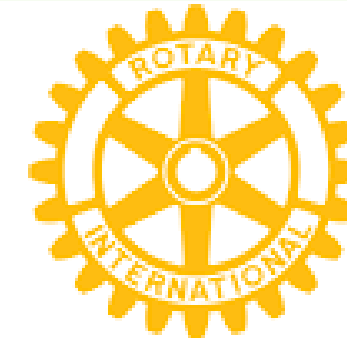




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YOUR INVESTMENT: IMPROVING YOUNG FUTURES IN OTTAWA SOUTH



Dear Dave, Chris and the Rotary Club of Ottawa South,

The needs of our members are evolving and intensifying. The pandemic not only physically distanced us, but also amplified the systemic barriers that many members face every single day of their lives. BGC Ottawa supports all equity-seeking groups, and diverse children and youth, especially those with visible identities. We believe in systemic opportunity to correct the systemic racism and barriers many of our young people have faced and continue to encounter by making equity, diversity and inclusion (EDI) and anti-black racism (ABR) a priority.

Today, we ask you to consider a transformational gift that will fund key programs. You will help close the gap and ensure we continue important educational initiatives with an equity, diversity, and inclusion lens.

Thank you for your confidence in our work and for everything you continue to do for BGC Ottawa, and the thousands of children and youth we serve.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Adam Joiner", written in a cursive style.

Adam Joiner, Chief Executive Officer
BGC Ottawa



ABOUT BGC OTTAWA

(FORMERLY THE BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF OTTAWA)

For almost one hundred years, BGC Ottawa, a registered charity, has provided programming directly to children and youth in vulnerable neighbourhoods.

FREE Community-based services. Positive relationships. Life-changing programs. As one of Ottawa's largest child and youth-serving charitable organizations, BGC Ottawa provides vital programs and services to an annual average of 4,500 young Members each year. We provide safe, supportive places where all kids and teens, of all backgrounds, can experience new opportunities, overcome barriers, and develop confidence and skills for life. From anti-racism to Reconciliation to LGBTQ2S+, food security to scholarships to job readiness, our Clubs battle systemic issues with systemic solutions—equity, acceptance, support, opportunity. BGC Ottawa is about Systemic Opportunity.

OUR VALUES



Belonging



Encouragement



Speaking Out



Working Together



Respect

OUR MISSION

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.

OUR PROGRAMMING PILLARS

EDUCATION



CREATIVE ARTS



PHYSICAL ACTIVITY & HEALTHY LIFESTYLE



LEADERSHIP & SOCIAL SKILLS



YOUR IMPACT

With your sponsorship, we will be able to engage and help children and youth in 19 neighbourhoods.

We plan to double our impact and members in the next two years.

Opening soon:
Taggart Parkes Family Clubhouse
1770 Heatherington Rd

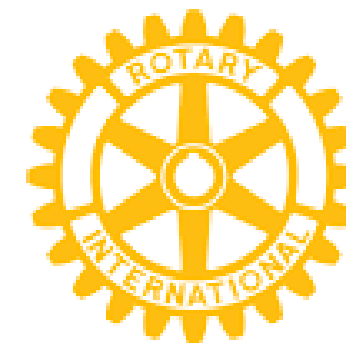


WALK THIS WAY

IT ALL STARTS WITH ONE STEP...



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For over fifteen years, BGC Ottawa's (formerly the Boys and Girls Club of Ottawa) Walk This Way (WTW) program takes Members on treks through the city, the countryside, and surrounding points of interest. This award-winning youth-serving program (2017-UWEO Community Builder of the Year Award) has helped hundreds of children and youth in its time.

From walks through Gatineau Park, Hog's Back Park and downtown, Members get to keep fit and experience their city and neighbourhood in new ways. Plus, the annual program culminates in a walk at Ottawa's Race Weekend and a public celebration.

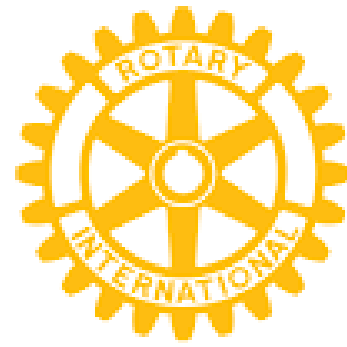


Walk This Way is an enriching, holistic educational, social, and recreational program tailored to Members from underserved areas encountering barriers to opportunities. The program also teaches healthy eating and nutrition as a foundation for healthy, active living.

This walking program encourages Members to walk between six and eight kilometres each week alongside a guide and BGC Ottawa staff. We have offered recent programs at the Don McGahan Clubhouse in east Ottawa, the Ron Kolbus Clubhouse in west Ottawa, the Tomlinson Family Foundation Clubhouse on Prince of Wales Drive, and the Rochester Street satellite location in Centertown.



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SPORT AND LEADERSHIP LEAGUE (SLL)



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LEAGUE HIGHLIGHTS

- Ottawa's only no-fee, year round competitive athletic league
- Currently serves over 1,300 members from 19 neighbourhoods across the city of Ottawa
- Members participate in four sports:
 - Basketball
 - Ball Hockey
 - Soccer
 - Walk This Way
- Skills competitions and All-Star games
- Annual SLL Leadership Retreat for leaders in their sport and league role models
- Scholarships made available to all members





The Sports and Leadership League (SLL) was established in 2014. As leaders in barrier-free access to social recreation programs in Ottawa, BGC Ottawa offers the SLL as a year-round competitive sports program for youth ages 6-18. The SLL focuses on skills development, leadership, and teaching the importance of responsible and healthy competition whilst providing a healthy and safe environment.

No payment is required for youth who participate annually, and all equipment and transportation is provided by BGC Ottawa. In doing so, we remove the barrier of lower income families participating in organized sports.

No child is left behind.



Rotary CAMP SMITTY

Club of Ottawa South



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Since 1924, Camp Smitty, operated by BGC Ottawa, has provided thousands of children and youth aged 8 to 16 years old with an unforgettable summer camp experience.

Thanks to donor support, BGC Ottawa offers this truly transformational experience to as many at-risk children and youth as possible regardless of their families' financial situation.

Campers get to leave their troubles behind and just be a kid while learning important values, building self-esteem and life skills that they will bring back to their families and communities – making memories to last a lifetime.

Camp Smitty is a non-profit program. You can make a difference by helping send more children to camp!



THANK YOU!

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