

Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh Receives \$10,000 AT&T Foundation Grant to Support Local Youth Affected by the Digital Divide

Grant will support the Club's Academic Access program that provides technology and education resources for students

OSHKOSH, Wis., June 15, 2022 – As part of AT&T's [nationwide commitment](#) to help bridge the digital divide and the homework gap, the AT&T Foundation is granting \$10,000 to the Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh to help local youth with limited internet access.

The AT&T grant will support the Club's Academic Access program that focuses on addressing the digital divide and homework gap by offering technology and education resources for youth. The program will allow youth in need to have access to computers and high-speed internet to complete homework during this next school year.

“Our mission at the Club is to do whatever we can to improve the lives of children and families within our community,” said Tracy Ogden, CEO of the Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh. “Our youth have faced many challenges over the last two years. This grant from the AT&T Foundation will help us provide support to the youth we serve who face technology and internet access challenges that serve as barriers to academic success.”

Millions of students across the U.S. are affected by the digital divide and do not have reliable internet or a computer at home to complete their homework. Youth served by the Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh are no exception. Programs at the Boys & Girls Club support bridging the digital divide by creating an even digital education playing field for member youth. The Club provides devices and internet access at no charge to Club members, eliminating the obstacle of not having a way to complete homework online. Additionally, the Club offers programs that provide technology and digital literacy education, as well as mentoring and tutoring support.

“The pandemic has heightened the digital divide challenges faced by students in Wisconsin and across the country,” said Paul Weirtz, President of AT&T Wisconsin. “AT&T is proud to support the Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh as they work to close the digital divide and promote academic success for our students in need.”

The mission of the Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh is to improve the lives of children and families. Its vision is to be a generation-changing leading provider of programs emphasizing youth development services and family outreach support to meet the needs of young people ages 6 to 18 and their families.

“The Boys & Girls Club is changing lives for the better for Oshkosh youth, especially those most in need,” said State Senator Dan Feyen. “These programs not only help bridge the digital divide, but also help our young people gain the skills and knowledge they need to put themselves on the path for lifelong success.”

These efforts are part of AT&T’s [\\$2 billion, 3-year commitment](#) to address the digital divide through investments in digital literacy tools, education resources, broadband technology, low-cost internet service, and computers.

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We’re committed to advancing education, creating opportunities, strengthening communities and improving lives. As part of our company-wide \$2 billion commitment from 2021-2023 to address the digital divide, we launched AT&T Connected Learning to invest in connectivity, technology, digital literacy and education solutions to help today’s learners succeed inside and outside of the classroom. Since 2008, we’ve committed more than \$600 million to programs that help millions of students across all 50 states and around the world, particularly those in underserved communities.

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