

Letter from Board President, Michael M. Chioros

In 1919 when The Union League Club of Chicago opened the Boys Club on 19th Street in Pilsen, the building was already old. Ninety years later with over 100,000 boys and girls having entered its doors, the building is even older. The organization is robust and alive, we still serve multiple generations of youth, but the building has outlived its days. We looked at full demolition and constructing a new structure, but taking our children's refuge away would mean the loss of many children to the dangers of the area.

We found another solution. We will do a full rehabilitation of the original structure. The building connected on the east will be razed and a new addition built. That will allow us to be partially open during the construction period. With the coordination with local schools and churches we will keep our programs alive and serving our Club's youths. Our architects and engineers have designed a facility that will take us through the next 90 years. The new building will have new heating, cooling, air conditioning, elevator, gym, science lab, and much more.

But how is this \$4.2+ million project possible? It is possible because of the dedicated and generous members of the Union League Club and other donors. It is possible because of The Reinhardt and Shirley Jahn Foundation's matching dollar for dollar grant. Their commitment is what will keep the boys and girls coming to the Club to develop self esteem, enjoy comfort and safety, and become happy productive citizens. Be generous. Your 100% tax deductible contribution make this possible. Change a life, change many lives. Make a difference!

Sincerely,



Michael M. Chioros

Who We Are

The Union League Boys & Girls Clubs was founded by the membership of the Union League Club of Chicago on December 26, 1919 as a Boys Club and became an affiliate member of the Boys & Girls Clubs of America on February 23, 1920.

Club Locations

Club One

2157 West 19th Street, Chicago, IL 60608
Serves 3,255 youths per year, primarily in the Lower West Side's Pilsen neighborhood, as well as youth from the Near West Side, and North and South Lawndale.

Talcott Club

625 North Wolcott Avenue, Chicago, IL 60622
Serves 1,940 youths per year in West Town and the Near West Side.

Barreto Club

1214 North Washtenaw Avenue, Chicago, IL 60622
Serves 5,990 youths per year in Humboldt Park and West Town.

Mini-Club Extension Sites

Von Humboldt School

2620 West Hirsch Street, Chicago, IL 60622

Roberto Clemente High School

1147 North Western Avenue, Chicago, IL 60622

Camp

24401-52nd Street, Salem, WI 53168
On 247-acres of woodland with wildlife, a lake and a lagoon, the Camp is 65 miles north of Chicago and serves over 675 Club members.

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Club One Renovation



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Union League Boys & Girls Clubs
are Continuing to Build...

Dreams



Renovation Project: Impact

- Club One will impact more lives: membership is expected to increase by 25%, totaling more than 800 new members and increasing average daily attendance by more than double.
- Already serving almost 22,000 meals annually, Club One will be equipped to reach the greater need in the community.
- Usable activity space at Club One will more than double from 16,000 sf to 35,400 sf.
- State-of-the-art life safety enhancements will increase both the capacity and utilization of the existing 100-year-old Club One building.
- Providing an air conditioned facility will increase attendance during the summer months.
- Providing a fully ADA-compliant facility will ensure that all that Club One has to offer is indeed available to all.

Building: Renovations & Conversions

- Total renovation of existing gymnasium
- State-of-the-art technology center
- Convert currently unusable lower level space to accommodate expanded program space

New Annex:

- Additional gymnasium
- Two 2,500+ sf multi-purpose activity spaces
- ADA-compliant rest rooms
- Modern infrastructure (HVAC, Plumbing and Electrical systems)
- Expanded kitchen facilities
- State-of-the-art life safety systems and equipment
- Science lab

Club One: The Beginning

The building was purchased for \$18,000; the purchase and initial operations were funded by a \$10,000 gift from the ULC's Public Affairs Committee and 43 ULC member gifts in the amount of \$1,000 each.

ULBGC Delivers Real Impact!

- Over 11,000 Chicago youths served*
 - 97% high school graduation rate*
 - 0% criminal convictions for Club youths*
 - 0% teen pregnancies*
 - Rated #1 Boys & Girls Club: Number of youths served per dollar of operating budget
- *2010 statistics

Club One: Program

Academic Success through homework help, tutoring, scholarship opportunities, peer and adult mentorship, a library, a computer lab, and programming in the arts.

Good Character & Citizenship through life skills education, community service projects, higher education fairs, career workshops, employment preparation, athletic programs, teambuilding, games and other group activities.

Healthy Lifestyles are encouraged throughout this safe-haven by offering physical activities and health education, providing health fairs and over 22,000 meals served annually (125,000 meals served annually throughout the organization).

Pilsen: The Community We Serve

- The youths in Pilsen are tempted by more than ten gangs split into two alliances that have carved up their neighborhood.
- More than 700 violent crimes are committed annually in Pilsen.
- Two-thirds of the entering freshman at Juarez High School never graduate.
- 85% of Club One members qualify for free or reduced-price school lunch.

Club One: The Population We Serve

- 3,255 members under the age of 19: 1,975 Boys and 1,280 Girls
- Children of Military Personnel Served: 125
- 80% of Club One members have belonged for more than one year.
- More than half of Club One members attend at least once a week.
- 300 members over the age of 14 regularly participate in community service projects.

How You Can Get Involved

- You can help us by responding with your pledge in support of the Club One renovation project, which will be matched dollar-for-dollar by the Reinhardt & Shirley Jahn Foundation.
- Pledge payments can be scheduled over as long as five years and may be fulfilled through a gift of appreciated securities.
- Naming and memorial opportunities are available.
- For more information or to make your donation, please contact Kelly Ramos at 312.583.9924 or via email at k.ramos@ulbgc.org.

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