

# LETTER FROM OUR CEO

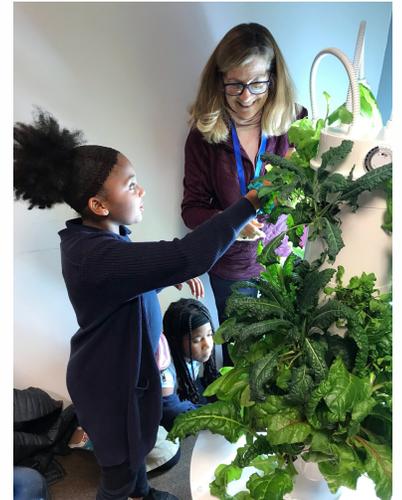
Dear Family & Friends,

For 31 years, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Annapolis & Anne Arundel County has celebrated the extraordinary achievements of our most inspiring Club Members at our Youth of the Year Dinner. It is a night when our community comes together to meet and hear from the next generation of leaders, and often leave the evening with a renewed sense of hope and gratitude. Although we cannot gather together in-person this year, our celebration of these young people's Great Futures will prevail.



We are in unprecedented times due to the COVID-19 global pandemic. We know the everyday uncertainties our kids face will become heightened as this public health crisis grows. Many of our kids already face the grueling question of where their next meal will come from. They already face gaps in educational attainment and achievement. The families we serve are already struggling to access safe and affordable childcare. For most people, we can only imagine how this pandemic heightens those uncertainties.

As the CEO of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Annapolis and Anne Arundel County, I have the honor of witnessing the difference people can make in their communities firsthand every day and know that our commitment to serving those who need us most only gets stronger in times of crisis. We recognize that this pandemic will have lasting effects throughout our area but are uniquely positioned to do all we can to help. Although our Clubhouses are closed to protect the health of our Club members and staff, we continue to be a presence in the lives of our Club members and their families. We are providing weekly Club-on-the-Go Bags filled with a weeks' worth of snacks, approved by USDA nutritional guidelines, as well as activities to keep members engaged and active. Additionally, we have created a 'Virtual Club' with uploaded activities and videos of our staff completing tasks to help keep our Club members connected. Even from afar, we can continue to have a positive impact on our kids.



My deepest thanks to each and every one of you who support the Boys & Girls Clubs of Annapolis & Anne Arundel County. Many thanks to the Board of Directors, community partners, volunteers, and staff who give tirelessly of themselves. Without you, we would be unable to help and inspire the lives of so many.

While it is impossible to know how long this crisis will last, I am confident that we, as an organization and community, will make it through together. And when we do, we will once again open our doors to Great Futures.

With deepest gratitude,

Lisa Lindsay-Mondoro  
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