For more than a century, the Boys & Girls Clubs of America (BGCA) has dedicated itself to empowering young people, especially those who need it most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring and responsible citizens.

BGCA provides a safe place for youth to learn and grow — all while having fun. It’s where great futures start each and every day. Nearly 4,000 Clubs serve some 4.1 million young people through membership and community outreach.

**Focus organizations**

EY works closely with four focus organizations: BGCA, Junior Achievement (JA), NFTE (Network for Teaching Entrepreneurship) and the United Way. We focus on these nonprofits because their missions align closely with our Americas Corporate Responsibility strategy of supporting education, entrepreneurs and equity in the workforce — our 3Es.

Collaborating with focus organizations helps EY maximize the impact of volunteer time and charitable giving to our communities. Having EY leaders on local BGCA boards helps maximize our relationships by driving market connectivity. Encouraging our people to volunteer with BGCA not only increases their level of engagement, but also allows them to develop leadership skills while creating value in the community.

**EY is making a difference!**

“EY is committed to supporting the Boys & Girls Clubs of America to ensure we help young people prepare for and succeed in school and in all aspects of life. I know firsthand the impact the Clubs can make in a student’s life and have seen that they are truly changing the trajectory of countless students. I couldn’t be prouder of EY’s commitment to provide meaningful support to such deserving Club Kids.”

- Kevin Cole
  Partner, Ernst & Young LLP
  Boys & Girls Clubs of America Midwest Regional board member and EY-BGCA relationship partner
EY supports BGCA in three ways:

Connectivity, engagement and investment

Connectivity
An Ernst & Young LLP partner serves on every one of the six regional BGCA boards, while 29 professionals sit on local BGCA boards across the US.

Engagement
Across the US, EY volunteers engage with local Clubs in a variety of ways. Some examples include:

- Leading innovative, after-school PBS Cyberchase programs that inspire members, especially underrepresented minorities, to excel in math
- Providing Club Kids coaching in preparation for the Youth of the Year interviews and speeches
- Hosting monthly volunteer sessions where EY professionals volunteer at the Clubs, provide academic assistance, give healthy-snack preparation demonstrations and serve as positive adult role models

EY Community Impact program
This program is an immersive volunteer experience where EY professionals work full-time on a strategic project for one to three months at either a BGCA branch or BGCA headquarters.

Most recently, an Ernst & Young LLP staff spent six weeks embedded with BGCA’s IT Systems Solutions team, identifying software solutions to further automate the grants management process.

EY Connect Day
EY Connect Day is our organization’s annual day of service. On average, more than 50 volunteer projects are completed with BGCA annually.

Investment
Across the US, EY offices support BGCA’s local and regional Youth of the Year competitions, which recognize a small group of Club members who embody the values of leadership service, academic excellence and a healthy lifestyle.

EY also supports BGCA’s alumni drive, aiming to identify lifelong supporters of the organization.

In addition, Ernst & Young LLP has donated over $1.6 million in the past five years to run various programs, clubs and initiatives across the US.

EY people also have the opportunity to donate directly through an annual United Way giving campaign. In 2017, donations to BGCA exceeded $460,000.

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