

# **BUILDING GREAT FUTURES IN KUNA & BEYOND...**



**NO CHILD SHOULD BE LEFT ALONE. LET'S CREATE A SAFER COMMUNITY.**

**A safe place to go.  
Powerful programs.  
People who care.**



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS  
OF ADA COUNTY**



Since 1997, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Ada County has functioned as a **critical safety net during out-of-school time** for children in our community.

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Through dedicated staff, nationally recognized programs that focus on the whole child, and community partnerships, we are positively shaping the future for youth and families in our community.

Donations graciously accepted. Contact us today for more information or ways to help!



# A Message from the Campaign Chairs...

## Imagine...

Imagine for a moment you are ten years old and you live in a small subdivision in Kuna. It's summertime and both of your parents head to work in the morning, leaving you to spend the day in your neighborhood until they return from work. How will you spend your day? **There are no movie theaters, bowling alleys, swimming pools, malls, and limited access to activities. Eight hours can be a very long time when you're ten and alone.**



**Imagine now that there is a Boys & Girls Club in Kuna.** Your mom drops you off there on her way to work, where you eat a nutritious breakfast with friends, supervised by caring and competent staff. On Monday, you participate in a basketball tournament. On Tuesday, you learn the difference between insects and arachnids and then visit the park to study hands-on what you learned. On Wednesday, you go on a field trip. On Thursday, you make your dad a Father's Day gift, choosing from several different arts and craft projects. On Friday, you take a turn in the computer lab, and then spend the afternoon listening to a police officer tell stories about their most exciting experiences. At the end of each day, your dad picks you up, knowing that you've been fed, supervised, and kept safe. It's been another great week at the Boys & Girls Clubs!

Today's economic circumstances require dual incomes for many families to survive. Single parents don't have a choice whether to work or stay home to care for children. A Boys & Girls Club is a community-based program that bridges the gap between the end of the school day and the time when parents come home from work. It provides all-day summer care, alleviating parents' worries about what to do with school-age children when parents can't afford babysitting or feel they are too old for a babysitter.

**For so many reasons, now is the time to come together for the children of our community and collectively pledge our time, talents, and financial resources to bringing a full-service Boys & Girls Club and Teen Center to Kuna!**

"We encourage you to join us in this campaign to help expand our community's critical safety net and give all kids a chance to belong—and a chance to succeed!"

Lavar and Wilma Thornton & Duane and Judy Yamamoto

**Honorary Co-Chairs**



Tim and Belinda Gordon

**Chairs**



## *Our Vision:* Expand Boys & Girls Club Programs in Kuna

The Boys & Girls Club is seeking to raise \$10 million to offer life-enhancing programs and expand services to over 1,200 children and teens! We seek to accomplish three important goals:

**One: Construct a 25,000 square foot, state-of-the-art facility.**

This facility will triple our current capacity and serve kids with proven youth development programs.





**Two: Serve Teenagers.**

During the critical after school hours when they are more likely to engage in risky behaviors. Our center will offer opportunities in workforce development, community service and team sports.

**Three: Offer affordable early childcare.**

Kuna lacks access to affordable childcare options and the new Club will have dedicated space to serve children from birth to five years of age.

## ***An Urgent Need: All kids need a safe place to go.***

More children than ever are being left home alone after school in Kuna while their parents work in Boise and surrounding communities. This is a growing problem.

### **The Boys & Girls Club in Kuna is at capacity and does not serve teens.**

Since 2008, in partnership with the Kuna School District, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Ada County have been offering before and after school programs for kids in the first grade through six grade. Due to space constraints, we are unable to serve middle and high school youth. The current Club reaches capacity every summer, leaving a waiting list of kids who need services. With the growing youth population in Kuna, a new Boys & Girls Club that can serve youth of all ages is needed urgently.

### **Ada County's workforce depends on Kuna.**

Kuna is a bedroom community. It is also known as a commuter city, with 95% of working residents being employed outside of Kuna. For children of working families, this means nothing to do and nowhere to go while parents are at work. This is not just a Kuna problem, this problem affects businesses throughout Ada County who rely on Kuna residents for their workforce.

### **Our community's children need us more than ever.**

Unsupervised kids with nothing to do get into trouble. Recent crime statistics (2021) show that of the 480 people arrested in Kuna, 102 of them were juveniles. Kuna juveniles are responsible for 28% of drug charges. Without accessible and affordable after school and summer activities, Kuna youth are at greater risk of becoming involved in risky behavior.





## *An Effective Solution: A new Boys & Girls Club will provide...*

### **An affordable place for more kids to be during out-of-school hours.**

The new building will triple our current capacity, serving up to 1,200 youth per year. Teens participate for free and parents pay just \$25 a week for their elementary school age children. Scholarships are available for families who need them.

### **Support for working Kuna parents.**

Ada County's workforce depends on Kuna workers. The new Boys & Girls Club will ensure that more parents in Kuna have a safe place for their kids while they are at work.

### **Positive youth outcomes through life-enhancing programs.**

The Boys & Girls Club helps kids to do better in school, develop healthy habits, and become good citizens and leaders in our community. We teach important values like respect, responsibility and integrity.



# Why Kuna? Why Now...

- **Kuna is one of the fastest growing cities in Idaho, with an over 314% increase in population since 2000.** The City has over 25,000 residents, 11,000 of which are children and teens. One of the challenges of this rapidly growing community is the lack of infrastructure and programs for maintaining the quality of life, especially out-of-school programs for kids.
- **Kuna** is known as a commuter city. 95% of working residents are employed outside of Kuna. The lack of out-of-school programs affects businesses both inside and outside of Kuna. Some children of working families have nothing to do and nowhere to go after school while parents are at work.
- **Unsupervised kids with nothing to do get into trouble.** Recent crime statistics in Kuna show that 37% of all persons arrested in Kuna are juveniles, and juveniles are responsible for 11% of drug charges. Without accessible and affordable after school and summer activities, Kuna youth are at greater risk of becoming involved in risky behavior.
- In 2008, in response to the need in Kuna, the Boys & Girls Club opened a site in partnership with the Kuna School District, serving elementary school age youth. As Kuna has grown, so has the Boys & Girls Club, which serves over 400 children annually at the **4th Street Gym in Downtown Kuna**. But we are now at capacity. Space constraints have resulted in long waiting lists for our services during peak times of the year.
- Thankfully, help is on the way with the generous support of **CS Beef Packers!** As one of the largest employers in Kuna, CS Beef's ability to attract and retain employees is reliant on having safe places for children to go while parents work.
- To support their employees and the **Kuna community**, CS Beef has committed **\$4 million toward building a new, 25,000 square foot Boys & Girls Club** that will triple the clubs' capacity! It will also help to expand services to kids of all ages, from birth to 18!



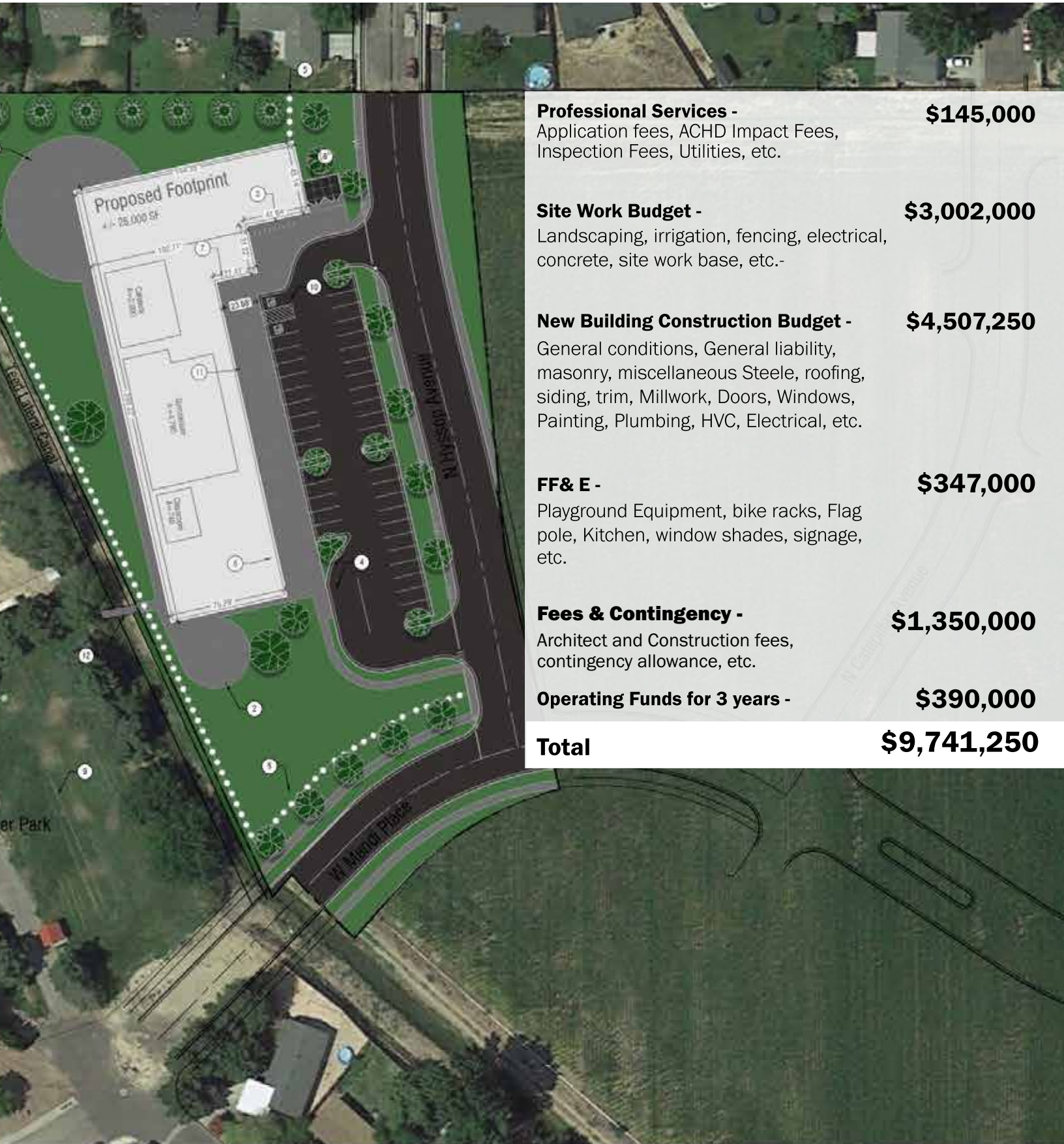
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# Campaign Budget -



<b>Professional Services -</b> Application fees, ACHD Impact Fees, Inspection Fees, Utilities, etc.	<b>\$145,000</b>
<b>Site Work Budget -</b> Landscaping, irrigation, fencing, electrical, concrete, site work base, etc.-	<b>\$3,002,000</b>
<b>New Building Construction Budget -</b> General conditions, General liability, masonry, miscellaneous Steele, roofing, siding, trim, Millwork, Doors, Windows, Painting, Plumbing, HVC, Electrical, etc.	<b>\$4,507,250</b>
<b>FF&amp; E -</b> Playground Equipment, bike racks, Flag pole, Kitchen, window shades, signage, etc.	<b>\$347,000</b>
<b>Fees &amp; Contingency -</b> Architect and Construction fees, contingency allowance, etc.	<b>\$1,350,000</b>
<b>Operating Funds for 3 years -</b>	<b>\$390,000</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$9,741,250</b>



With the development of a **Boys & Girls Club in Kuna**, kids' lives will be changed forever, Working parents will have an affordable option for daycare, and Kuna's children will have a safe and inclusive environment where they feel welcome.

We invite you to contribute to the Boys & Girls Clubs of Ada County with a philanthropic gift. Please consider a one time investment, making a pledge to be paid over multiple years, contributing securities, land, other assets, or including the Boys & Girls Club in your estate plans. Gifts of all amounts are appreciated and valued.

*~ Thank you for your consideration.*





“The Kuna Clubhouse will be more than a place of walls and beams – it will be a place of hopes and dreams for hundreds of Kuna children.”



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