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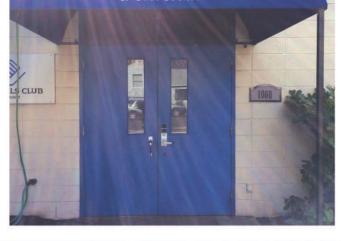
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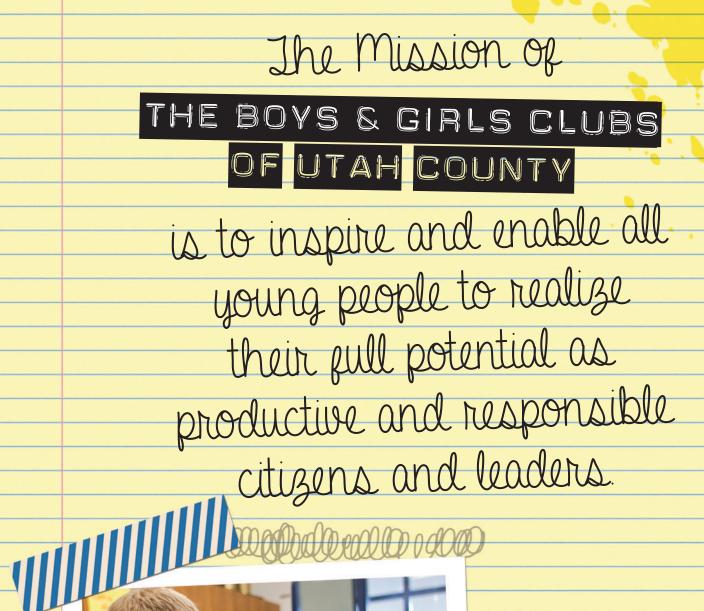
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We want to warmly thank you for your incredible support of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Utah County!

Your generosity has created a deep and lasting impact on thousands of youth throughout our community. We credit all of our successes this past year to the generosity of donors, volunteers, partners, and caring individuals like you. Below are a few highlights from this year:

• THE AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM added programs at 9 new elementary schools. With daily activities like homework help, character building, drug prevention, positive interpersonal relationships, and enrichment activities, our afterschool programs make a lasting difference in the lives of thousands of kids. Afterschool programs have been proven to increase student academic engagement, help young people cope with the stresses of life, and increase life skills like grit, conscientiousness, self-control, and growth mindset. These non-cognitive life skills have the strongest evidence of predictive power over academic and life outcomes, even when controlling for cognitive ability and demographics, making it especially important for kids living in poverty. Research suggests that poverty can create lasting negative social interactions and cause children to be less able to understand emotions and follow rules. The Boys & Girls Club helps mitigate the effects of poverty by engaging youth in prosocial behaviors that build character and increase success.

• THE NETSMARTZ PROGRAM continues to improve and expand its outreach serving over 500,000 youth during the last year. The program provides digital citizenship trainings to Utah students by promoting positive reactions to current online dangers and Internet issues. The program has proven itself successful in changing attitudes and behaviors of youth with 99% of youth reporting at least one positive attitude or behavioral change as a result of participating in Netsmartz. 96% of students reported that they were better prepared to face internet dangers and 97% reported feeling confident in a positive digital future.

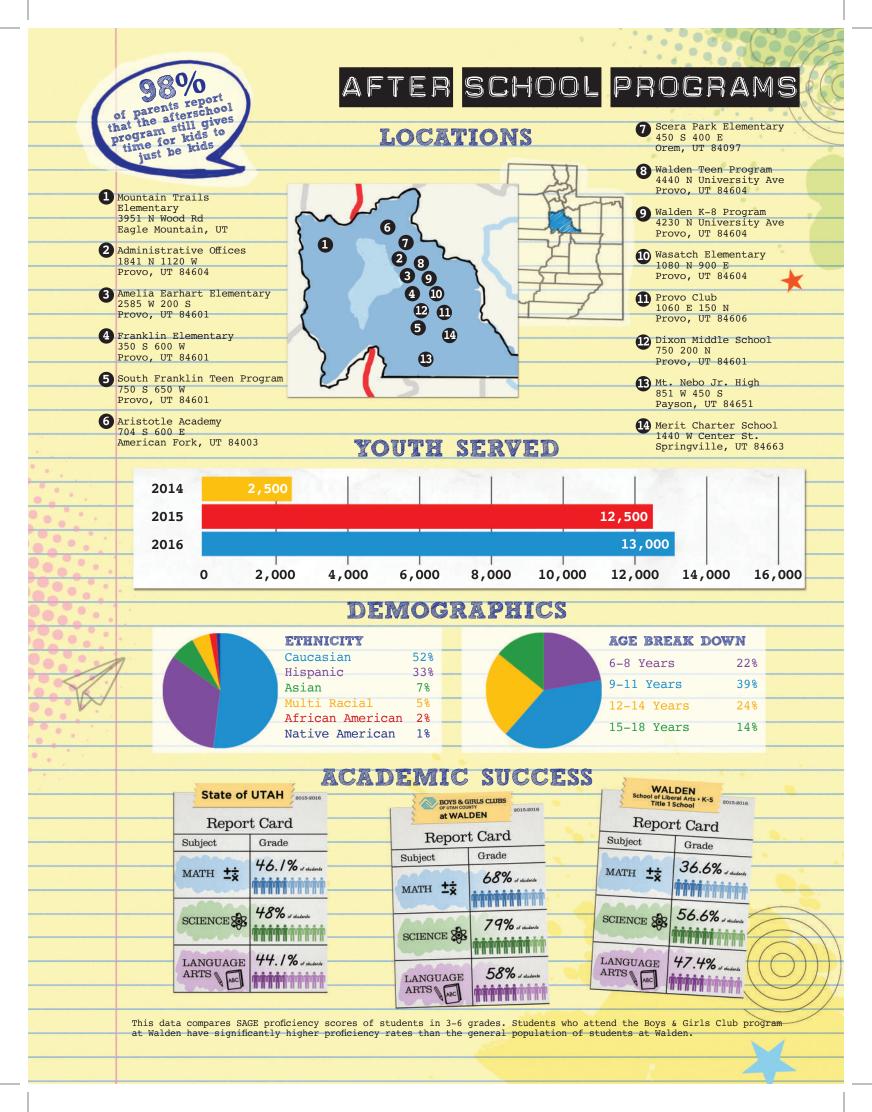
• THE AMERICORPS S.T.E.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) Initiative provides informal STEM-based activities to students in breakout sessions throughout the school day and afterschool hours. With a focus on students from Title 1 schools, this program differs from most STEM programs because it targets youth who lack an affinity towards STEM. During the last year, we provided hands-on STEM programming to 3,800 Utah County youth through this program.

• THE CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAM provided over 100,000 meals to low-income youth in Utah County during the fiscal year. According to the Food Research & Action Center, one in five U.S. households with children were unable to purchase enough food last year. Children who do not have enough to eat are more likely to struggle in school, exhibit both behavioral and emotional issues, and have difficulty concentrating. Providing meals and snacks to hungry children increases performance in school, improves test scores, and helps kids focus. We are working to grow this program and provide meals and snacks to kids in need.

Thank you for you making our programs possible.

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BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF UTAH COUNTY



(Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics)

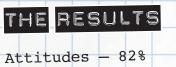
The Utah S.T.E.M. Initiative provides Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics education to economically disadvantaged school-aged students in Utah.



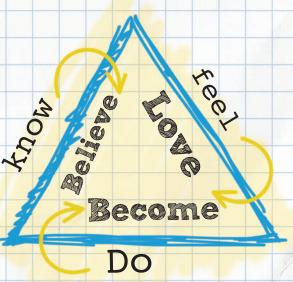
\* OF STUDENTS WHO STARTED IN THE PROGRAM: 3749

\* OF STUDENTS WHO COMPLETED ALL SESSIONS OF THE PROGRAM: 2725

\* OF STUDENTS WITH IMPROVED ACADEMICS AS A RESULT OF THE PROGRAM: 2830



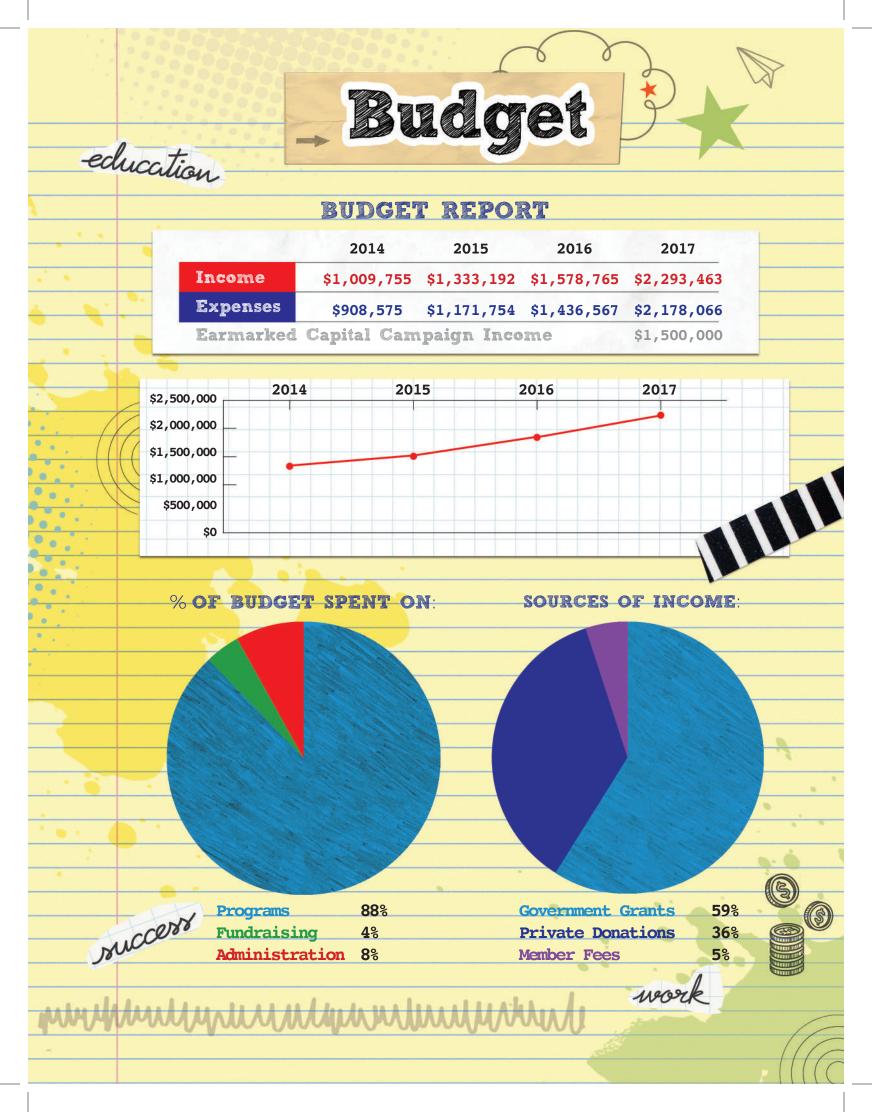
Awareness - 91% Engagement - 71% Behavior - 73% Skills - 71%

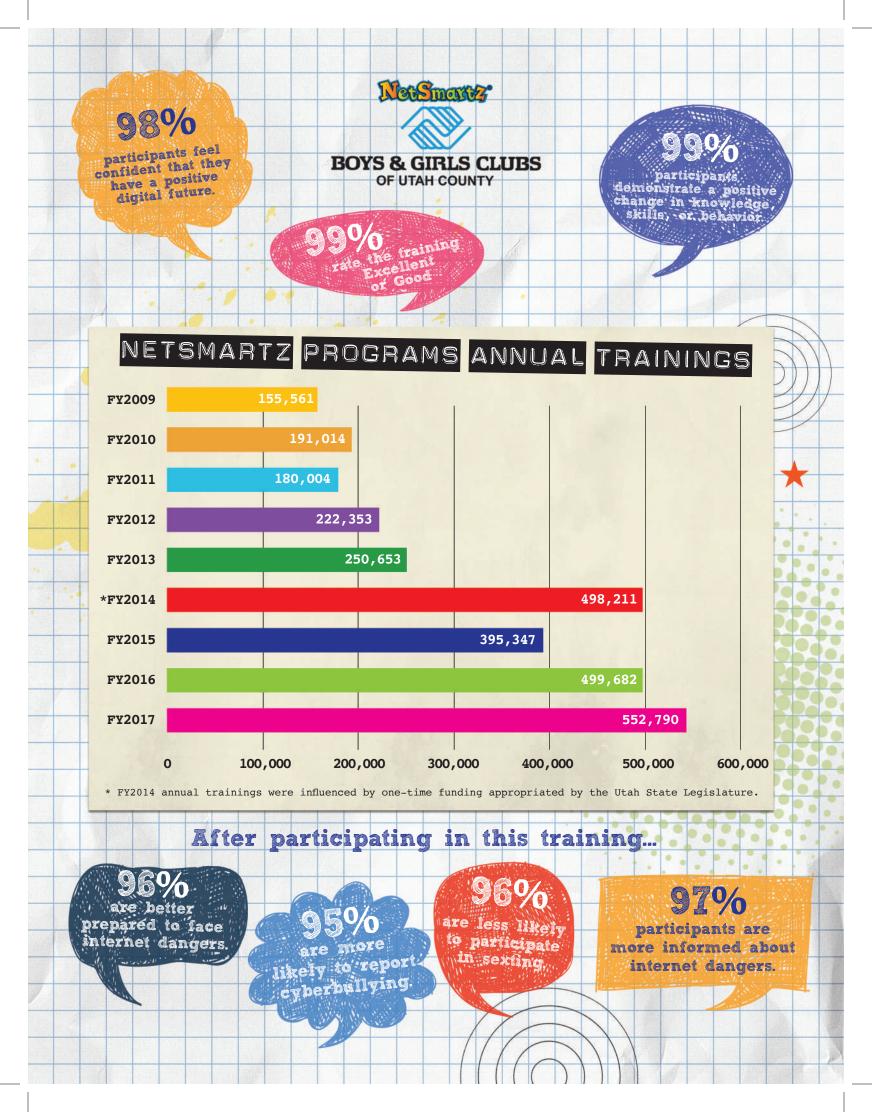




## **Deepening Impact**

Throughout the 2016-2017 school year the S.T.E.M. Initiative worked with a professional 3rd party evaluation group based out of Seattle, Washingtonto evaluate the intangibles of the program. The goal of this in-depth evaluation was to help students BECOME something as a result of the program rather than merely defining success by what the students can do, what they feel, or what they know.





## **REMEMBERING A HERO**

In Memory of

Everyone at the Boys & Girls Club was saddened by the death of LaVell Edwards on December 29, 2016. He was a champion on and off the field. At the Boys & Girls Club he was coach, mentor, and friend to us all. He spent countless hours quietly serving the youth in our community. His kindness and generosity has made a lasting impact on thousands of kids in our community.



## 2016

# Share the Harvest

Ihank you to all the sponsors and supporters of the Share the Harvest Dinner & Auction benefitting. Ihe Boys & Girls Clubs of Utah County Ihank you to the board chair of the event: Mike Vanchiere

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