



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS**  
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# What a Year at the Clubs!

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As we wrap up 2017 here at the Clubs, we want to extend appreciation to each of you that have supported the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Columbia Basin in 2017. We have had a great year and are looking forward to even more greatness in 2018!

There were many accomplishments by our club kids, staff, and the community in 2017. Read all about a few of them...

## Summer Program

This summer, the Boys & Girls Clubs facilitated a summer food program at 10 locations. Partnering with the Moses Lake School District for the resources, we were able to reach hundreds of children and families that needed a healthy meal in the summer.

## Additional Extended Sites

In September extended sites were opened at North, Larson Heights, and Midway elementary schools. Students have the ease of walking on their own campus to attend the after-school program from 3:30 to 5:30 pm at those locations, Monday through Thursday. Moses Lake School District busses continue to transport students from most elementary schools, Frontier Middle School, and Chief Moses Middle School to the McGraw Clubhouse each day for children that need our services from 2:30 to 6:30 pm Monday through Friday. These additional sites help

us provide after-school services to an additional 120 children.

## Late Start Mondays

The McGraw Clubhouse is open from 7:30 to 10:00 am on Late Start Mondays for Park Orchard students. Unfortunately, there is no morning transportation from the McGraw clubhouse to the other schools in the district for the Late Start Mondays but is utilized by approximately 25 club kids that go to school next door.

## Teen Nights

Siarra is our Youth Development Staff who leads the Teen Room program. When club kids start attending 6<sup>th</sup> grade, they move into the Teen Room and are separate from the younger children. Teen numbers at the club have increased over the year, thanks to special events such as Teen Night.

## Keep Us in Mind

Again, we are thankful for all of the support we receive in the community. Whether it is from donations, annual giving, or volunteerism, our clubs would not be successful or be able to provide the programs, opportunities, and services without YOU! As you plan your future annual giving, please keep the Boys & Girls Clubs, and club kids, in mind. Our kids need all of us!



## Ugly Christmas Sweater Themed Auction

On October 7 the community came together to help us provide even more programs and opportunities for the children in our community that need us most.



## 2017 Thanksgiving Dinner

Thanks to numerous volunteers, on November 21 Thanksgiving dinner was served to all club kids at our four locations, over 300!