



## **Boys & Girls Clubs of the Ocoee Region**

### **Great Futures Program \$3,000 TCF Grant in 2023**

#### **The Story**

The Great Futures program is designed to engage, inspire, and empower all area youth ages 5-18 that attend the Boys & Girls Club by providing academic assistance, thought-provoking character development programs, mentoring, and interactive activities. Youth participating in the Great Futures program are provided with the opportunity and tools to enter the community as productive, caring and responsible citizens.

The organization's Great Futures Program provides education and tools to foster growth mindsets through collaboration with other agencies. By doing so, skills and competencies are built to help buffer adverse childhood experiences' effects. This program has several components, including a focus on the mind, body, and spirit. Positive change is achieved through consistent, predictable, and nurturing interventions that prevent negative outcomes and stimulate positive adaptation. They provide much-needed intervention for at-risk youth through daily out-of-school programs, monthly and annual events, and weekly mentoring and tutoring.

#### **Measurable Outcomes**

There were 1200 individuals directly impacted by this grant.

Youth attendance data is collected by a member tracking database that allows the organization to track program information and how many youths attend and complete programs at each location. Additionally, the National Youth Outcomes Initiative (NYOI) surveys parents, teachers, and youth yearly. A copy of each member's report card is also collected each semester. Positive academic results, survey results, and a high participation rate indicate the effectiveness of the Great Futures program.

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## **Testimonial**

*Since becoming the Monroe Teen Center's director in December, I have consistently run 30 teens daily. I saw their progress reports in December and knew we needed to shift our focus to academic help. Out of my group of teens, I only had two students making passing grades. We have pushed our teens to apply themselves in and out of the club. This group brought me progress reports back on February 3rd, and only two kids had failing grades on their report cards. It has been a remarkable journey for these wonderful teens, and it's exciting to see where they are headed. Lately, our fourth and fifth graders have loved getting to read to our younger members as part of Power Hour. Allowing our older kids to read to the younger kids has improved both the older kids' reading skills and the younger kids' drive to learn how to read. It has been amazing to watch them grow!*

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## **About Tellico Community Foundation**



Since 2017, the Tellico Community Foundation has contributed nearly \$300,000 to nonprofits serving Loudon and Monroe Counties, with a focus on support for seniors and childhood development. With over \$350,000 in a long-term endowment fund, the Tellico Community Foundation is committed to building a sustainable future for its community. The Tellico Community Foundation is an affiliate fund of the East Tennessee Foundation. The East Tennessee Foundation receives and manages contributions on behalf of the Tellico Community Foundation fund and facilitates the awarding of grants in support of its mission.

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