

KELOWNA PROGRAMS



In 1959, a group of concerned citizens in Kelowna came together to see what they could do to develop a safe place for children to go after school. The same thing happened in Vernon in the 60's and Penticton in the 70's and the rest is history.

For 63 years, BGC Okanagan has been creating opportunities for millions of Canadian children, youth and families. As Canada's largest child and youth serving charitable organization, our Clubs open their doors to young people and their families at 775 locations nationwide.

During out-of-school hours in small and large cities and rural communities, our trained staff and volunteers provide programs and services that help young people realize positive outcomes in self-expression, academics, healthy living, physical activity, job readiness, mental health, leadership, and more. Opportunity changes everything.

Today BGC Okanagan offers 37 programs at 9 service location within the City of Kelowna with 3 of the locations being City owned facilities.

The past year was one like no other for BGC Okanagan. The COVID-19 pandemic required BGCO to pivot quickly in order to provide essential services in the communities we serve. Despite the challenges, we continued to provide programming and care to children, youth and families in Kelowna. This is due to the commitment from our staff and volunteers that allowed us to provide the needed supports to our community with the promise of providing the same benefits we have in years past.

The following information is a representation of the impact of BGC Okanagan programs in the City of Kelowna in 2020



KELOWNA IMPACTS

In the Downtown Youth Centre, Rutland & Martin Ave. Community Centres we had:

**OPPORTUNITY
CHANGES
EVERYTHING**

114,530

BGCO provided program hours

16,881

healthy meals & snacks served

150

staff members

90,792

Club visits

\$355,000 City contribution leveraged to create \$3.7 Million of services in Kelowna

OUR MISSION

The mission of BGC Okanagan is 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.

OUR VISION

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

Who We Serve

1,021	FAMILIES
111	PARTICIPANTS 19+
580	YOUTH 13-18
790	CHILDREN 6-12
167	CHILDREN UNDER 6

538

Disabilities

20

New Canadians

DIVERSITY

327

Indigenous

94

Homeless



**Belonging • Respect • Encouragement & Support
Working Together • Speaking Out**