

GREAT FUTURES START **HERE.**



Thank you for your ongoing support to enrich and transform the lives of young people in our community. The first few months of 2023 have been filled with exciting opportunities for kids and teens at all four of our Club locations through hands-on programming, collaborations and expanded partnerships.

The highlights below are a glimpse into the engaging programs and services the Boys & Girls Club provides. With our community's support, the Club offers unique experiences for hundreds of kids and teens every day at a Club site, in a local school or through our outstanding partnerships in the community.

This summer the Club will be open from 6:45 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. with programming to support educational enrichment, workforce readiness and development, health and wellness, good character and leadership...and fun! We invite you to visit the Club to learn more and to answer any questions you have - schedule a tour today!

Thank you!

A stylized, handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kim".

Kim Larsen  
Chief Executive Officer

**2023 YOUTH OF THE YEAR**

*Kha Vang*

The Boys & Girls Club of the Wausau Area is proud to announce Kha Vang as our 2023 Youth of the Year, presented by Audi Wausau. Kha is a D.C. Everest senior and Club Member at the CLUB at Greenheck Field House.

In March, the state Youth of the Year competition and program recognized outstanding Club Members from over 100,700 youth from 199 Club sites in 74 Wisconsin cities. 14 finalists from across the state participated in teambuilding (including a downtown Madison scavenger hunt!), leadership activities, and competed for the state title.

Kha also had the opportunity to meet with Governor Tony Evers and advocated on behalf of our Club with local representatives at the state capital. Kha, who has been a Club Member for seven years, credits the Club in strengthening his communication skills and confidence. Kha will be attending the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire in the fall and plans to major in marketing.

Youth of the Year is the highest honor awarded to a Boys & Girls Club Member. Congratulations, Kha!



**STAYCATION SPRING BREAK**  
*A Week of Exciting Opportunities*

The Caroline S. Mark Site hosted a Staycation Spring Break, serving more than 220 youth through a variety of programs and activities.

A tour of UW-La Crosse; swimming at the Mosinee Community Pool; bowling at Day's Bowl-A-Dome; a trip to Marathon County Public Library for a tour, movie and finger knitting; gardening and microgreens workshop with Hsu Growing Supply; Celebrity Chat guest speakers; Cooking Challenges; sport and fitness activities at Crystal Training Institute; Teen & Kid Cuisine; STEM challenges and so much more filled the week with fun and hands on programs and activities. Each day also included breakfast, lunch and afternoon snack at no additional cost.

Scan the QR code to see photos from Staycation Spring Break!



# CAROLINE S. MARK SITE

## Elementary Center

In June 2022, the Boys & Girls Club - Caroline S. Mark Site opened a newly renovated Elementary Center that serves youth in 3rd - 5th grade.

This new center provides affordable wraparound care and helps kids feel confident to try new activities, increase their sense of belonging and develop healthy behaviors.

The Elementary Center provides additional space to meet the increasing demand for safe, affordable, out of school programming for youth. The Club is open after school, on non school days and throughout the summer to serve more youth in the community.



Scan the QR code to learn more about the Boys & Girls Club!



Scan the QR code to become a Member!



## HIGH SCHOOL NIGHTS

### Providing a Safe Space for Teens

Expanding due to popular demand, the Caroline S. Mark Site Teen Center is hosting High School Nights every **Tuesday** and **Thursday** for teens in grades 9-12.

Teens from all across the community come together to spend time with friends, be themselves and participate in activities and programs they enjoy in a safe, supervised space that is just for them.

High School Nights include sports in the gym, video games, playing pool, break dancing in the fitness studio, recreational activities...and so much more!

*"It's really fun. You get to hang out with your friends and even maybe new friends. The staff members are really nice. You get to meet kids who have the same interests as you because people here like everything."*

The Caroline S. Mark Site is open to teen Club Members every Tuesday and Thursday from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. from April 4th - May 18th.

## SAVE THE DATE



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Registration for summer programming is available - visit [bgclub.com](https://bgclub.com) to sign up today!



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