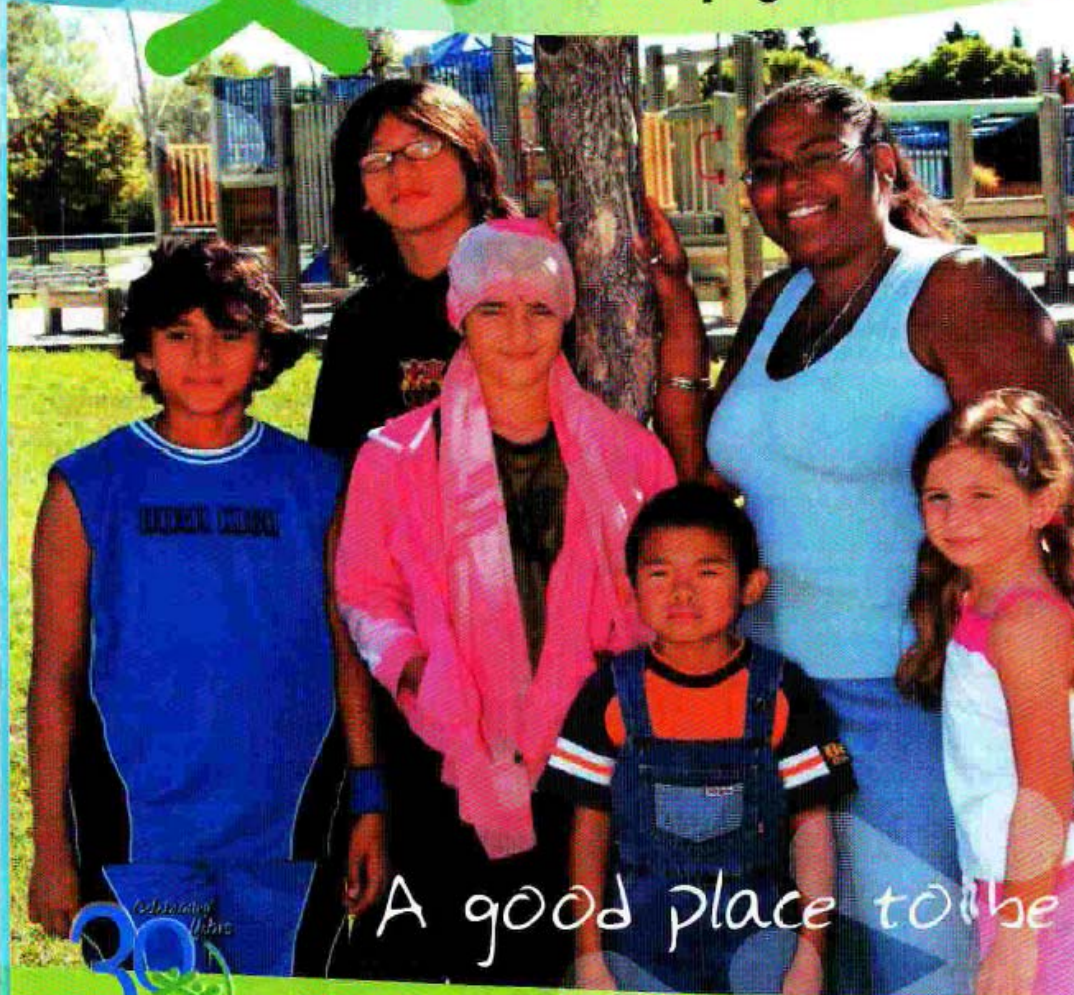




## Boys & Girls Clubs of Winnipeg Inc.



*A good place to be*

**30**  
celebrating  
years  
Boys & Girls Clubs  
of Winnipeg  
1977-2007



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## Our History

The Boys and Girls Clubs of Canada started in 1900, modeled after similar organizations in the U.S. and Great Britain. These organizations operated with the belief that if kids were kept busy in their spare time they would stay out of trouble. Over time the Boys and Girls Clubs has evolved to encompass a multi-cultural perspective, promoting programs and governance that reflect the cultural and ethnic groups that make up its membership on a local, regional and national basis.

The Boys and Girls Clubs of Winnipeg Inc. grew out of two teen drop-in centres established in the late 1960's: The Youth Action Centre of North Winnipeg and the Youth Action Project. In 1976, these two programs joined together to form a new organization known as the Winnipeg Youth Action Inc. and applied for membership in Boys and Girls Club of Canada.

In 1977, Winnipeg Youth Action Inc. became a member of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Canada and changed its name to Winnipeg Boys and Girls Clubs. In 2005, in keeping with newly revised membership requirements, Winnipeg Boys and Girls Clubs changed its name once again to Boys and Girls Clubs of Winnipeg.

For almost 30 years, the Boys and Girls Clubs of Winnipeg has proven itself as a competent, community based youth serving organization whose dedication and focus has been both developmental as well as preventative. Over the years, the Boys and Girls Clubs of Winnipeg has discovered that the best way to assist our members overcome the many barriers they face is by increasing their resiliency - their ability to address issues and make good decisions for themselves. The best way to do that is by giving them the opportunity to relate to caring, interested people that are positive role models, and to increase their skill levels in critical areas of their lives. We have found that as their skill level increases, so does their self confidence and resiliency.

### 2006 Registered Members

Aberdeen Club	271
Dalhousie Club*	83
Freight House Club	664
Sister MacNamara Club	731
Victor Mager Club	425
Gilbert Park Club	349
Ryerson Club	468
Polson Club*	52
Winnipeg Harvest	6

\*new Clubs

**TOTAL 3,049**

## Today

The essence of the Boys and Girls Clubs' work continues to be the development of preventative and enriching programs tailored for the communities we serve. During the evenings and after school hours we provide a safe alternative to the streets. While all children and youth are welcome at our programs, our focus continues to be for children and youth that have traditionally had the least opportunity to access services and who experience the greatest need.



# ● ● ● Our Mission

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.



Children are the reason we try so hard. They are the reason we don't take no for an answer. They hold the future of our nation in their hands. If we treat them right, if we prepare them, if we make them healthy and strong, our country, our communities and our families will be strong. If we don't, if we ignore their plight, if we protect just the well off and the privileged, all our accomplishments will count for little, for our future will have been squandered."

• Mike Owen, Executive Director

## Core Values

### Inclusion & Opportunity

We strive to offer children and youth from all economic, cultural and social backgrounds access to the resources, supports and opportunities that will enable them to overcome barriers and achieve their positive potential in life.

### Respect & Belonging

We provide a safe, supportive place, where every child is listened to, treated with respect and valued in an environment of inclusion and acceptance. Our staff and volunteers model honesty, fair play, positive attitude, cooperation and respect for self and others.

### Empowerment

We believe all young people can grow into responsible, contributing and self-reliant members of society. Children and youth are at the centre of everything we do. Through adventure, play and discovery, we encourage and empower them to develop healthy lifestyles, a life-long passion for learning, leadership and life skills and a sense of social responsibility.

### Collaboration

We work together with families and volunteers in each community, in partnership with government and other organizations, to create healthy community solutions to providing children and youth with what they need for optimal development.

### Speaking Out

We speak out on behalf of children, youth and their families to reduce disadvantage, enhance their lives and enable their voices and ideas to be heard.



# ●●● Clubs and Programs

## Clubs and Programs

The Boys and Girls Clubs of Winnipeg operates **7** drop-in centres and **3** satellite sites that engage children and youth ages 6-18. Clubs offer a variety of special programs, outings and activities aimed at helping young people have fun, learn, and grow.

Programming is tailored to meet the diverse needs and interests of all our members. We believe that if you provide young people with a healthy environment and the opportunity to acquire or develop skills, to challenge themselves emotionally and physically, to have fun, to model the behaviour of caring and conscientious adult staff and volunteers, then we have contributed in a positive and significant way to their ability to overcome barriers, and in turn their futures and the future of our community.

This goal is accomplished through five core program areas promoting:

1. Sport, Recreation and Physical Activity
2. Arts and Cultural Appreciation
3. Education and Career Exploration
4. Health Awareness and Life Skills Development
5. Leadership and Service to Community

### 2006 Program Participation

Program Activity	Members taking part in Activity
Arts and Crafts	1,539
Computers	1,490
Cultural Development	390
Drop-In	1,178
Education Development	917
Employment Development	134
Entertainment	1,908
Leadership Development	301
Performing Arts	393
Recreation	2,734
Special Events	1,336
Sports	2,167
Family Activity	191
Food	2,740
Life Skills	554



*"It gave me a place to go and the opportunity to meet friends. An opportunity to do things I never would have been able to do without them."*

- Marina



"It gets you away from the streets and gets you doing good activities. You talk about valuable lessons; you learn leadership skills and community values."

• Mirhad



## Employment Training Services

**Personalized Employment Preparation (P.E.P.)** is a program designed to help unemployed youth ages 16 to 29 in gaining employment. P.E.P. consists of in-house sessions teaching pre-employment skills, academic upgrading, and life skills.

**Clean Machine** is a summer employment program for young people between 12-19 years of age. Youth in the program perform important work in the community while gaining experience for future employment. This includes cleaning Winnipeg's sidewalks, parks and waterways. The program is funded by the City of Winnipeg.

**Youth Recreation Activity Worker Program** offers a certificate program for young adults ages 18-29 living in low-income communities. The goal is to train and employ young adults as Recreation Technicians. The program is a joint initiative of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Winnipeg and Red River College.

## Voices: Manitoba's Youth in Care Program

Through youth driven community awareness networking, support and advocacy, Voices is committed to empowering, supporting, and encouraging youth in and from care. Voices is staffed by young people who have been in care themselves. The program works towards bettering the condition of young people placed in care of Child and Family Services.

## Coalition of Community Based Youth Serving Agencies

The Boys and Girls Clubs of Winnipeg is a founding member of the Coalition, a group of 16 local youth serving and community based agencies that work together to address the issues of at-risk youth. Formed in 1995 the Coalition shares resources and provides joint projects and programs that benefit children and youth including summer camps, community outings, and leadership development programs.



# ●●● Clubs and Programs

## Staff and Volunteers

Our dedicated staff and volunteers help us in serving nearly 3,000 young people each year. Volunteers are carefully selected for their skills and abilities and contribute to every facet of our organization, augmenting our limited staff resources and providing positive role models for our members. An increasing number of students fulfill academic and work experience requirements while enhancing services for children and youth.

Selection of highly qualified staff is crucial to our operations. Our staff have extensive knowledge of child development and youth issues in order to program for, and work effectively with all of our members.

The support and commitment of both volunteers and staff makes all we do possible.

## Accomplishments

The work of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Winnipeg has been recognized through several awards, including the Attorney General's Award for outstanding efforts in crime prevention; The Mayor's Volunteer Service Award for outstanding and innovative volunteer efforts; and the Bell Canada Award of Excellence for innovative programs that best reflect the Core Values of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Canada.

### Volunteer and Student Placement Statistics

	Numbers	Hours
Volunteers	555	4,920
Students	70	4,908
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>625</b>	<b>9,828</b>



"I have nothing bad to say about the Boys and Girls Clubs. I believe that I would not be at the point in life I am at now without the help of the Boys and Girls Clubs. They encouraged me in all aspects of my life and with my education."

- Carrie

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## Major Funders



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BMO Financial Group Fountain of Hope  
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## Local Partners

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### **Aberdeen Club**

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(204) 582-4403

### **Dalhousie Club**

Dalhousie School, 262 Dalhousie Drive  
(204) 982-4940

### **Freight House Club**

Door #4-200 Isabel Street  
(204) 783-8640

### **Gilbert Park Club**

Units 1 & 2-35 Gilbert Avenue  
(204) 582-3609

### **Ryerson Club**

Ryerson School, 10 Ryerson Avenue  
(204) 275-1756

### **Sister MacNamara Club**

Sister MacNamara School, 460 Sargent Avenue  
(204) 942-1919

### **Victor Mager Club**

Victor Mager School, 81 Beliveau Road  
(204) 255-0042

### **Satellite Clubs**

#### **Harvest Club**

Winnipeg Harvest, 1085 Winnipeg Avenue  
(204) 982-4940

#### **Polson Club**

Polson School, 491 Munroe Avenue  
(204) 982-4940

#### **Norquay Club**

Norquay School, 132 Lusted Avenue  
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### **Other Services**

#### **Employment Training Services**

(204) 982-4943

#### **Voices: Manitoba's Youth In Care Program**

(204) 982-4956 [www.voices.mb.ca](http://www.voices.mb.ca)

#### **Coalition of Community Based Youth Serving Agencies**

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