

THROUGH THE

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BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS  
OF SOUTH CENTRAL KANSAS

2022 | SUMMER | VOLUME 20

## A NOTE FROM OUR CEO

We enjoyed such a busy and fun-filled summer at each of our three summer sites! From field trips to swim lessons, learning to golf at First Tee, and even getting to explore at the zoo, our staff and youth members have been all around Wichita. We are grateful for the local support and partnerships, as we work daily to empower young lives to be the very best versions of themselves.

This summer we also launched Club2Career, our teen career readiness program. Teens spent the summer exploring different career paths around Wichita in order to get hands on experience in the field. Overall, the teens visited seventeen different workplaces and college campuses to diversify their career exploration.

Time and time again we are reminded of your support and dedication to the mission. This school year is no exception as we expanded to four additional sites in Maize and six new sites in Emporia. This growth truly could not have been possible without your continued support. Thank you for all you do to impact young lives all over South Central Kansas!

Junnae Campbell, CEO

## CLUB HIGHLIGHTS



# PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

## HEALTHY LIFESTYLES, CHARACTER, & ACADEMIC SUCCESS



Members were able to pet and cuddle with our furry friends at Love on a Leash of South Central Kansas!



After learning about the importance of helping the environment, members were able to release butterflies in the Botanica Butterfly House!

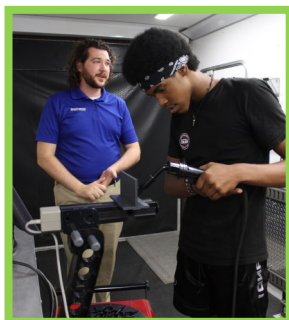


Our youth enjoyed workshops from Exploration place as they examined and discovered fossils from around the world.



Members spent time outdoors at the various parks around Wichita in order to truly maintain a well-rounded healthy lifestyle!

## CLUB2CAREER



Teens took time to explore different career paths and receive hands on training in the field. In order from left to right: One of our teens practices virtual welding at WSU Tech. A member prepares to climb a telephone pole at Eergy. Our teens check out the KSN News Room equipment. A youth assembles the Old Navy sales floor.



# YOUTH VOICE

## ‘What does peace mean to you?’

This summer, we partnered with Mark Arts to host a contemplative and reflective art class. Members were posed with the question, “What does peace mean to you?” The question was left open-ended for members to have time to discuss with their fellow peers.

Supervisors in the room were expecting answers like a flowery field, beach escape, or maybe just a sunset view. Instead their responses included freedom, equality, kindness, and love. Adults in the room were left speechless and in awe.

From this, members were able to freely express and create their images of peace. Some members created love as a rainbow whereas others created freedom as a day outside in the sun. These young members truly took the time to see the world and understand what peace meant to them.



*Mark Arts now has these pieces on display in their youth gallery until September 25th. We invite you to visit and be inspired by these great minds and future leaders .*



MARY R KOCH ARTS CENTER

*Mark Arts is located at  
1307 N Rock Rd in Wichita  
Admission is free.*



# BECAUSE YOU CARED



93% of Club members reported that adults at the Club believe that I will be successful.



70% of our members reported having an increase in self-esteem.



82% of Club members believe they can make a difference in their community.



## Volunteer Spotlight

During the Club2Career programs, Taco Bell gave students on-the-job training, and then their volunteers came to our Opportunity Drive location to celebrate the end of summer with some delicious food for everyone! We are incredibly thankful for our meaningful partnership with Taco Bell!



## THEY NEED YOU!

Please consider donating to continue our mission of enabling young people to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens!

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