Boys & Girls Club of the Highland Lakes: Creating a Safe, Supportive Space for Llano's Kids

Closing the Childcare Gap and Fueling Brighter Futures in Llano

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Identifying Service Gaps

Llano is a small rural community with limited childcare options and a fragile economic base. The area has only one daycare with long waitlists for enrollment and sometimes prohibitive monthly costs — up to $400 per child. For families where over 94 percent of children qualify for free or reduced school lunch, these costs are often out of reach. Without safe, affordable after-school care, kids risk being home alone, falling behind academically, and lacking access to healthy routines. The Boys & Girls Club of the Highland Lakes stepped in to serve this vulnerable population — but supporting more kids required flexible, reliable support.

Create Healthy's Investment

Create Healthy provided grant funding for program delivery of the organization's Llano Campus. This allowed the Boys and Girls Club of the Highland Lakes to serve over 90 kids with consistent, high-quality care. With this support, kids received:

- Over 9,374 healthy meals
- Help with homework and academic reinforcement
- Access to supervised physical activity
- A safe, nurturing place to go after school

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90+ kids served

94.6% participants from low-income households

9,374 **nutritious meals** provided during after-school programming

Safe, structured environments helped **students stay on grade level.**

Parents had reliable child care, allowing them to work and contribute to the local economy.

By keeping kids engaged, safe, and learning, the Boys and Girls Club of the Highland Lakes not only supported healthier youth but helped strengthen the entire Llano community.

"Although Create Healthy helped us fund childcare, we are also funding mental health, healthy lifestyles, and the future of our community. The ripple effect of this funding is just phenomenal because when parents know their kids are in a safe, warm, welcoming environment, they're able to work and add to the economic base of Llano."



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