



THE CLUB



Growing a Brighter Future



by **Jim Pearson, Executive Director**

What a difference a year makes! Gone are the days of fighting to keep our heads above water. The weight of the pandemic has lifted, and The Club is soaring! It is not an exaggeration to say wonderful things are happening. Fresh faces on the staff are promoting incredible growth within our programs. More young people than ever before are participating, and each day brings new opportunities to engage and learn. New partners and volunteers are coming forward to enhance our offerings. Our support within the community and beyond continues to be a tremendous inspiration to push the boundaries of what is possible. The challenges of the past serve as a simple reminder for the reason we do this important work. With your support, we pushed forward in spite of it all, and we are stronger, more impactful, and providing more opportunities for our kids than ever before. It's a great time to be a part of The Club!



AFTER SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AT AN ALL-TIME HIGH



While program attendance rebounded modestly last year, the new school year's attendance is off the charts! Daily attendance has increased from an average of 30 students per day to over 45, with many days seeing more than 50 students from Dayton, Waitsburg, and Starbuck participating. The daily activities,

which include art, music, STEM, reading, and much more, are a big draw. We have expanded our social and emotional learning programs, partnering with school counselors from both Dayton and Waitsburg School Districts to lead activities and offer support to students and staff.



MUSIC TAKES ROOT AT THE CLUB



Thanks to a new partnership with the Walla Walla Music Organization, The Club is offering a 20-week intensive music production and audio engineering program for high school students. Learning from industry professionals, local students are learning the finer nuances of producing, recording, and live sound. At the beginning of the school

year, we hosted a lively performance by a local high school rock band. More performances from these and other young musicians are in the works!



SUMMER PROGRAM WITHOUT BOUNDARIES



The Club's 2022 Summer Program offered the chance to get back to business! With restrictions lifted, 60 area students were treated to six action-packed weeks of fun and learning. Participants were treated to a number of unique activities and field trips to the Liberty Theater, Prescott Pool, Waitsburg Splash Pad, and more.



MAXIMIZE YOUR IMPACT WITH THE VALLEY GIVING GUIDE



The Club is pleased to once again partner with Blue Mountain Community Foundation's Valley Giving Guide for the upcoming season of giving. Beginning November 29, 2022, supporters can make tax-deductible donations to The Club through the Valley Giving Guide. A percentage of all donations will be matched, offering the opportunity to greatly enhance your generosity. Visit our website at www.theclubdayton.org/donate for more information and to make your contribution. Thank you for supporting the youth of the Touchet Valley!

"Remember that the happiest people are not those getting more, but giving more." - H. Jackson Brown Jr.