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Vancouver Island

**OPPORTUNITY
CHANGES
EVERYTHING.**

2025-26 ANNUAL REPORT

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Opportunity Changes Everything



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As we reflect on another year at BGC Central Vancouver Island, we are reminded that our impact is measured not only by the programs and services we provide, but by the way we provide them. At the heart of every program, every safe space, and every interaction is a commitment to connection—connection with the children, youth, and families we serve, and connection with the dedicated staff whose passion and expertise make our work possible.

Across our service region, we strive to provide a consistent, high-quality experience that families can depend on. Our goal is not uniformity, but unity—bringing together our 14 Club locations under a shared vision while celebrating the unique strengths, communities and territories that we are privileged to call home.

This past year was one of significant growth. BGC Central Vancouver Island served 1,647 individuals, an increase of nearly 25 percent over the previous year, and 80 percent more unique individuals than just two years ago. As demand for our services increased, so too did our efforts to address food security. Through healthy snacks, meals, and food hampers, we provided more than 277,000 food supports to children, youth, and families throughout our region.

While these numbers are important, they tell only part of the story. Behind every statistic is a young person whose life has been positively impacted through meaningful relationships, supportive environments, and opportunities to learn, grow, and succeed. Every new program, strengthened partnership, and service enhancement was guided by a single purpose: creating spaces where children and youth feel safe, connected, and empowered.

Growth brings opportunity, but it also brings complexity. As our organization has evolved, we recognize that some of our processes, structures, and systems have not always kept pace with our expanding reach and impact. Over the past year, we have taken important steps to strengthen our operations, updated registration software, and improved organizational effectiveness through initiatives around our Equity Diversity and Inclusion project and our Learning and Impact Surveys so that we can continue delivering the highest level of service to those who depend on us.

A defining achievement of the year has been the development of our new 2026 Strategic Plan. This milestone represents far more than the creation of a new document. It reflects a thoughtful and collaborative process that examined where we have been, where we are

today, and where we aspire to go. Informed by meaningful conversations, stakeholder feedback, and a shared commitment to our long-term vision, the plan captures our values, priorities, and ambitions for the future.

As we look ahead, we know the path forward will require continued commitment, collaboration, and adaptability. Challenges such as funding pressures combined with the increasing needs of the communities we serve will remain realities for our sector. Yet we move forward with confidence, knowing that the passion, expertise, experience, and dedication of our staff, Board members, volunteers, partners, and supporters provide a strong foundation for success.

Everything we do is guided by a simple but powerful belief: every child and youth deserves the opportunity to thrive. Through safe and supportive spaces, meaningful relationships, and experiences that inspire growth and confidence, we help young people navigate challenges and realize their potential. Together, we are building that future, and we are grateful to everyone who joins us in making it possible.

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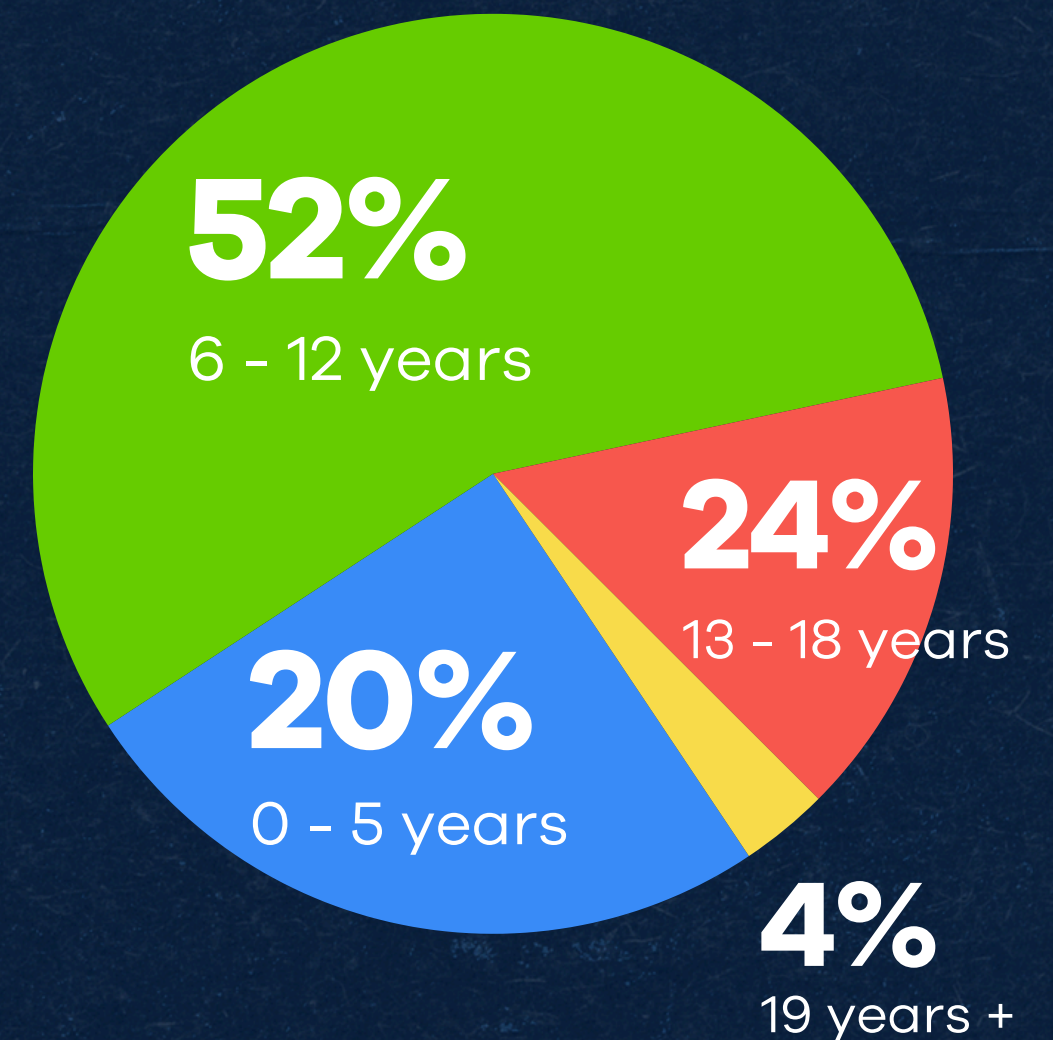
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Who we Serve



1,647
participants across all Clubs



our **Mission**

To provide safe, supportive places 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 Values



Belonging

We welcome everyone in a safe, accepting environment based on belonging and positive relationships.



Respect

We ensure that everyone—children, youth, families, volunteers, staff—is heard, valued, and treated fairly.



Encouragement and support

We encourage and support every child and youth to play, learn, and grow to achieve their dreams.



Working together

We work together with young people, families, volunteers, our communities, and government.



Speaking out

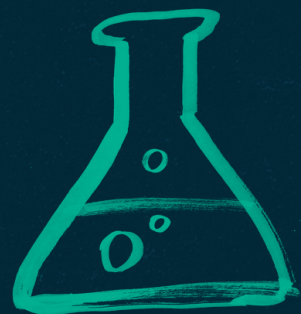
We speak out for children, youth, and families so that we can make our world better.



WHAT CLUBS DO



EDUCATIONAL
SUPPORT



STEM
EDUCATION



GARDENING
NUTRITION

& FOOD
EDUCATION

VIRTUAL
PROGRAMMING



BEFORE
AND AFTER
SCHOOL
PROGRAMS



FINANCIAL
EDUCATION

DIGITAL
LITERACY



TRANSPORT



ARTS
MUSIC
DANCE
THEATRE



BREAKFAST
PROGRAMS

HEALTHY SNACKS & MEALS



MENTAL
HEALTH &
WELLNESS

SCHOLARSHIPS

JOB READINESS

MENTORING



INDIGENOUS INITIATIVES & PROGRAMS



YOUTH EXCHANGES

VOLUNTEERING

YOUTH LEADERSHIP

SUMMER
CAMPS

CIVIC
ENGAGEMENT



YOUTH
SHELTERS & HOUSING

PARENTING
EDUCATION
& SUPPORT

HEALTHY
RELATIONSHIP
PROGRAMMING

RESTORATIVE JUSTICE

PHYSICAL
FITNESS &
SPORTS

SUBSTANCE USE
& PREVENTION

CRIME PREVENTION

Locations

Comox Valley

Aspen Park
Brooklyn

Arden
Glacier View

Parksville

Parksville Child + Family Centre

Ladysmith

Ladysmith Child + Family Centre

Nanaimo

Beban House
Syuwen'ct

Forest Park
Fifth Street
Richardson Road

Chase River
Boxwood
Seaview





Our Team



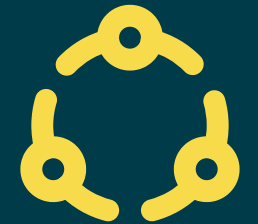
108

Full time
employees



51

Part time
employees



4

Casual
employees

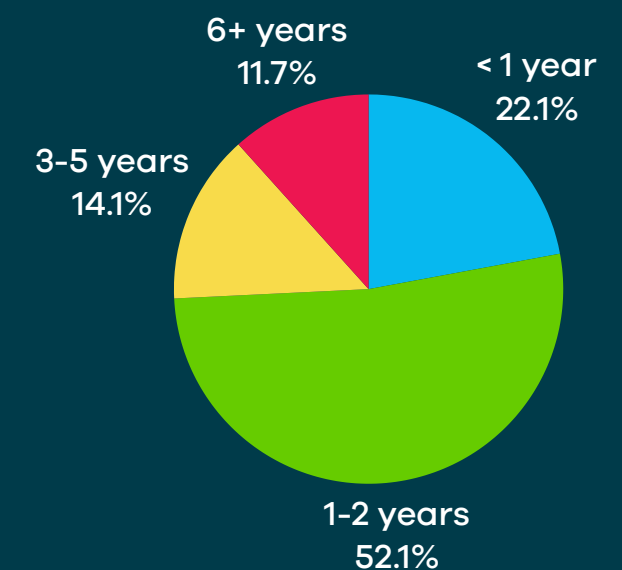
By department

Admin: 15

iCYFS: 14

Childcare: 134

Average tenure





Youth Programs

Structured programs give teens more than just something to do after school; they provide connection, support, and opportunities to grow. Research shows that youth who participate in consistent, supportive programs often build stronger social skills, greater confidence, and improved communication and leadership abilities. These spaces help teens form positive relationships, explore their interests, and develop the tools they need to navigate adolescence and prepare for the future.

YOUTH LOUNGE

a relaxed drop-in space for teens to socialize, play games, and talk with trusted youth workers.

GENERATION Q

our dedicated program for LGBTQIA2S+ youth to connect, be themselves, and access resources without judgment.

PURPLE GIRLZILLAS

Designed just for girls ages 9–12, this program offers a safe, inclusive space to try new things, share big laughs, and grow into exactly who they are.



THE HAUNTING OF BEBAN HOUSE

Our annual Haunted House returned for another thrilling season of scares, smiles, and community spirit! This much-loved tradition continues to grow, bringing people together for a fun Halloween event rooted in Nanaimo's history.

This event helps fund programs and opportunities for children and youth across Central Vancouver Island.

2 nights

of spooky fun- a family friendly, all-ages night and a full-scare, scream-filled version the next fay!

700+ visitors

Joined us for a frightfully good time!

\$2600+ raised

to support programs and opportunities for kids and youth



**THANK YOU TO OUR INCREDIBLE VOLUNTEERS, STAFF,
AND COMMUNITY FOR MAKING IT POSSIBLE!**

This Way ONward:

BUILDING CONFIDENCE FOR THE FUTURE

Through our partnership with Old Navy, local youth had the opportunity to explore the world of work through the This Way ONward program, a career readiness program designed to help young people build the skills, confidence, and experience needed to succeed in the workforce.

In July, youth participated in a special after-hours visit to the Nanaimo Old Navy store, where they received a behind-the-scenes look at retail operations. Participants learned about inventory management, customer service, merchandising, and point-of-sale systems while working alongside Old Navy team members in a real retail environment.

The partnership continued throughout the year as Old Navy staff visited our Fifth Street Youth Centre to share their expertise with participants. Youth took part in hands-on workshops focused on resume writing, interview preparation, workplace expectations, and professional communication. These sessions provided practical tools that many participants will use as they begin applying for their first jobs.



THIS WAY ONward HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ After-hours tour at Nanaimo Old Navy
- ✓ Hands-on experience with retail operations
- ✓ Resume and interview skills workshop
- ✓ Career exploration and mentorship
- ✓ Real-world job readiness training



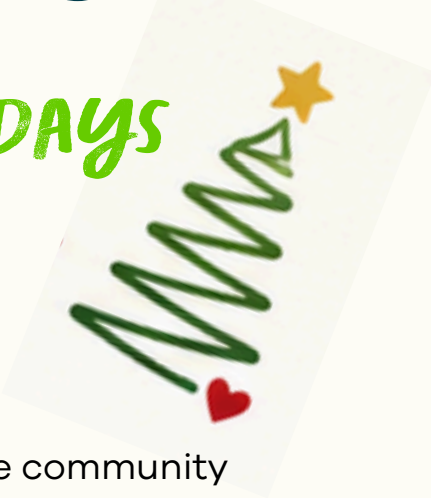
Angel Tree Program

SUPPORTING LOCAL FAMILIES DURING THE HOLIDAYS

This year, BGCCVI launched its first ever **Angel Tree** program to support Club families who needed extra help during the holiday season.

Through partnerships with local businesses, Angel Trees were displayed throughout the community with anonymous tags representing local families and children. Community members were invited to choose a tag, shop for gifts, and return donations for distribution before the holidays.

The program supported families across our Clubs with gifts, holiday essentials, and food hampers provided through Nanaimo Foodshare. Thanks to the generosity of our community, every child featured on the trees received gifts for the holiday season.





100%
OF CHILDREN ON OUR ANGEL TREES RECEIVED GIFTS



200+
GIFTS DONATED BY COMMUNITY MEMBERS



50+
CHILDREN SUPPORTED ACROSS OUR CLUB COMMUNITIES



100%
OF FAMILIES RECEIVED A HOLIDAY HAMPER FROM NANAIMO FOODSHARE





Financial SUMMARY

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As at March 31, 2026, with comparative information for 2025

	2026	2025
ASSETS		
Current assets:		
Cash	\$ 464,792	\$ 796,513
Cash - restricted (note 1c)	225,485	207,978
Term deposits (note 3)	580,000	-
Term deposits - restricted (note 1c)	934,196	950,183
Accounts receivable (note 4)	303,399	209,682
Prepaid expenses and deposits	159,367	-
Current portion of prepaid Ladysmith lease (note 5)	11,675	11,675
	2,678,914	2,176,031
Prepaid Ladysmith lease (note 5)	273,390	285,065
Tangible capital assets (note 6)	1,888,584	2,081,650
	\$ 4,840,888	\$ 4,542,746
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
Current:		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities (note 7)	\$ 448,968	\$ 393,375
Deferred contributions (note 8)	644,088	598,927
Current portion of deferred contribution related to Ladysmith lease (note 5)	11,675	11,675
	1,104,731	1,003,977
Deferred contribution related to Ladysmith lease (note 5)	273,390	285,065
Deferred contributions-capital grants (note 9)	1,485,601	1,615,868
	2,863,722	2,904,910
Net assets:		
Unrestricted (note 10)	\$ 639,986	\$ 237,858
Internally restricted (note 11)	934,196	934,196
Investment in tangible capital assets (note 12)	402,984	465,782
	1,977,166	1,637,836
	\$ 4,840,888	\$ 4,542,746

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

As at March 31, 2026, with comparative information for 2025

	2026	2025
REVENUE		
Province of BC	\$ 2,922,233	\$ 2,082,485
Ministry of Child & Family Development	2,784,385	2,623,013
Program Income	2,685,529	2,508,181
Donations and fundraising	301,582	388,577
Amortization of deferred contributions- capital grants	224,473	178,813
Community gaming grant	222,615	230,431
Other income	135,971	115,801
Revenue from deferred contribution related to Ladysmith Lease	11,675	11,675
Gain (loss) on disposal of tangible capital assets	2,500	(520)
	\$ 9,290,963	\$ 8,138,456
EXPENSES		
Accounting and legal	32,914	164,718
Advertising and promotion	10,782	15,722
Amortization	256,962	248,174
Bad debts (recovery)	(5,805)	884
Bank charges and interest	58,608	47,467
Equipment rental	10,656	8,618
Insurance	82,202	70,833
Licenses, dues, and permits	22,851	19,652
Office	94,313	76,618
Program costs	313,913	306,672
Rent and property taxes	181,015	181,608
Repairs and maintenance	104,251	99,491
Security	13,188	9,260
Telephone	87,992	64,653
Training and professional development	31,679	32,360
Travel	14,427	21,568
Utilities	95,207	85,597
Vehicles	114,410	99,551
Wages, benefits, and contracted services	7,432,068	6,670,883
	8,951,633	8,224,329
Excess of revenue (expenses)	\$ 339,330	\$ (85,873)



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