

Annual Report

COMMEMORATIVE ANNIVERSARY EDITION

Leadership Team

Sixty years ago business leaders came together at the Community Center with one objective: to provide a safe and positive place for young boys to go where they would receive guidance and support as they grew into young men. These founding board members charted the first Boys & Girls Club in our area, known then as the Boys' Club of Shelton-Derby (girls weren't admitted as members until nearly three decades later). The Club was well received and membership grew with each passing year—so much so that in 1993 the name was changed to reflect our service increase to the entire Valley. We have been known as the Boys & Girls Club of the Lower Naugatuck Valley ever since.

Our membership has increased more than 800% since 1956. Where once we served an average of 65 children a day, we now reach more than 600, solid testament to the need for the Boys & Girls Club in our community.

This legacy of service continues because of the support and dedication of our Board of Directors, inspirational staff, and the kind generosity of our donors and friends.





Joseph A. Pagliaro, Jr. President

o, Jr. Shaye A. Roscoe Executive Director

While the Club's location, leadership, and members have changed, the community has grown, and the world is a far different place than it was 60 years ago, one thing remains the same: the Boys & Girls Club of the Lower Naugatuck Valley continues to be there for our youth in a unique capacity. We are a place they can call their own, where they can learn life skills, be guided in building their good character, be supported academically, and be exposed to opportunities some of them might never see.

Thank you for joining us in making history and forever changing the lives of the children and teens we serve.

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Youth of the Year · Ron Hubbard

"It seems as though every time I walk through those doors, there is a new experience waiting for me," says Ron Hubbard, 2016 Youth of the Year, speaking of our Club's front doors. Ron has been a member of the Boys & Girls Club of the Lower Naugatuck Valley for the past eight years, and the young man who walks through them now is a far cry from the shy and self-conscious boy who first pushed them open.

Boy & Girl of the Year

Sabrina & Will Raymond P. Lavietes Unit



Sebaztian & Shayla Joel E. Smilow Unit



Alex & Mackenzie Seymour Unit



Growing up in a house where alcohol and substance abuse were the norm made it dangerously likely that Ron would tread the same path. In fact Ron was convinced he would for quite some time. But the Boys & Girls Club became his shelter, his safe place, his motivator, and his encouragement. With the involvement of his mentors at the Club, he learned that no matter how much adversity he faced, he needed to persevere. Ron jumped into the Club's programs and activities and, with the encouragement of staff, even signed up for homework assistance. He earned honors in his senior year of high school, and is now the first in his family to attend college.

Ron credits the Club with being an anchor in his development, teaching him hard work, dedication, and teamwork. He carried these skills into his athletics, and in his junior year was nominated by his coaches and peers to be captain of the senior-heavy football team. He took the responsibility seriously, intent on setting a good example for not only his peers and teammates but the younger children who would be looking up to him. He understood the importance of being that role model. Ron saw his own role model—his brother—deteriorate from a freshman varsity ball player making good grades to dropping out of high school and eventually being incarcerated.

If told eight years ago that he would stand before an audience of legislators, Boys & Girls Club executives, and fellow teens to tell his story for the Youth of the Year competition, Ron says he would tremble and shake—absolutely not. And now? "My Club has broken that shell and has proven to be my catalyst for change," Ron says. "I am now able to take a stand for what I believe in. It has taught me that I can make a difference."

Ron is now making a difference at Western Connectiut State University, where he is a freshman.

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Community Center to Boys & Girls Club

An excerpt from the 1980 Silver Anniversary Awards Dinner

It was early in the '50s and all the rooms had been finished, the Community Center was complete. All the hours George Berman, Saul Stienman, Ted Cowey, George Anger, Joe Berta, Henry DeMarco, Ray Lavietes, Bill Daley, and Charles Gluck had put in over the years was in full swing. Every room was filled with senior citizens, young adults, Girl Scouts, and some 15 odd service and civic groups using the club daily; but something was missing. This was all started by young men for youngsters.

The demand for kids' programs was becoming greater and greater each day. After Bob Abbot had left the junior department (the rear section of the club), only Ted Cowey and George Berman were left to carry on the ever-increasing demands for kids' programs.

Charlie Gluck, an old Boys' Club member from way back (Madison Square, New York) wanted to start a Boys' Club in Shelton. Letters were written to the Boys' Club National Headquarteras asking for help and ideas. Soon George, Ted, Saul, and Bill

were making trips to New York to see what other Boys' Clubs were like. After months of work and preparation they decided they needed a Boys' Club with a full-time director to run programs for the youth of our community.

After consulting with National Headquarters, they found a young man out of Massachusetts and interviewed and hired Nick Danyluk to be the director of the Shelton-Derby Boys' Club. On November 10, 1955, the first official meeting of the board of directors of the Shelton-Derby Boys' Club was held. Wilber Daley presided, with Saul Steinman, Edward Cowey, George Berman, George Anger, Ray Lavietes, John Dedman, Henry DeMarco, Charles Gluck, and Francis Bout in attendance. A constitution was drawn up and approved. Ray Lavietes was given the first official assignment of the new board ... equip and order tools and machinery for the workshop. The meeting was adjourned and the Shelton-Derby Boys' Club was now official. On the 9th day of January, 1956, we received our National Charter from Boys' Clubs of America.



Programs

Everything we do at the Boys & Girls Club is centered around helping our members become well-rounded children and young adults. By focusing on academics, health and fitness, and leadership and service, the children and youth we serve will be better prepared to graduate high school and thrive as adults, contributing to their communities and to their nation. The Boys & Girls Clubs of America's Formula for Impact is a roadmap to help us achieve these goals.



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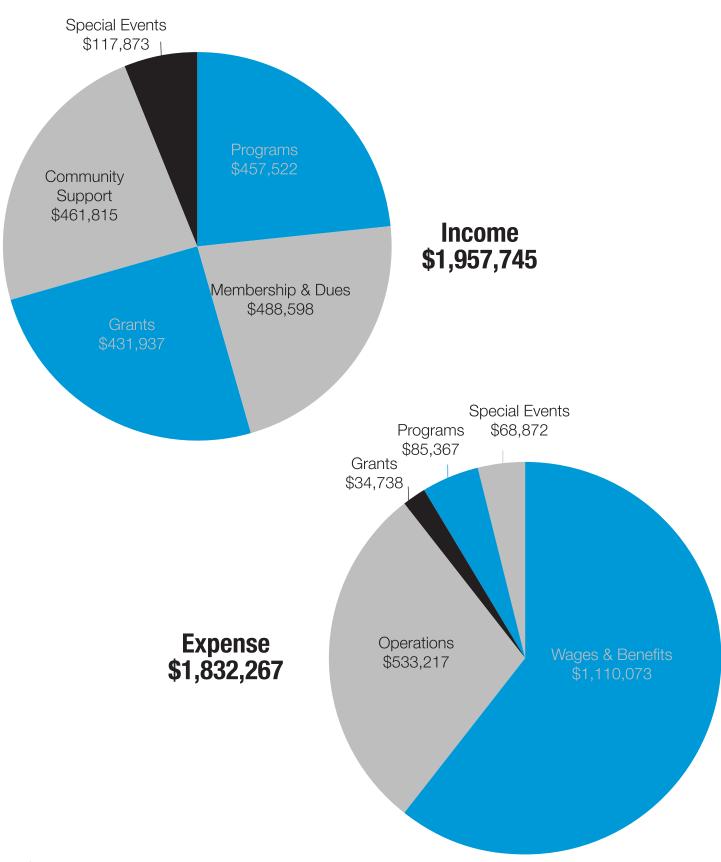
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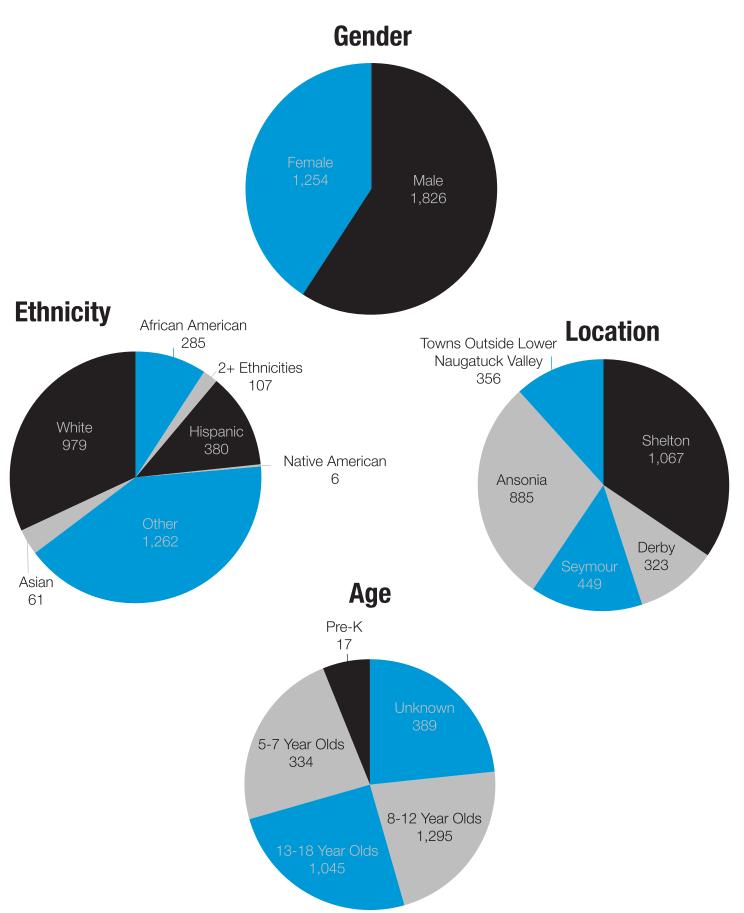
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Demographics 2015-2016 (3,080 Members)



Our Mission

To provide, in a safe environment, programs that inspire, educate, guide, and enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to realize their full potential as productive, responsible, and caring citizens.

For 60 years the Boys & Girls Club of the Lower Naugatuck Valley has offered a unique system of guidance and care to boys and girls throughout the Valley. Our caring, trained professional staff positively guide and influence our members by instilling a sense of competence, usefulness, and belonging in a fun and creative environment. Our Club is a safe and affordable place to learn and grow, all while having fun. Great futures truly start here.



Historical Moments

1950s 1960s 1956 Chartered by Boys & Girls Clubs of America 1960 Wayne Anderson, Executive Director 1956 Nicholas Danyluk, Executive Director 1960-1966 Charles Gardner, Executive Director 1957-1958 W.R. Hutchinson, Executive Director 1966-1969 John Lesure, Executive Director 1958 1st Valley Pancake Day 1968 Afternoon Study Hour Program started 1958 1st Summer Camp 1969-1978 Thomas Frank, Executive Director 1969 Take over entire 25,000-square-foot facility and becomes Shelton-Derby Community Center Boys' Club 1980s 1970s 1970 First Program Director hired 1980 Name changed to Shelton-Derby Boys & Girls Club **1971** First Physical Director hired 1978 Jack Ribas, Executive Director 1978 Girls admitted as full-time members 2000s 1990s 1991 First clubhouse location destroyed by fire 2008-2011 Milford Unit established and operated by the Boys 1993 Merger with Community Building Association; name & Girls Club of the Lower Naugatuck Valley changed to The Boys & Girls Club of the Lower Naugatuck 2009 Joel E. Smilow Clubhouse opens at 28 Howard Avenue, Vallev Ansonia 1999 Raymond P. Lavietes Clubhouse opens at One Positive 2009 Elizabeth Shelton School Unit opened Place, Shelton 2013 Shaye A. Roscoe, Executive Director 2013 Seymour Program opens in recreation building at 20 Pine Street, Seymour 2015 Brooke Grand, Boys & Girls Club of the Lower Naugatuck Valley Youth of the Year, captures State and Northeast Region Youth of the Year titles 2016 Celbrating 60 years of changing lives in the Valley





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Recipients: Jessica Cipriano, Ronald Hubbard, Jessica Mehaylo

Raymond P. Lavietes

This award was established in 2005 by long-time friend and supporter Ray Lavietes. Ray left our Boys & Girls Club a bequest of \$100,000 to help our members afford a secondary

education. Thanks to Ray's generosity, more than \$47,000 has been disbursed in scholarship funds.

Recipients: Jostin Cobb, Holly Critchley, Andrew Fernandes, Jennifer Marila Saberi

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George C. and Margaret

Smith left a surprise bequest to our Boys & Girls Club. Since its inception this fund has provided more than \$118,000 for secondary education to our young men and women.

Recipients: Samantha Bellotti, Megan Byrne, Madelynne Cable, Hayvin Cobb, Emily Kulikowski

Dr. Edward G. Bednar

This award was established in 2010 in memory of "Doc" Bednar, a long-time Board member and unfailing supporter of our Club and the children who attend every day. Since the first scholarship, the Bednar family has awarded more than \$17,200

to help students pursuing an education in the healthcare field.

Recipients: Matthew Borges, Mackenzie Curley, Emily Kulikowski, Ashley Sanchez, Lauren Simon

David J. Marchitto

This new scholarship was awarded for the first time in 2014 in memory of David Marchitto, a long-time member of our Board. David tirelessly advocated for the children of the Boys & Girls Club and all the youngsters in the Shelton Public School system. Through this scholarship he will continue to be a positive and lasting influence in the lives of Club members as they pursue their hopes and dreams.

Recipient: Alina Gonzales

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George Ryan of Curtiss-Ryan Honda in Shelton established this scholarship fund to help students who are planning to study automotive

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Recipient: Keith Prior

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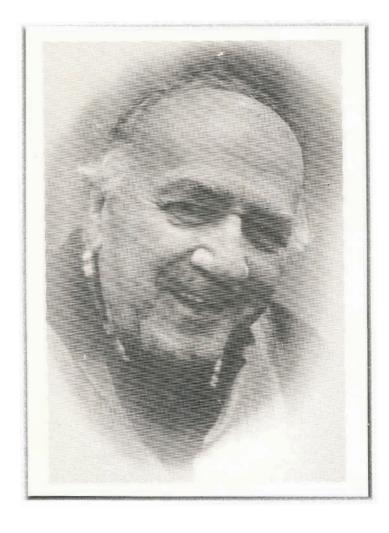
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Our Alumni Association has raised more than \$200,000 for our Boys & Girls Club members through their anual golf tournament. These funds have allowed us to provide mnay "extras" for our children. This year the Alumni funded a number of things, including upgrades to our weight room at the Lavietes Clubhouse, travel to the Keystone Club Annual Conference for our Lavietes and Smilow Keystoners, and computers and video gaming for our Seymour Unit. In addition, there was enough money to help our Youth of the Year's family travel to New York and Washington, D.C., to see her compete in the Northeast and National competitions. Each January we honor our Alumni for the commitment they have made to our Club, inducting a new "class" into our Hall of Fame.



2016 Hall of Fame Inductees (L-R) Ron Luneau, Jennifer DeLeon, Inez Napolitano, Shaye Roscoe, Don Palmer, Amanda Cotela, Robert Zuraw, AJ Grasso, Jeff Roy, Jim Curran



"Joe" Pietreniuk Community Center Boys' Club 1955-1980

Dear Joe,

Over the last 25 years, you have helped me. Maybe you didn't know it when you yelled "cross your number," "stop running," or when you took me aside and slipped me a couple of bucks or said "keep your nose clean."

How about those cooking classes, I'm still trying to cook some of those dishes today. A fishing trip to Maine, sightseeing in Florida, or just a ride to New Jersey—you would take us along...free.

I'm going to miss you more than you'll ever know. You were the only one that ever gave me encouragement, you understood.

Thanks, Joe.



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