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Boys & Girls Clubs of S.F.

Founded in 1891, Boys & Girls Clubs of San Francisco (BGCSF) serves more than 14,000 youth ages six to 18 annually, offering a safe haven for education and growth. According to the BGCSF website, www.kidsclub.org, 93 percent of the organization's membership is from low or extremely low-income households, and less than one-third report living with both parents. BGCSF provides a broad range of programs in hopes of inspiring young people to reach their full potential, with five core program areas: Arts; Education and Career Development; Health and Life Skills; Sports, Fitness and Recreation; and Character and Leadership Development.

BGCSF's program for teens

offers age-appropriate activities, such as scholarship programs, community service opportunities, apprenticeships, skill assessments and leadership training. The nonprofit operates nine clubhouses in the City's toughest neighborhoods, including the Willie Mays Boys & Girls Club at Hunters Point, which opened in 2008 at 195 Kiska Road. Other locations include the Mission Clubhouse at Bryant Elementary School, 1050 York Street; Visitation Valley Clubhouse, 1099 Sunnydale Avenue; and the Sunnydale Clubhouse, 1654 Sunnydale Avenue. BGCSF also operates Camp Mendocino, a residential summer camp.

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