

# #17 Boys & Girls Clubs of Elkhart County

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"If I had to pick one project as the most special of my career, it might be the Goshen Boys & Girls Club. First, because the 1982 project on Crescent Street came in only my second year in the business. Later, when I met Kevin Deary after he arrived in Goshen in 1994, he told me that I'd be building Goshen a new club someday soon. DJ eventually won that project, and broke ground in 2000, partly because our design utilized the existing building rather than demolishing it. Finally, I am very proud of the building, but more so, proud of how my Goshen community made our boys and girls a priority. The number of lives that have since been impacted in is what really makes the project special for me."

--Bob Schrock, CEO  
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## History:

- In 1982, DJ first moved ground for this not-for-profit organization when the (then) Boys Club was built on a hillside in north Goshen, replacing a house that originally accommodated the club. Little did either organization know their relationship would span four decades, continuing into 2014.
- Fast forward to 2000 when a Goshen "Blue Ribbon Committee" ushered in a new facility. Of the 30,380 total sq. ft. touched, 21,380 sq. ft. was new and the remaining 9,000 sq. ft. was renovated from the original building. This facility yielded several national awards, including a model club design by the National Boys & Girls Club of America, and the prestigious "Award of Excellence" presented by the Associated Builders & Contractors of Indiana.
- In 2007, DJ built the new Boys & Girls Club facility in Middlebury, where the 22,200 sq. ft. building provides a safe place for over 300 students daily. The multi-level, steel/masonry building showcases high ceilings, angled & curved walls, and many windows for natural light.
- DJ returned to the Goshen Club in 2012 to update the facility, touching almost every square foot of the building with new paint, new flooring, and other upgrades.

