

## Frequently Asked Questions about Boys & Girls Club of Mankato...

### 1) Doesn't the YMCA already provide this programming?

The Mankato Family YMCA does not have the capacity to serve all youth in Mankato. In addition, the Boys & Girls Club will be the only center designated specifically for youth. Boys & Girls Club offers specific research-based structured programming which is not offered by the YMCA. The local YMCA executive director, John Kind, fully supports the Boys & Girls Club of Mankato and hopes to collaborate with programming.

### 2) Weren't there efforts to start a Boys & Girls Club in Mankato a few years ago?

Like most organizations, it takes time for a nonprofit to get going and a few years ago, it was simply not the right timing for our community to start a Boys & Girls Club. There were multiple capitol campaigns occurring, the economy was not as good, and the community was not ready. Now the need has grown even more and the community is ready.

### 3) What about the Mankato Area Public Schools after school ACES program?

ACES is a school age child care program provided by Mankato Area Public Schools Community Education & Recreation Department limited to serving children K-5. The cost of ACES is cost prohibiting for many families. Boys & Girls Club serves ages 6-18 and ensures ALL girls and boys can belong, especially those who need it most. Boys & Girls Club is evidence-based & outcome driven.

### 4) Where will the Boys & Girls Club be located?

The site identified for Boys & Girls Club of Mankato is 709 South Broad Street. This property is located downtown Mankato on the upper level of the building owned by St. John's Catholic church that was previously used as a school. There are 6,337 square feet available for a CAM of \$1.75/square foot plus property tax. Additionally, this site has auditorium/gym space that can be rented and potential room for growth into the first floor of the building.

### 5) Who will the Boys & Girls Club serve?

Boys & Girls Club of Mankato will serve young people ages 6-18 of all races, religions and ethnic culture.

### 6) What specific activities will happen at the Boys & Girls Club?

Activities will focus on academic success, character & leadership, health & life skills, and the arts. Examples of specific activities include: homework help/tutoring, STEM mentoring, career launch, money matters, service projects, master gardening, girl scouts, boy scouts, soccer, basketball, volleyball, art, music, and much more! Many of the programs will be offered through partnerships with existing organizations in the community.

### 7) How many kids can be served upon opening Boys & Girls Club of Mankato?

Approximately 60 youth on a daily basis with a membership of 300 youth.