

Boys & Girls Clubs of Puerto Rico

A non-profit organization with more than 50 years of service that has impacted the lives of more than 70,000 children and youth since founded.

We provide after school programs and services to children and teenagers ages 6 to 18, through a programmatic offer focused in three pillars: educational, social and economic.

Our Mission

To offer children and youth hope for a better future and the opportunities for them to develop to their full potential.

Providing a safe and creative space where we develop children and youth so they become leaders who achieve their academic, personal and professional goals. We provide the necessary tools to create or obtain a satisfactory job that allows them to reach economic security.

\$14.5 MILLIONS

The cost of providing services and opportunities to more than 12,000 children and youth each year.

All of this is executed in a cost-effective manner, since every dollar invested in our programs brings a return on investment of \$3.00 in economic benefits for Puerto Rico.



Every dollar invested in our programs



Generates 3 dollars of economic benefits for Puerto Rico

The economic challenges Puerto Rico faces create the urgency to prepare our children and youth to be competitive in the 21st century economy. The progress of our country depends significantly on our ability to help our poor communities through education and support to help them find employment and economic stability. We must begin by creating an impact on this population and transforming their way of thinking and seeing life so they have the motivation and desire to succeed. Boys & Girls Clubs of Puerto Rico brings an unique opportunity to connect with a cause that will help change the lives of our children and youth, and the future of Puerto Rico.

  
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BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF PUERTO RICO



Every day the lives of our children are in danger

More than 380,900 children under the age of 18 grow up in marginalized environments that do not promote a positive development. These children live in families without economic stability, lacking good nutrition, without opportunities for quality education and employment, in unsafe environments and lacking supportive relationships.

57%
of children and teens in Puerto Rico live in poverty conditions*

63%
of children in poverty live in homes where the head of the family is not employed

The median income in these households is:



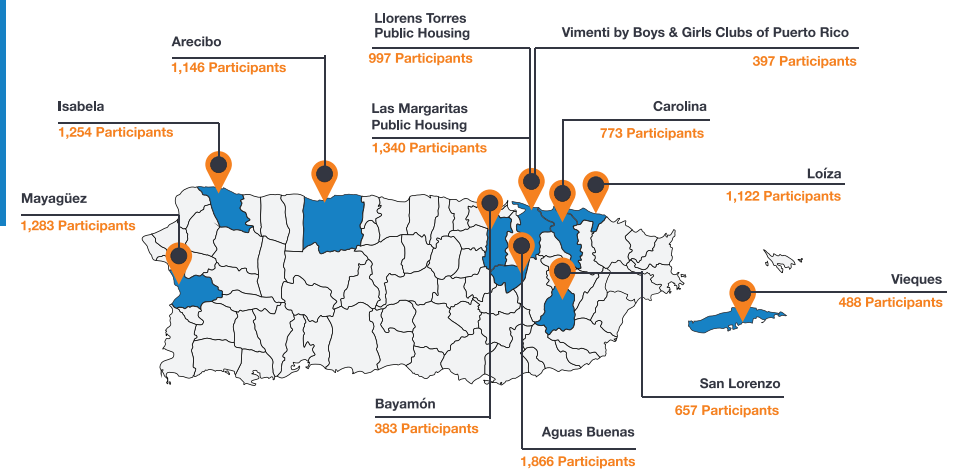
less than a quarter of the median in Mississippi (\$ 51,732), the poorest state in the United States.

*This means that our children live in households with incomes below the federal poverty line (according to the United States Census Bureau), incomes of \$11,756 for individuals over 65 years of age and \$24,858 for a family of two adults and two children.

Annually

we serve more than 12,000 children and youth in 12 Clubs, and over 3,000 family members.

Located



Impact on participants



96% of 180 participants from the educational program graduated from high school



92% feel they belong to the Club and that their ideas count



92% indicated that the Club reinforces their emotional security



98% indicated that leaders help them set high expectations

Success Story

Christian began attending the Boys & Girls Club of Puerto Rico in his community located in Ernesto Ramos Antonini Public Housing when he was eight years old. "I was a naughty and restless child back then, just like many kids that age. At the Club, I learned to be more disciplined, respect public spaces and realized that my actions have consequences", he reflects. Since then, Christian developed his leadership skills and learned the responsibility it entails to be seen as a role model. Becoming his Club's Youth of the Year in 2009 pushed him further in that direction and increased his compromise of representing the youth from his community and take them the message of the opportunities that lie beyond the violent setting that used to be the norm.

Some time after this, he was admitted into the University of the Sacred Heart to major in Film Production and Photography. "The leaders of the Club helped me with the admission process and provided support through my college years. My mother raised five children on her own, she worked too hard to sustain us and couldn't help me in this process as she hoped", recalls Christian, the first in his family to obtain a degree.

The accomplishment of achieving his goal was even greater as Christian somehow also fulfilled his fathers dream, who was not able to finish his studies at the same university. "Every time I saw him, he would encourage me to give my all and advised me throughout the years... He wanted a different future for me", he reveals.

After graduating and acquiring experience working in his field, Christian developed his own production company: Rivas Creative. Ever since, he has collaborated in film projects with the organization, documenting success stories from participants of Boys & Girls Clubs of Puerto Rico who come from poor, marginalized communities just like him. "Today, I live to document stories of inspiration that can motivate and encourage others to fight for a better future. Mine began at the Club", states Christian, who amongst various goals, aspires to take one of these to movie theaters.

