Our mission is to provide a fun, safe, positive place for all children of the North Country, under the guidance of caring adults.

A Year of Years!

Our Boys & Girls Club of the North Country experienced infused energy this year with a returning leadership team, new Youth Development Professionals, BGCA outcome driven programs, and continued community collaborations. Here’s a few great moments we would love to share. This was a year filled with learning, love, and lots of laughter!

SAYING THANKS!

AMAZING VOLUNTEERS!

Volunteers bring so many important life lessons to our kids and provide opportunities that they may not have had otherwise. From sewing skills, to snack prep, to homework help, volunteers help us improve our kids’ experiences and we are ever thankful.

The Granite United Way ‘Day of Caring’ brought lots of volunteer help to our doorstep! It took a whole day but they helped us clean and organize our attic to create space for donations.
A Message From the Executive Director, Sandy Brackett

Our organization experienced profound sadness and disbelief as we mourned the sudden loss of a true BGCNC leader and friend, Bill Bedor. It is said, with every cloud there is a silver lining. For us that cloud brought an outpouring of community love, support, and generosity as we now begin our 2023 plans to commemorate Bill’s impact with the construction of the Bedor Kids’ Club Pavilion. A much needed outdoor shade, shelter, and recreational space for our members. Read more about this meaningful endeavor on the next pages. Bill, our advocate, mentor, and our friend, will never be forgotten.

2022 also brought us joy and hope as we ushered out the intense fears of the COVID-19 pandemic. We took off our masks and saw each others’ smiles again. Since our Club’s partial 2020-2021 closing and staff restructuring, we are now firmly back on our feet as we witness the regrowth of our membership, this year serving 130 children, an increase from 88 in 2021. In addition, we are once again running our Club shuttle vans to Lafayette Regional School and Bethlehem Elementary. Sustainability and growth remain a key focus for us in 2023.

Our proudest achievements this calendar year have been centered around our enhancements to our unwavering commitment to safety. From the national federated model of the Boys & Girls Clubs of America (BGCA), came three phases of required improvements to member safety. This, coupled with our newly acquired NH State Child Care Licensing status, increased our commitment to a culture of safety: from added entrance and exit security system improvements; to camera installations and monitoring; to staff and youth interaction policy changes; and improved staff education and onboarding. I invite you to come take a tour. We are so very proud of the strides we have made and the recognition our Club received from the National BGCA Child Safety & Assurance Teams. It was truly my honor to speak on our Club’s behalf at the BGCA National Safety Summit in November outlining our Club’s 2022 safety improvement journey.

On behalf of our Board of Directors, our staff, and myself THANK YOU for your continued community support. We are grateful for the opportunity to be here for working families who need us. I can confidently say at the end of each day that we have done our best to provide a fun, safe, positive place for the children and families who have come to know and trust us.

Yours, in safety,

In Memory of Bill Bedor

“The purpose of life is to be useful, to be honorable, to be compassionate, to have it make some difference that you have lived and lived well.” - Ralph Waldo Emerson

Is it possible to live on after our time on earth? Can we make a difference in the lives of others, beyond our last day? Bill Bedor is proof that it’s possible. His role at BGCNC will be big shoes to fill.

Bill worked tirelessly to make our Club an outstanding, safe place for kids. A philanthropist, engaged with many community organizations - his giving was not limited to financial investments. He was also a mentor - providing support, advice, and understanding to those lucky enough to be his mentees. An incredibly kind and compassionate person, he gave so much of his life to causes and efforts which will continue to help others in the future. I hope to use his example to lead us forward.

If you’d like to leave a legacy like Bill, share your skills. Be kind and concerned with the well-being of others. Serve on a Board for local causes you care about. Give what you can financially to organizations who provide important services to your community - such as Boys & Girls Club of the North Country - and help us continue making a difference in the lives of local kids and families.
On June 30, 2022, our Club lost a friend, supporter, and champion – Bill Bedor. For nearly 15 years, Bill and his wife Tina have dedicated their lives to building and growing the Boys & Girls Club of the North Country and its programs. With their dedication and involvement, along with the hard work and dedication of many others, BGCNC has grown from serving a handful of children in a rented room to serving hundreds of children in our own 17,000 square foot building.

To honor Bill and his service to the community and to BGCNC, we are embarking on a very special fundraiser: The Bedor Kids’ Club Pavilion. The “Bill-vilion”, as we lovingly refer to it as, will be a permanent structure in our field. Complete with picnic tables to host Club kids for outdoor activities, programs, and meals. The total cost is expected to be over $100,000 with $21,750 raised to date.

The impact of Bill’s departure will be immense, but his life and legacy will live on through his charitable work, and his commitment and generosity to the North Country and BGCNC. Please help us honor Bill’s legacy by making a gift to The Bedor Kids’ Club Pavilion – a lasting tribute to a true North Country champion.

In June, we hosted our 10th Annual Golf Tournament! Held once again at the Maplewood Country Club in Bethlehem, NH, we had a sellout crowd. With another year of beautiful golf weather, nearly 140 players and volunteers gathered for a fun day of golf, prizes, and community spirit. The winner this year was TEAM HORACE MANN INSURANCE. With your support we were able to raise nearly $17,000 for our summer camp and after school programs.

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Sunday, June 4th

Inn at Maplewood

**2023 TEE IT UP FOR KIDS**

Kick off your golf season in style!

Special thanks to Maplewood, our players, and corporate, hole, and prize sponsors for once again making this event so successful!
October was Boys & Girls Club Month at the Ninety Nine Restaurants. With the help of enthusiastic staff, and generous diners, the local Littleton 99 raised over $24,000 for the Club.

BGCNC Club staff and Board members were on hand at the restaurant throughout the campaign to welcome guests and sell raffle tickets for fantastic prizes. The campaign featured a fun-filled night with local “celebrity” bartenders, trivia night, and a buffet breakfast.

Ninety Nine servers hyped the fundraiser in a challenge to top other 99 restaurants. The Littleton team showed a true “Passion to Serve” dedicating countless hours and energy to surpass their fundraising goal. Their enthusiasm propelled the restaurant to place second in the overall restaurant group challenge. The continued support of the 99 helps raise awareness about our Club and our mission of providing a fun, safe, positive place under the guidance of caring adults.

Our very own Tina Bedor, BGCNC Board Member, was named Volunteer of the Year through Littleton Chamber of Commerce for 2022 in honor of her years of dedication and commitment to our Boys & Girls Club of the North Country. This sparked the ‘Go the Extra Mile’ campaign, where donations help families who need financial assistance with fees for specialty programs, such as rock climbing. You can honor Tina and her volunteer efforts by contributing to this campaign, or the outdoor pavilion, by visiting the BGCNC website at bgcnorthcountry.org.

We were so thrilled to learn that Turtle Ridge Foundation selected BGCNC as this year’s beneficiary of funds they procured from the Bodefest golf tournament! They have earmarked proceeds from this event to help support the Bedor Kids’ Club Pavilion. Turtle Ridge Foundation provides grants to like-minded organizations that enhance community, opportunity, and well being for the adaptive community and youth causes.

Littleton Food Co-op members voted BGCNC as July’s Partner of the Month. The Co-op helps local organizations raise funds in several ways throughout the Partner of the Month program, including asking customers to round up at the register. The generosity was amazing, totaling $6,729. Our highest in five years! Thank you to all who helped us raise these funds.

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INVEST IN BGCNC. We pride ourselves on being able to offer a no turn-away policy, which allows us to serve all children, especially those who need us most. By donating to the Boys & Girls Club, you can invest in our scholarship program and help us keep up with the cost of our growing numbers. Consider a yearly or recurring monthly donation or choose us on Amazon Smile. You can also invest your time and talent by becoming a Board member or Volunteer!

SPREAD THE WORD. In our community, word of mouth can make all the difference. Help us grow by advocating for us at town meetings, sharing social media posts, and recommending us to friends and family.

We thrive off of DONATIONS. Monetary or items of need: toys, games, sports equipment, game tables, and arts & craft supplies!