

# BOYS & GIRLS CLUB

OF COCHRANE  
& AREA



**2018**  
ANNUAL  
REPORT







Boys & Girls Club  
of Cochrane & Area

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**2018**, at a glance, was our biggest year in terms of growth and expansion of our locations, programs, services, and the community we serve. As promised in 2017, our club increased its capacity while continuously providing standard, quality service to our dedicated community.

After realizing the need of the community for a dedicated youth space, and with the overwhelming support of the community - we fostered The CLUB. The CLUB symbolizes more than a hangout place - it embodies our mission to provide youth with a safe, supportive place where new opportunities, positive relationships and confidence are found.

As the first teen space in Cochrane and area, we are devoted to providing youth with services and support such as Life Skill Workshops, LGBTQ2S+ support, musical expression, all year outreach programming, tutoring, drop-in, and of course themed parties.

We are especially thankful to the community for assisting us in providing youth with an inspiring place to face some of the most difficult challenges during their vulnerable years. We are grateful for each individual and organization involved in creating a vision for The CLUB.

In addition to a successful year for our youth program, we are thrilled to announce that our

Out of School Care Program has serviced more children and families this year. As we grow in numbers, we are growing our Out of School Care spaces too. Grades 4-6 will have their own space to engage in programs suited to their needs.

Play Days, Day Home agency, has also had a successful year, and was chosen as a pilot site to implement the GRASP program. This government supported program promotes coaching supports for children attending day homes. In addition, a well-deserved Play Days educator went on to receive a provincial award of excellence for her dedication and achievement in the profession of early learning.

We want to thank our dedicated partners for their continued support on the path to success. In particular, a huge thank you to our donors, funders, local businesses, the Town of Cochrane, Rockyview County, FCSS and the Government of Alberta for providing the funding and support we need to ensure that children and youth are safe, active, and healthy.

I would like to extend a special thank you to our Board of Directors for their continued support and passion towards this organization. We also extend our most sincere thank you to all the staff and volunteers, for your hard work and dedication to the children and youth in our community; You are essential to our success.



**Jill Bilodeau**  
Executive Director  
and The Board of  
Directors

# WHO WE ARE

**OUT-OF-  
SCHOOL  
CARE**

**COMMUNITY FOCUSED  
YOUTH PROGRAMS**

**LICENSED &  
ACCREDITED  
DAY HOME  
AGENCY**

**SUMMER  
CAMPS**





# OUR MISSION

To provide a safe, supportive place where children and youth can experience new opportunities, overcome barriers, build positive relationships, and develop confidence and skills for life.







All children and youth discover  
and achieve their dreams and  
grow up to be healthy, successful,  
and active participants in society.

# OUR VISION



**BELONGING**

**RESPECT**

**ENCOURAGEMENT**

**WORKING  
TOGETHER**

**SPEAKING  
OUT**

**OUR**

**VALUES**



# WHAT WE

**HOMEWORK  
HELP**

**AFTER SCHOOL  
PROGRAMS**

**LEADERSHIP  
SKILLS**

**MENTAL  
HEALTH &  
TEEN  
WELNESS**



**KITCHEN  
LITERACY**

**SUMMER  
CAMPS** ☀️

**DIGITAL  
LITERACY**

**FINANCIAL  
EDUCATION**

**LGBTQ2S+  
Support**

Community Involvement



**DO**

**LICENSED &  
ACCREDITED  
CHILD CARE**

**ARTS &  
CRAFTS**

**MUSIC**

**PHYSICAL  
FITNESS &  
SPORTS**

**HEALTHY  
SNACKS  
& MEALS**

**COO  
KING**

**YOGA**

**DROP-IN**

**YOUTH  
COUNCIL**

**VOLUNTEER**

**TEEN  
DAY  
TRIPS**



**OUT  
DOOR  
ADVENTURE**

**THE  
CLUB  
TEEN SPACE**









**18 CLUB SERVICE  
LOCATIONS**

**2018**

**BY THE  
NUMBERS**

**1215 FAMILIES  
SERVED**

**118,892  
HEALTHY SNACKS  
SERVED**

**5,050  
CHILDREN  
& YOUTH SERVED**

**42  
LICENSED  
& ACCREDITED  
FAMILY  
DAYHOMES**



# AT THE BOYS & GIRLS CLUB WE BELIEVE EVERY KID IS A...

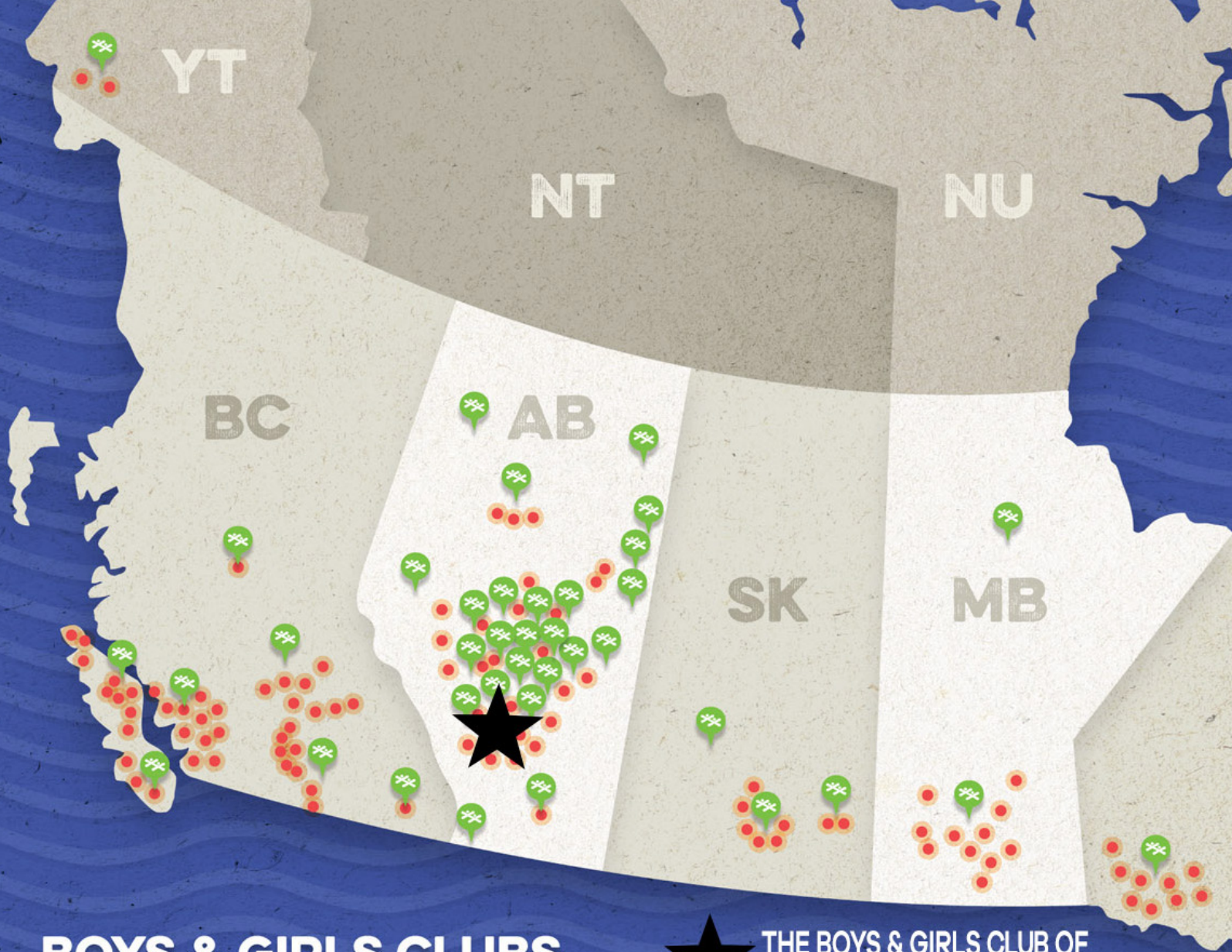




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# BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS ACROSS CANADA



THE BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF  
COCHRANE & AREA

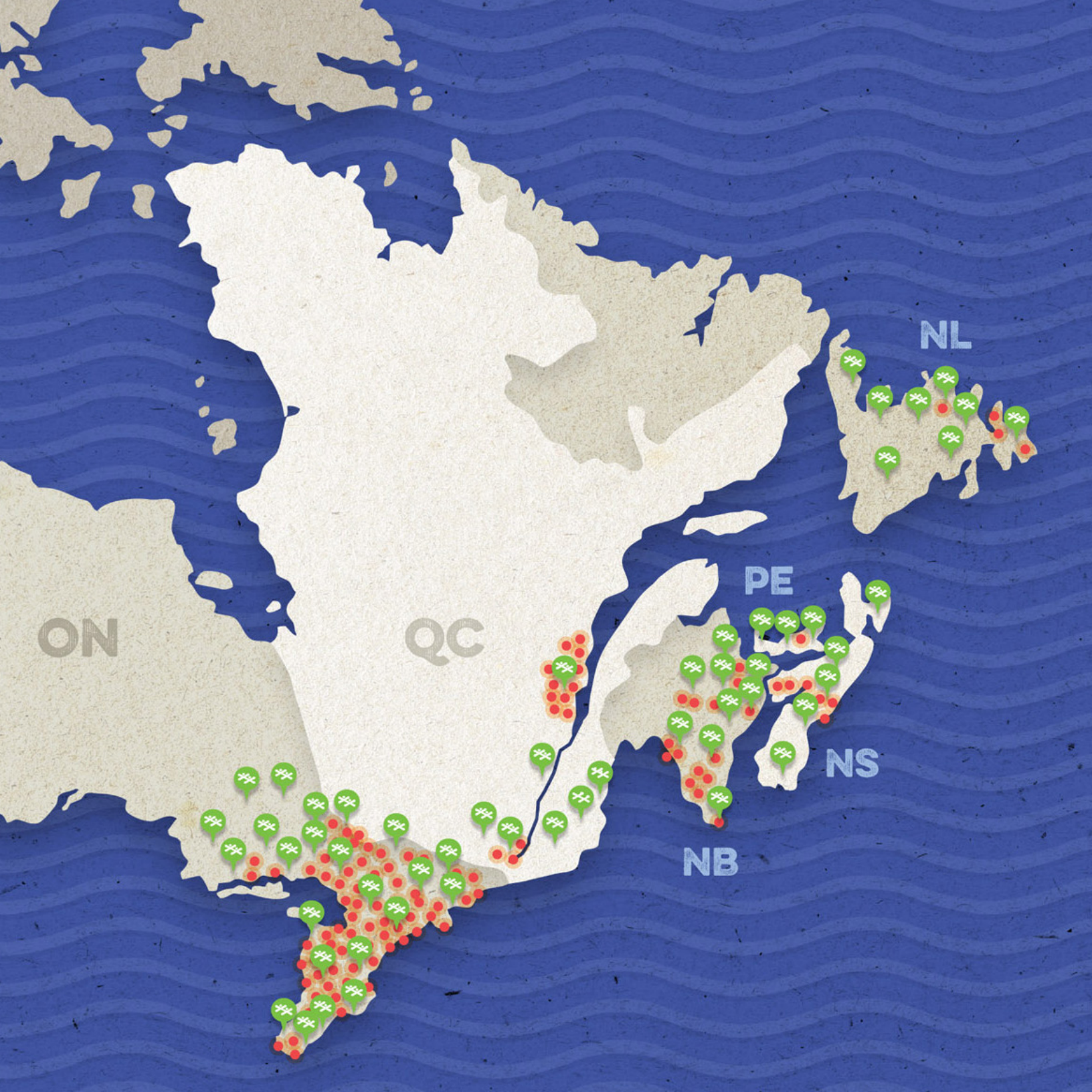


CLUB



COMMUNITY SERVED







# OUR UNIQUE PROGRAMS



DAY HOME AGENCY  
OUT-OF-SCHOOL CARE  
KID FOOD NATION  
SUMMER CAMPS

YOUTH FOCUSED PROGRAMS;

the  
hangout &  
the CLUB

RAISE  
THE GRADE

SUMMER   
DAY TRIPS

LEADERS **IN** TRAINING

DROP  
IN

JUNIOR  
CHEF

YOUTH COUNCIL







# SUPPORTERS



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I'm writing you today with gratitude in my heart. I wanted to extend my utmost thanks to all the people who make the BnG what it is. My son, Riley, has been attending and volunteering with our club for some time now. He's had such a positive experience with this organization since he started attending, and I know it has helped shape the man he's become today. You have given him precious time and involvement in activities that he wouldn't otherwise have had the chance to have. Priceless. So kudos to you, kudos to the people who donate! And a HUGE thank you from one proud and happy momma!!

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"It's a safe place and a great community feeling. It is a comforting environment that can help teens that are in a difficult place. It's also a place for teens to go after school where they can have fun instead of getting into trouble."





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"The CLUB is a free space where I can be myself and not get judged. It's very fun here and there is lots to do."



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"The new place is awesome, there's so much to do."





# BIG CHANGES

The community spoke and we  
listened!

The Club is now open and  
already picking up steam.



Jr. Chef



Jam Sessions



Raise the Grade



LGBTQ2S+ Support

NOW OPEN



## THE CLUB

Be Seen. Be Heard. Be YOU.



Program expansion  
+  
New programs



# BY THE NUMBERS



**22**

Staff with early learning and child care education.



**50+**

Volunteers.



**9**

Staff with more than 3 years service to the organization.



**3**

Alumni members recruited as staff.



**7**

Staff with more than 10 years experience working with children and families.



**25**

Staff with 100% passion for the work they do.



**4**

Staff started as volunteer or practicum students.



# DEDICATED TEAM

## Board of Directors

Our dedicated Board of Directors work diligently in supporting Boys & Girls Club of Cochrane & Area in meeting its mission.

- Chair- Lindsay Syhlonyk
- Vice- Chair- Teed Burns
- Secretary- Adelle Wiebe
- Treasurer- Darcy Wasylik
- Director- Dave Ryan
- Director- Dorothy Stapleton
- Director- Kelsey Sitar
- Director- Robert Rayner
- Director- Tammie Comstock

## Staff Training Portfolio

- Little Warriors
- Early Intervention of Therapy & Development Activities
- Equality & Inclusion
- Outdoor Play
- Suicide Prevention Assistance
- Social Emotional Development
- Food Safety
- Getting Ready for Inclusion Today (GRIT)
- Program Unit Funding (PUF)
- Mental Health First Aid
- Disclosure Training
- Blanket Training (Indigenous Sensitivity)
- Raise the Grade (Tutoring)
- Naloxone/ Overdose Training
- Basic Facilitation Skills
- Healthy Relationships
- Non-Suicidal Self Injury

## Leadership

- Our fun and energized leaders make Boys & Girls Club of Cochrane & Area a good place to be and work.
- Executive Director- Jill Bilodeau
- HR & Office Manager- Ana McCabe

## Our Current and Dedicated Team

Our hard-working team members share a passion for the work they do on a daily basis. The significance of their work is truly appreciated.

- Accountant- Doreen Mattson
- Facilities Administrator- Maureen Rowe
- Play Days Family Dayhome Coordinator- Maureen Topp
- Out of School Care Program Coordinator- Morgan Price
- Youth & Volunteer Program Coordinator- Nola Hume
- Play Days Family Dayhome Consultant- Alex Daub
- Play Days Family Dayhome Consultant- Marie-Pier Gagnon
- Child Development Mentor- Team Lead- Charlotte Harrison
- Child Development Mentor- Team Lead- Allisyn Craig
- Child Development Mentor- Amanda Carriere
- Child Development Mentor- Andrew Denton
- Child Development Mentor- Angellana Patterson
- Child Development Mentor- Cara Sealock
- Child Development Mentor- Emily Carter
- Child Development Mentor- Jack Carter
- Child Development Mentor- Jennifer Kraft
- Child Development Mentor- Jessica Ingard
- Child Development Mentor- Madison Cruickshank
- Child Development Mentor- Miranda Lacombe
- Youth Council Chair- Georgia Hargreaves- Kessler
- Youth Outreach Worker- Jodi Hensbergen
- Youth Worker- Augusta Marit
- Youth Worker- Liz Tang
- Youth Worker- Montana Renwick
- Communications Assistant- MRU Student- Adelina Gashi



THANK YOU TO  
**OUR PARTNERS**  
for their outstanding commitment to changing young lives

**National Program Partners**



**Cochrane Foundation**









Royal Mechanical Services



● Bears paw Benevolent Fund

● Cochrane Classic Car Club

THANK YOU FOR A  
**SUCCESSFUL 2018**