

ABOUT THE



BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF THE GRAND STRAND

In a world that seems threatening and lacking promise for many of America's children, the Boys & Girls Club of the Grand Strand provides a tangible measure of hope. The Club offers young people what they need and want most: adults who respect and listen to them; a safe environment where they can have fun and be themselves; and constructive activities that channel their energy into positive pursuits. All Boys & Girls Club programs are based on a youth development strategy that builds self-confidence and self-esteem, and fosters a sense of belonging, usefulness, influence and competence.

*Since 1996, the Boys & Girls Club of the Grand Strand has been in the forefront of youth development efforts, working with young people from disadvantaged economic, social and family circumstances. The Boys & Girls Club of the Grand Strand is dedicated to ensuring that our community's disadvantaged youngsters have greater access to quality programs and services that will enhance their lives and shape their futures. The Boys & Girls Club of the Grand Strand has three main programmatic objectives: **fostering Academic Success, building good Character and Leadership Skills** and **encouraging Healthy Lifestyles**. The Club is proud to be a United Way of Horry County Partner Agency.*

The Boys & Girls Club of the Grand Strand is part of a nationwide affiliation of local, autonomous organizations that work to help young people of all backgrounds develop the qualities they need to become responsible citizens and leaders. The Club is facility-based, employs paid professional staff members, supplemented by part-time volunteers. We offer daily access to a broad range of programs in five Core Program Areas:

- *Education and Career Development;*
- *Character and Leadership Development;*
- *Health and Life Skills;*
- *The Arts;*
- *Sports, Fitness and Recreation.*

*In 2008 the Club had 195 registered school-aged members between 5 and 18 years of age who participated in after-school and summer day camp programs offered at our **Myrtle Beach Family Learning Center Unit** located at 3101 Oak Street, Myrtle Beach, SC 29577. They benefit from trained, caring, professional staff and volunteers who help them take control of their lives, envision productive futures and achieve their goals.*



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Quick Facts

THE CASE FOR SUPPORTING

The Positive Place For Kids

- 56% of 2008 BGCBS registered members reported that they lived in single-parent households (primarily female head-of-household families)!
- 82% of 2008 BGCBS registered members reported that they qualified for the free or reduced cost school meal program (a good indicator of low-income status)!
- 61% of 2008 BGCBS registered members identified themselves as African-American, 22% identified themselves as Caucasian, 10% identified themselves as Hispanic, 5% identified themselves as multi-racial, 1% identified themselves as Asian and 1% identified themselves as Native American.
- The South Carolina Delinquency Rate in FY 05 was 112.2 per 1,000 children 10-16 in Horry County as Compared with 65.1 per 1,000 children 10-16 statewide – Source SC Criminal & Juvenile Justice Trends 2006 – SC Dept of Public Safety Office of Justice Programs.
- Only about 54% of all students in South Carolina graduate on time from High School with a regular diploma – Of the 10 largest School Districts in South Carolina Horry County Schools ranked last with a Cumulative Promotion Index (CPI = the probability that a student entering the 9th grade will complete High School on time with a regular diploma) of 38.1 - Source Alliance for Excellent Education – Updated June 2007.
- According to the US Census Bureau's 2005 American Community Survey 46.6 % of families living in Myrtle Beach, SC with a female head-of-household (no husband present) with related children under 18 were living below the poverty line.
- According to the US Census Bureau's 2005 American Community Survey 23.6% of the Greater Myrtle Beach Urban Area civilian employed population 16 years of age or older are employed in the service occupations (which are traditionally low-wage seasonal jobs tied to the tourism industry which means workers are unemployed part of the year).
- According to the SC Kids Count Data Book the Family Risk Index is a composite of four risk factors: poverty, single parent family, head of household who is a drop-out, and no parent with a full-time year-round job. Children living in families with three or more of these factors are considered high risk. Based on Census 2000 data, South Carolina ranked 38th - 44th in the nation on the Family Risk Index. Six other states, Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, Kentucky, North Carolina, and Tennessee, were tied with South Carolina.
- Only 17% of Club income comes from fees charged to the families of the youth we serve – the remaining 83% of Club income is raised from donations from individuals, government grants, foundation grants, corporate sponsorships & special events.