



Community of Caring
2017 Impact Report

#### Our Mission

To enable all youth, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens.

#### Who We Are

Since 1999, our organization has been committed to making a difference in the lives of school-aged youth, ages 5-18 years old. Through after-school and summer programs that focus on academic success, healthy lifestyles and good character and citizenship, we invest in youth-making a lifelong impact that shapes their futures and builds a sense of belonging and pride.

# A Typical Afternoon at the Club

While at the Club, members are divided into groups based on their current grade. Our in-house middle school teen center combines 7th and 8th grade while our off-site high school center serves 9th - 12th. Nearly 250 youth attend our Club daily. Though programs vary per semester, this schedule reflects what a typical afternoon\* at the Club is like.

2:30 - 2:45

Club staff depart to pick up most members from school via Club buses.

3:00 - 3:45

Members arrive at the Club and enjoy snack and free time in their homerooms.

3:50 - 4:35

Power Hour program - members receive assistance to complete their homework with accuracy. Reading and math challenges are also implemented.

4:40 - 5:25

Triple Play - physical fitness program, Healthy Habits - nutrition program, or Harvest Project - garden program are implemented for youth.

Other programs such as tutoring, sewing club, art, S.M.A.R.T Boys & Girls, and our club sports teams meet weekly.

5:30 - 6:15

Dinner - a hot meal is served to all youth. Youth also enjoy one-on-one mentoring, free time outside playing foursquare, hopscotch, football, basketball or just talking with their friends. Free time is also implemented in our game room.

6:20 - 7:00

Organized Free Time - A chance for youth to unwind at the end of the day.

\*Our 8-week Summer program runs 8:00am - 5:30pm, includes a hot breakfast and lunch, a diverse program schedule and over 100 field trips.

#### Club Supporters,

We are quickly approaching our 20th anniversary as the largest youth development organization in Transylvania County. Early this year, our Club was recognized by the Brevard/Transylvania Chamber of Commerce as the Nonprofit of the Year. Though I've only been a part of the Club for four years, it is incredibly humbling to look back at our humble beginnings and see how our organization has grown. During my tenure, our budget has more than doubled as we have expanded our programs and are serving more youth than ever before. Your consistent support keeps us striving to be the leader in shaping the futures of our county's youth.

Often times, we highlight our successes and shy away from bringing our challenges to light. With the demand of our services at a historical high, our greatest challenge is the need to expand. We have truly outgrown our 25,000 square foot facility on Gallimore Rd. with 250+ children coming daily. We have no more room for additional kids, more tutoring or mentoring sessions or smaller group programs. We are utilizing every inch of our facility and retaining our teens at a much higher rate. In fact, we have 100% more teens attending daily than 4 years ago. If the trend continues, which we are confident it will, we are projecting for our middle and high school enrollment to triple by 2020. Over 100 schoolaged children are on our waitlist – hoping for a chance to be a Club member. I'm sure this tugs at your heart as much as it does ours.

As we continue our discussions of potential expansion, we are faced with the challenge of continuing to fund our current operations while also planning for the future. We must be strategic and careful and ensure that we don't compromise quality for quantity. Please consider how you might support our Club's future in addition to your faithful giving.

Thank you for being a valued partner – supporting our efforts and making an impact.

With Thanks,

Candice Walsh Executive Director

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## $2017_{\text{AT A GLANCE}}$

#### Served 675

school-aged youth from over 400 households in Transylvania county.

#### Served 134 teens (7th - 12th grade), 10% more than 2016.

### Provided 147 scholarships

valued at \$32,000 for youth to attend the Club. The average household income of these youth receiving scholarships was less than \$16,000/year.

#### Provided over 30,000

snacks and nearly 8,500 hot meals through our partnership with Transylvania County Nutrition Services.

#### 87 volunteers provided over 1,300 hours of service to support our mission.

#### Opened our off-site High School teen center

in August 2017 and enrolled 20 high school members - our largest high school member cohort since our inception!

# About the youthwe served

14% attend schools in the western end of the county and 85% attend schools in the central or eastern part of the county.

48% receive free or reduced lunch compared to the Transylvania County public school system average of 52%.

54% of the households served have annual household income less than \$40,000.

# Sabra Freeman our youth of the year

11th Grade I Club member for 8 years



Sabra was selected among her Club peers to serve as our Club's Youth of the Year and represent our organization at the statewide Youth of the Year competition. Through this experience, Sabra gained confidence in herself and has since spoken to our Board and donors with poise, sharing our message of impact within the community.

Over the past seven years, The Cindy Platt Boys & Girls Club of Transylvania County has basically been my home away from home. Since third grade, it has been one of the most constant factors of my life. With everything from moving houses, transitioning from elementary school to middle school to high school, and all the turmoil that comes with growing up, The Boys & Girls Club has been as constant as air, a place that I can always go, and a place that has helped raise me to be the person I am today. To be chosen as the Youth of the Year is a huge honor.

Even as a kid, it was obvious that I was the goofy, extroverted type. At first, I was timid and worried I couldn't fit in, but soon enough I found that this was an environment in which I could thrive. It is because The Boys & Girls Club is not just any after school daycare or a summer camp. The goal is not just to entertain children until their parents pick them up, but the goal is to teach these children lifelong skills and to give them the tools to be successful throughout their life. I have seen the effects on the people around me and on myself. The Healthy Habits program has given me a keen interest in

cooking (as my family can vouch for) and a working knowledge on how to treat my body well. Power Hour itself has set me on the path for success, teaching me crucial studying skills from the beginning. It has led me to where I am today, a year ahead in math, and in all AP and honors classes.

As soon as I was able to work, I got a worker's license to become a Junior Staff at the Club. It was the summer 2015, before I became a Freshman in high school. It was a summer where we operated from a building Brevard College had rented out to us, because the roof at The Club was being replaced. That summer, as complicated as it became, I learned and grew immensely. With constant improvisation, over one-hundred new faces and names to remember, a new set of rules and techniques to follow, and my first real work experience, I saw myself work everyday to become the best person I could be.

I've found that these past few years have been especially crucial for me, as it is for most every kid becoming a young adult. These are the years where it is time to step up, to challenge yourself to become a leader.

One of the greatest opportunities I have had was afforded to me by The Club. I was given the opportunity to design and put into action an activity for the kids for an entire rotation. I took the opportunity both times it was offered. The first time, I created a puzzle competition between two halves of a class. The second time I decided to design a game of jeopardy, splitting the class into teams. Though neither of them were flawless, planning each rotation made me think through the entire process and it truly put me in the shoes of the staff who do this on a daily basis. Staff really have to exhibit leadership and teamwork in order for a rotation

With everything from Club basketball fundraisers to watching movies in the Teen Center, or planning rotations to building miniature mat houses with kindergarteners, The Boys & Girls Club has been my home for the past seven years. It has seen me at my worst, and it has seen me become confident and bright. As I've said before, it is a huge honor to be chosen as the Youth of the Year by this place I love so much.

# Dedicated & Passionate Staff

The Club employs some 40 staff per year with a full-time staff team of 9. We are pleased to present our 2017 MVP staff of the year and an overall Staff of the year - two of the highest honors for a part-time Club staff.



Sarah Jay MVP OF THE YEAR Program Specialist Tenure: 1 year

I choose to work at the Club because I enjoy working with kids. My favorite part of developing youth is teaching them skills and watching them as they catch on to new concepts. I also enjoy playing with kids and seeing their creativity. On a daily basis, at the Club, I try to make an impact on each child I come in contact with by showing them concern, love, and affection. I want each Club member to learn how to live life to the fullest.

A highlight of 2017 was having the opportunity to create Christmas stockings with my First Grade homeroom. Together, my coworkers and I filled the stockings with goodies and handed them out to each child. The kids were surprised and filled with joy and excitement. I wish I could make each child smile like that every day.

I was honored to receive the award of MVP of the Year. I have worked hard and put so much heart and soul into my time at the Club. I appreciate my coworkers believing in me and taking the time to recognize my efforts.

Sincerely,

Sarah Jay



### Devon Holmes STAFF OF THE YEAR

Sports, Fitness & Recreation Program Specialist\* Tenure: 4 years

\*Promoted to Health & Wellness Director Fall 2018

I am humbled to be chosen as the 2017 Staff of the Year of The Cindy Platt Boys & Girls Club of Transylvania County. I look at the Club as a winning team and I am just one, of many great players around me, who play their position in efforts to reach our shared mission. We all have a role and work together as a cohesive unit. The primary reason my loyalty remains with the Club and I choose to work here is simple. When I was at my lowest, the Club uplifted me, believed in me, and gave me an opportunity to express my passion for our kids through my work. This ties into what we aspire to do on a daily basis with our kids. Too often in our society, people are judged and casted aside, but we try our best to make sure we maintain an inclusive environment and give our kids the opportunity to express their talents, gifts, and interests. Our job is to help them develop their passion. I enjoy teaching and playing with our kids in the gym but also the daily interactions and conversations are what get me through my day. Personally, I try to embody the lessons that were taught to me by my father, mother, grandparents, aunts, uncles, teachers, and coaches throughout my childhood years. I aim to reach our mission at the Club by being a spark and a positive influence in the lives of our kids. Although I don't say much, authenticity, empathy, and consistency is what I strive to give our kids on the daily.

In the year 2017, we all worked very hard at the Club as a whole. Two highlights stand out to me the most. One was our first March Madness Basketball Tournament on March 24 & 26, 2017. This meant a lot to me because of what I was going through personally. My grandfather had been battling sickness for about a year and passed away on March 23rd, the night before the tournament. We were able to raise money with the tourney for our athletics program. It was also a great experience for the kids as they were exposed to outside competition and it gave the Club an opportunity to build rapport with other organizations. Undoubtedly, my biggest highlight of 2017 at the Club would have to be coaching three different flag football teams to successful seasons. We were fortunate enough to coach two 4th-6th grade teams and a 1st-3rd grade team. Our teams battled a lot of adversity and ended up with a combined record of 16-1. Football is a sport that I have been extremely passionate about since I was five years old and I am grateful to be able to share my love and knowledge of the game with our kids. After the last game, it was a joy to celebrate with our 1st-3rd graders after they capped off an undefeated season.

With all that being said, this award is much bigger than me and, ultimately, is a true testament to our phenomenal team at the Club and, most importantly, our unbelievable kids.

Truly,

Devon Holmes

THE CINDY PLATT BOYS & GIRLS CLUB

# Outcomes/Accomplishments Recognized as the Nonprofit of the Year by the Brevard/Transylvania Chamber of Commerce for 2017.



#### Academic Success

- Received Boys & Girls Club NC Area Council Award for excellence within our Academic Success programming. Our unified academic programming includes daily assistance with homework completion, tutoring, reading and STEAM programs. Our members are taking responsibility for their academics, moving from barely finishing homework to consistent completion, daily independent reading and math practice, as well as participating in creative writing contests.
- Of the members for whom we have parental/guardian consent to review report cards,
- 76% maintained or improved their average or above average grades.
- 58% achieved honor roll, a 38% increase from the previous school year.
- 123% more teens maintained their average grades while 38% of teens achieved honor roll.

- The number of youth with hazardous grades decreased each semester with a 40% decrease from the first to final quarter of the school year.
- Ten volunteer tutors provided nearly 250 hours of one-on-one tutoring to Club members, of which 29% improved their GPA.
- Our Power Hour program was expanded to include a 20-minute, required reading time, and grade-appropriate math practice in addition to homework completion. Those with hazardous grades or ability-appropriate instruction receive help and extra practice tailored to their needs.
- Established an in-Club library! Through the generous donations of St. Philip's Episcopal Church and Edwina Johnson, we opened a library within our Club that serves all age groups. Over 2,000 volumes, sorted by reading level, can be found in our library. All groups now have ample choices for their independent reading times.

- During the summer, kids in grades 3 - 5 established personal reading challenges while teens participated in book clubs and reading comprehension discussions.
- Five High school members participated in our Junior Staff 10-week job readiness program where they learned about financial management, conflict resolution, communication, work ethic, etc. To complete the program and be eligible to interview for a paid Junior staff position at the Club, teens had to maintain a 2.5 GPA, attend weekly sessions, complete job shadowing and cleaning duties, and present a portfolio of their curriculum worksheets, performance evaluations and self-evaluations. Four of the five participants were hired to work as Junior staff during the summer.

#### Healthy \_ifestyles

- Nearly 50 Club families attended our health fair last winter to receive free vision and blood pressure screenings and learn of local resources for their physical, mental, and emotional health needs.
- Brevard College's Men's & Women's Basketball Teams hosted two free clinics for Club members at the Club while the soccer, tennis and baseball teams volunteered throughout the year.
- Through our organic vegetable garden, Club members planted, grew and harvested 883 pounds of produce. Harvested produce, which is given to the Club families for free, includes but is not limited to bell peppers, beets, broccoli, carrots, cherry tomatoes, collards, corn, cucumbers, edamame, kale, okra, sweet potatoes, squash and zucchini.
- Members who participated in our nutrition program enjoyed making healthy recipes such as chickpea tator tots and hummus cucumber boats. Most popular was the loaded mashed cauliflower and "Very Veggie" breakfast muffins! Recipes are provided to families to encourage family-centered cooking at home.

#### Club sports teams:

• In 2017, our Club proudly fielded 3 flag football teams, 2 basketball teams, and a Little

- League baseball team, increasing the number of Club members participating by 52%.
- Eight of the ten kids on our baseball team had never before played baseball and were recognized as showing the most growth of all teams in the league.
- Our Flag Football teams boasted a combined record of 16-1. Of players surveyed postseason, 100% acquired football, leadership and teamwork skills. During the season, we saw a 75% decrease in the number of players with hazardous grades compared to the previous quarter.

#### Date SMART

- Middle school members participated in our Date SMART program, building skills to achieve healthy relationships free of violence and abuse. Upon completing the program,
- 96% could identify qualities they value in friendship while 89% could identify qualities they value in a dating partner.
- 80% agree that consent is important in a relationship.
- 100% agree that sexual assault is a big deal and over two thirds felt confident in spotting signs of abuse in relationships.

#### Mentorina:

- Enrolled 61% more kids in our one-to-one mentoring program, serving a total of 45 kids (mentees) for the year.
- 71% of mentees showed a positive behavior change in at least one targeted behavior

- (antisocial behavior, perception of social support, social competence and response to family relationships/situations).
- 6 mentees successfully completed and graduated from the Mentoring program in 2017 having completed 2 years in the program and showed notable progress in the targeted behavioral areas.

#### SMART Kids & WISE Girls

- Served 121 kids through our SMART Girls and Boys running program
- 11 volunteer coaches provided over 280 hours of volunteer service to coach and mentor Club members through developmental and societal challenges such as self-esteem, bullying, teamwork, ambition, etc. while also training members to compete in a 5K race.
- Nearly 70% of our SMART kids competed in the local Reindeer Run.
- WISE Girls, a spin-off of the SMART Girls and Boys program, began last fall for middle school girls.
- 15 middle school girls participated in the program which many of them described as the highpoint of their week! Girls meet three Fridays a month for an hour and a half to learn new and creative ways to be active, as well as have meaningful conversations about the topics that matter most to pre-teen girls.



# Outcomes/Accomplishments

### Good Character & Citizenship:

- Last Spring, all age groups completed a Unity Project, intended to help combat divisiveness seen in news headlines across the country, to stop bullying within our Club, and to open communication lines between members and their peers. Staff members implemented weekly lessons with members for 4-6 weeks, culminating into a final project or act of service. Completed projects included Kindness Rocks, painted by kids with uplifting messages and placed in the community for people to find; community service at Bread of Life; touring and volunteering at the Veterans' Healing Farm in Hendersonville; and creating posters and awareness for unity within the Club.
- The JAM (Junior Appalachian Musicians) program served 40 children through 10 classes teaching Fiddle, Banjo, Guitar, Mandolin and more. The classes range from Beginner to Intermediate to Ensemble, which gives kids a chance to play together and grow as a band.
- Two Ensemble Classes were added in 2017, which will, in time, grow to be independent and successful string bands like the official JAM Band, Creekside Crawfish.

• The Creekside Crawfish played over a dozen gigs this year including at the Mountain Song Festival and at the International Bluegrass Music Association's Wide Open Bluegrass Festival.

#### Leadership service clubs

- Increased membership by 60% in Torch Club, leadership service club for middle school members. Torch Club members participated in the following service and development activities:
- Baking classes led by volunteers in which they learned about kitchen safety and various methods for cooking and baking.
- Visited 10 community businesses to show appreciation of their support to our Club. Torch Club members provided baked goods for the employees.
- Volunteered at the local Tail Chaser 250 Adventure Motorcycle Ride serving lunch for the riders at a checkpoint along the route.
- Made ornaments for the Christmas tree at Silvermont Opportunity Center and helped decorate the tree.

- Keystone, our leadership club for high school members had 7 members that participated in activities that promote academic success, career preparation, community service, and teen outreach. Activities included:
- A college visit to Southern Wesleyan University where members met with financial advisors, toured the campus, observed a class of their choice, and received college preparatory advice from University professionals.
- Planned a community service event, "Breakfast for Service,' providing a free breakfast for local law enforcement, EMS, and firefighters.
- Planned monthly teen nights, after-hours events for Club teens and teens within our community.
- Hosted a Performing Arts night for 24 teens in our community. Keystone Club welcomed people at the door and sold refreshments via our club café. Teens showcased their talents through eight performances ranging from interpretive dance, singing, and magic tricks while local professional hip hop artist, Parxx shared how music has impacted his life.

# Partners Club

Formed in 2017, our Partners Club recognizes lifetime gifts to the Club of \$25,000 or greater. An annual celebration of these generous supporters is made possible by Ingles and the incredibly talented Chef Lou.







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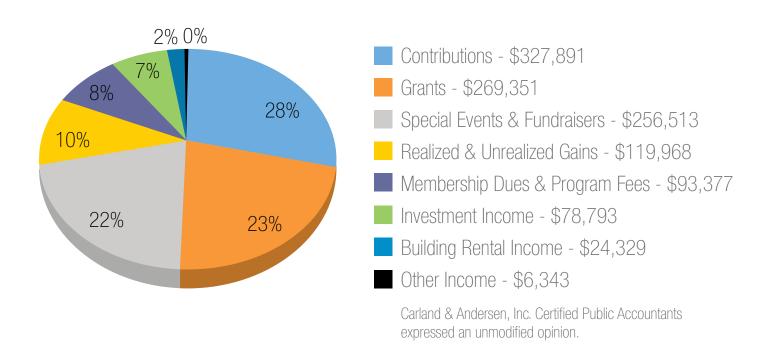
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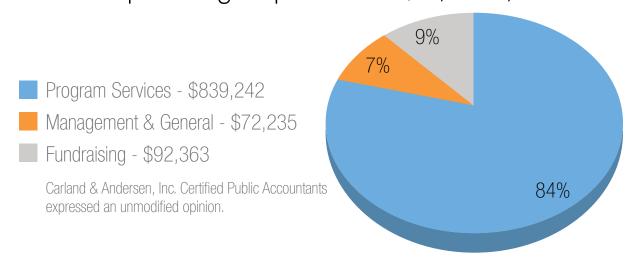
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# 2017 Financials

#### 2017 Audited Income - \$1,176,565



## 2017 Operating Expenses - \$1,003,840



# 2018 Budgeted

### 2018 Budgeted Operating Income - \$980,753



Special Events & Fundraisers - \$277,000

Grants- \$202,495

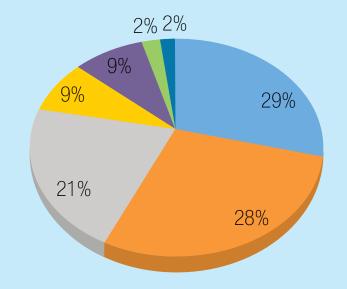
Membership Dues & Program Fees - \$91,750

Investments\*- \$83.008

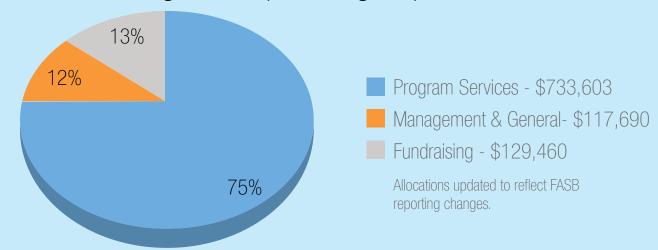
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# Academic

-Samarah W., Group 6

-Kendrick C., Group 2

"My favorite part about the Club is Power Hour. I love that the Club lets us do our work and we are done when we get home."

"Power Hour helps me get my homework done for the next day. I like reading and it helps me read better. After reading, I get to do a math sheet. I like it when it is quiet to study."

"I am glad that I am able to do my work here so I don't have to do it at home. There are not a lot of distractions, Also, I can get help on my math." -Colten K., Group 5

"I think that it [Power Hour] is helpful because it gives me time to do my homework. Also we are able to borrow a book if we don't have one. The leaders push us to go above and beyond too." -Lyric E., Group 5

"How I feel about Power Hour is, I like that they help me with homework that I don't understand. I also like that they give us books to read or when the staff tell you what you need help [with] in school so they tell me what I can do to make it better. It's really cool how power hour started out to help children understand what they are supposed to do. The Boys and Girls Club has really helped me out. Thank you."

- Giovanny A., Group 6

# Corner

"Coaching for the Boys & Girls Club is a wonderful experience. Being able to spread the knowledge that I have gained over the years means the world to me and is very rewarding. The Club members that play are great kids who are willing to learn and give maximum effort at all times and as a coach that is all you can ask for." -Rvan Smith

"It is a blessing to be able to coach our kids at the Club. I look back to when I was a youth coming up, playing sports & I try to be the coach to our kids that I always wanted and felt I needed. It is a great feeling to survey our kids' progression from season's beginning to end. When it comes to our different sports teams, our kids display an innocence, determination, discipline, and passion."

"My favorite part about coaching at the Club is seeing the kids evolve throughout the season. Some kids come in with no idea how to play the sport, and seeing them learn and improve always puts a smile on my face!'

-Devon Holmes

-Tyree Griffin

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## Health & Wellness Programming:

"The Boys and Girls Club of Transvlvania County is such an incredible organization and one that my husband and I have been happy to support. As a part of my master's degree in Nutrition Education, I needed to conduct a nutrition lesson to an audience of my choice. I am very interested in working with children, as eating habits established during childhood can make a huge difference in long-term health. The SMART Kids Run program at the Boys and Girl's club was a perfect audience and aligned with my goals of childhood nutrition education. This program is very well organized and their goal of promoting healthy lifestyles includes much more than just running, such as self-esteem enhancement and character development. Bailey Hayes, the Health and Wellness director at the time was enthusiastic about a nutrition component for the group to enhance the lifestyle component of the program. We decided to design the class for the 4th and 5th graders in the program. Although I only taught one lesson, the children were well behaved, eager and interested in the information. It was a great experience, and one I would love to expand on in the future. My daughter is too old for this program, but if she were younger she would have loved it! It is a wonderful addition to the community.

-Elisha Zander, Club donor

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"As a boys and girls Club student I think it is wonderful here. I really like Torch Club. Torch Club is fun and nice, and helps the community. I also like Lyricism 101, because you learn so much about famous people. I think Boys and Girls Club is a great place."

-E. Chavez, 8th grader

"I like being in the teen center. You have a little bit of freedom and get to hang out with our friends."

-J.R.-Cruz, 7th grader

"I like doing all the activities [in the teen center] because they are amazing. They help me have fun when I am upset or stressed. It helps me cool down when I am upset or very mad."

-B.Castro, 7th grader

"I love it in here [teen center]... I love how we get to stay in here while we eat. I'm having so much fun here."

-K.R., 7th grader

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## Parent **Testimonials**

"As a single mother of two, the Boys & Girls Club has been such a blessing for my family in so many ways. The staff and tutors are wonderful. They are always so helpful and welcoming. The BGC has been that extra support needed for my children. It is a fun, educational and safe environment for the kids. Thank you BGC for everything!"

-Tamara Gossett, mother of Jeremiah G. & J. Holloway

"Boys and Girls is a great place for my kids to learn, grow and play. I love the relationships my kids build with the staff and how supportive they are by coaching local sports and being such a mentor to the kids."

-Lisa Rogers, mother of JT & A. Rogers

"When others are taking care of your kids, you want to be sure that they're in good hands. Well, based on the incredible staff and volunteers I encounter, the many programs my kids take part in, the wonderful stories they share, and most importantly, the fact that they look forward to going each and every afternoon, I could not possibly feel better about the time that they spend at The Cindy Platt Boys and Girls Club of Transylvania County. We are lucky to have this great organization in our community."

-Clark Lovelace, father of A. & C. Lovelace



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## Parent Testimonials

"The last 2 years as Board President have been an honor for me and my family. My journey with this Club started many years ago when my now 16 year old joined as a Club member. As a Club parent, I have been able to see firsthand the impacts our programming has on the lives of young people. I have been able to participate in Youth of the Year interviews where you see a young teen grow from a timid individual to a young man or woman with confidence. I have been able to participate in our Santa's Workshop event where children are able to pick out gifts for their caregivers. There is so much thought and love the kids take in making just the right choice. They are so proud to have something to put under the tree to share with others. I am forever grateful to the Smart Girls and Boys running program. It has been a lifestyle changer for my family. Eight years ago when I was asked to help out with a run as a chaperone, I could never picture myself running a 5k. What a difference those years have made for us! My husband and I have now run 4 half marathons. What this Club teaches our children and their families will have lasting impacts for generations to come. I thank you all for your support from the bottom of my heart. Together, we really are making a difference.

-Meredith Baldridge, Board Chair The Cindy Platt Boys & Girls Club of Transylvania County

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#### Tail Chaser

Saturday, April 27 - This 3rd annual event features a 250K dual sport/adventure ride starting and finishing near Brevard. Save the date to participate or volunteer!

# Additional Support Opportunities

- 1 Support our annual campaign with a one-time or recurring donation. Visit www.bgctransylvania.org to donate today!
- 2- Volunteer: Contact us to discuss your volunteer interests and our needs.
- 3- Consider a planned gift When you are planning long-term consider how your giving could impact our Club and make an investment in the children of Transylvania County.
- 4- Qualified Charitable Distributions -Now that Congress has voted to make permanent the exclusion-of income of up to \$100,000 per person, per year, for Individual Retirement Account (IRA) distributions which are given directly to public charities (excluding donor-advised funds or private foundations), you may be wondering how to make a QCD to our Club if you are over the age of 70 ½.

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