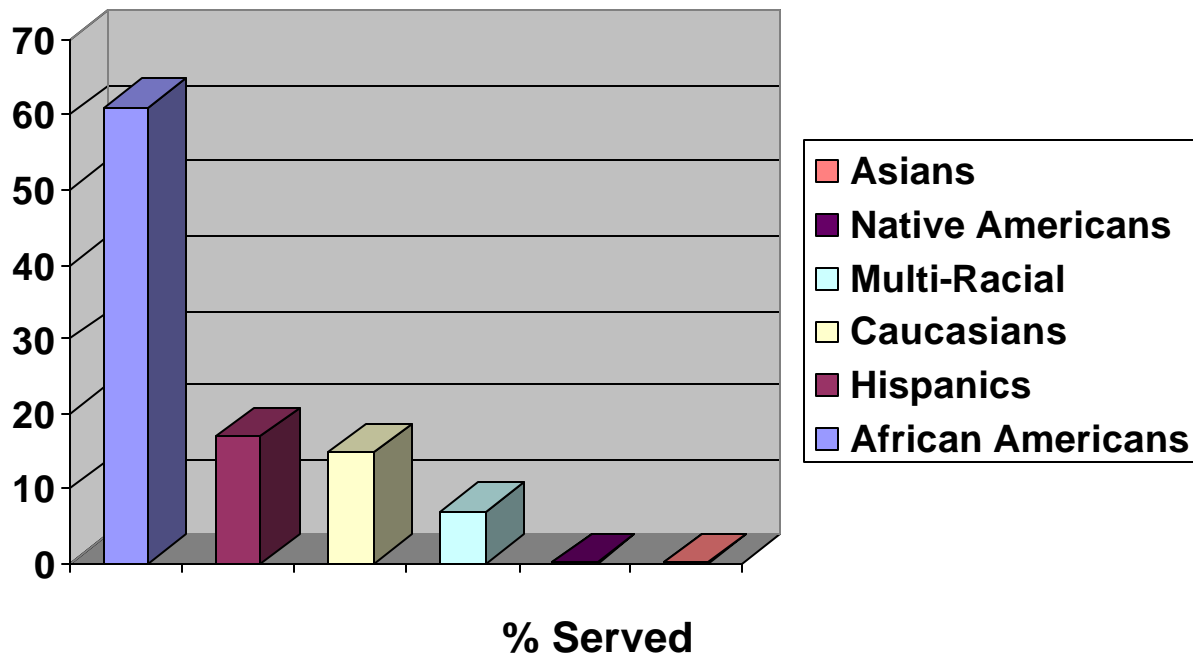
Over 200 members participated in this event during the summer. The VERB is a program for the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) that promotes physical activity in kids nationwide. Kids received a yellow "kickball" that they must pass along to other kids their age. This program is to get kids to "pass play" among themselves, ultimately getting them physically active and off the couch!

Buffalo Bills

A Junior Training Camp football clinic was hosted at our Masten Clubhouse to nearly 150 members. The members had a fantastic time slamming through the dummies and landing on the mats. They also really enjoyed learning cheers and routines from the Buffalo Bills.



POPULATION SERVED

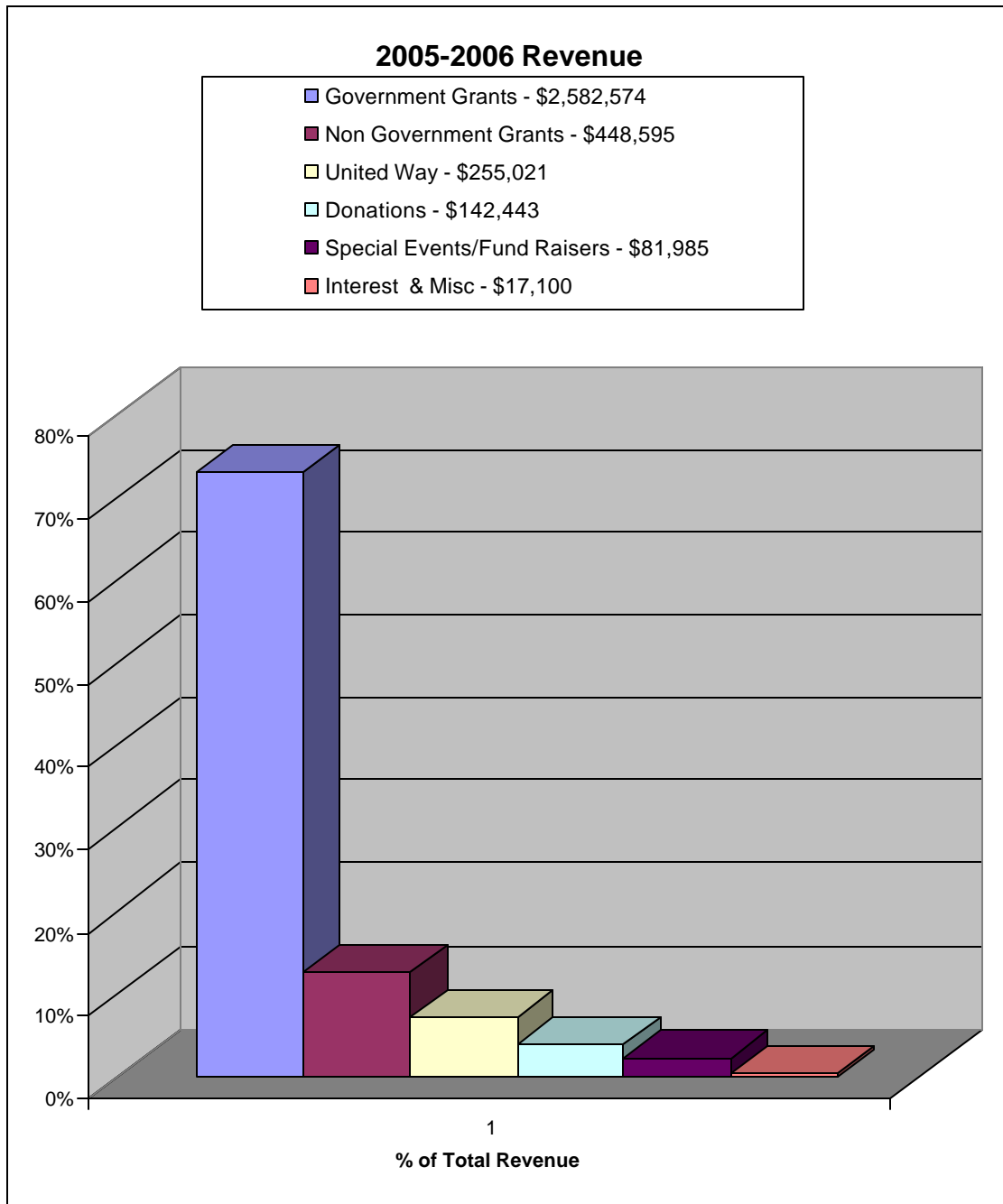


Additional Statistics on Population Served

- Youth between the ages of 6 and 18 regardless of race, religion, and culture
- 58% are males and 42% are females
- 75% of these youth come from single head of household families (mother only)
- 45% have three or more siblings
- 85% are classified as "at-risk youth"
- Total youth served in 2006 was 9,266
 - 8,737 registered members
 - 529 other youth served

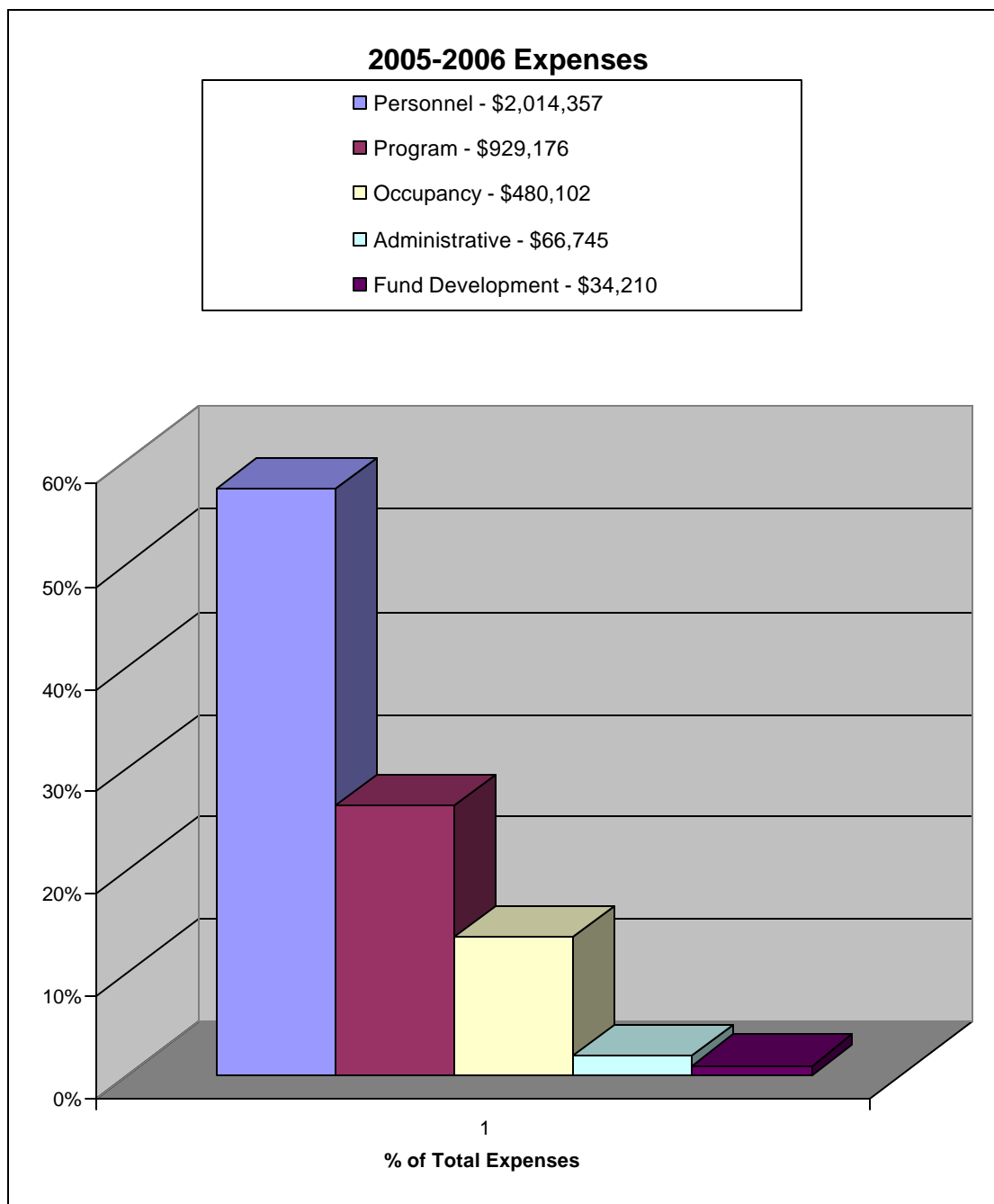
SUMMARY FINANCIAL REPORT

In the 2005-2006 fiscal year, Boys & Girls Clubs of Buffalo generated \$3,527,718 in revenue. Our fiscal year runs from July 1st through June 30th of each year. During this fiscal year, we were the lead on two large new collaborative grants: Community Based Abstinence Education and Prevention Program Expansion.



SUMMARY FINANCIAL REPORT

Total expenses for fiscal year 2005-2006 were \$3,524,590. The increase from last year's overall expenses is primarily in the area of contracted services due to our new collaborative grants.



A Special Thank You to our Funders & Partners

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City of Buffalo Board of Education	National Fuel Gas Distribution	U.S. Department of Health & Human Services
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Community Health Foundation	NYS CASA	Variety Club
Computer Task Group, Inc.	NYS Department of Health	Wal-Mart Foundation
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Five West Enterprises, Inc.	NYS Senate	
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... and to countless others who have donated not only money, but also goods, services and time.

Without the support of each and every one of you, the struggle to provide programs that enrich the lives of the youth and families we serve would be insurmountable. Every dollar you have given has impacted the life of one of Western New York's children, and for that we thank you.

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Amherst, NY 14226
308-1748

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282 Babcock Street
Buffalo, NY 14210
822-0034

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Buffalo, NY 14211
892-5864

John F. Beecher Clubhouse
180 Tenth Street
Buffalo, NY 14201
852-0188

Buffalo United Charter School Site
325 Manhattan Avenue
Buffalo, NY 14214
228-2878

Butler Mitchell Clubhouse
370 Massachusetts Avenue
Buffalo, NY 14213
884-4964

Cheektowaga/Sloan (JFK) Site
305 Cayuga Creek Road
Cheektowaga, NY 14227
228-4149

Cleve-Hill Site
7 Community Drive
Cheektowaga, NY 14225
830-9008

Community Charter School Site
404 Edison Street
Buffalo, NY 14215
308-1066

Elmwood Village Charter School Site
124 Elmwood Avenue
Buffalo, NY 14201
228-6858

Enterprise Charter School Site
275 Oak Street
Buffalo, NY 14203
228-4514

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895 E. Ferry Street
Buffalo, NY 14208
228-4947

LaSalle Courts Clubhouse
110 Blum Street
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228-4905

Masten Clubhouse
397 Northland Avenue
Buffalo, NY 14208
882-2716

School #43 Site
161 Benzinger
Buffalo, NY 14206
228-4983

Southside Site
450 Abbott Road
Buffalo, NY 14220

Hours of Operations

School Year

3:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m. Monday—Friday
10:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m. Saturday

Summer

8:00 a.m.—8:00 p.m. Monday—Friday

Boys & Girls Clubs of Buffalo does not discriminate based on race, ethnicity, religion, economic status, gender or disabilities.

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I want to give back to youth and my community.

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? Please send me information on volunteering.

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