

Why Boys & Girls Club in Mankato?

“Mankato is a great community, and we have lots of assets, but we still have youth who are at-risk and who are struggling. A Boys and Girls Club provides a safe, supportive environment that gives those kids an opportunity to succeed. Kids who attend Boys and Girls Clubs do better in school, are more likely to go on to higher education, engage in less risky behavior, and develop stronger character skills than their peers who are not involved with a Boys and Girls Club. I know that Mankato has a need, and in my career I have seen the success that has been achieved by kids participating in a Boys and Girls Club. That is why I enthusiastically support the establishment of a Boys and Girls Club in the Mankato area.”



TODD A. MILLER

Director of Public Safety
Mankato Department of Public Safety



“Our community needs as many helping hands as possible to raise our kids. A Boys and Girls Club would be a wonderful addition to the organizations currently doing that work in our community. Their approach is new and refreshing while their goal is the same as ours. They have a proven track record of helping boys and girls become wonderful young men and women. The YMCA is looking forward to sharing this responsibility with them. There is more than enough work to go around!”

JOHN KIND

Executive Director
Mankato Family YMCA

“I have seen first-hand the many kids in the Mankato Area that are not engaged and connected because of various barriers in their life. Blue Earth County has the third highest poverty rate in the State of MN and poverty can cause stress and long-term effects in an individual and family. The Boys and Girls Club would have a profound impact on youth in our community and would be instrumental in building a bridge for youth to get connected to caring adult role models and enriching activities. Bringing Boys and Girls Club to the Mankato community could be a game changer for the youth served and could help them to see and believe there is a bright future. Now is the time for the community to stand in the gaps for those who need us most and bring Boys and Girls Club to the Mankato area.”



CHERYL HAMOND

Director of Social Responsibility
Mankato Family YMCA



“The Boys and Girls club will fill a gap for our youth in Mankato who are in need of after school and summer mentoring and leadership opportunities. This will be a positive place for kids to belong and to build skills that will promote positive self worth and belonging. Every youth in our community deserves to have a place that they belong too. The Boys and Girls Club has 4300 clubs throughout the US that have proven success. It will be a game changer for many of our Mankato youth in our community. I am excited to see how this program grows and I support these efforts 100%.”

MOLLY FOX, MSW, LICSW

Lead School Social Worker
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