



**WATERTOWN  
BOYS & GIRLS CLUB**

## Great Futures Campaign: Watertown Boys & Girls Club

Progress Report, January 2018

**In the fall of 2017, the staff and Board of Directors of Watertown Boys & Girls Club launched the \$1.4 million Great Futures Capital Campaign. The campaign aims to raise funds needed to renovate the Club's facility, with a focus on building a Teen Center, increasing security, and improving accessibility.**

### The Need

Out of school programming is crucial to the long-term success of teenagers. **However, we identified a major drop off in membership once a youth reaches the age of 14.** After speaking with our teens, we learned that they felt they had outgrown the Club and that it was a place geared towards younger children. We knew something had to be done to better serve this population. Additionally, **the safety at our Club site was a concern for many of today's parents,** who have higher expectations around security than the generations of parents before them. Our facility also lacks a proper ADA-compliant wheelchair ramp, **making our Club potentially inaccessible for some.**

### The Solution

We recognize the need to create more programming space dedicated to our teen members. They need a place to call their own, where they are separated from our younger members. **The Great Futures Campaign will raise capital funds to support the creation of a Teen Center.** The new Teen Center will allow us to offer a number of impactful programs, run by a Teen Director, including college readiness, SAT prep, career exploration, leadership opportunities, art classes, and much more! Additional upgrades to our facility will include a **renovated entryway,** which will increase security by adding a check-point that people must pass through to enter the building, as well as the **installation of an ADA-compliant ramp,** ensuring accessibility for all.

### Updates

Since the campaign's launch, the GFC committee has been hard at work securing pledges from many companies and individuals in our community.

**We are proud to share that we have now raised a total of \$975,000 and are more than halfway to our goal!**

Thank you to our dedicated Board of Directors and committee members for their continued work on this project. And a special thanks to all those who have pledged their support by making a donation to the Great Futures Campaign.



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