

Through the scholarship program at the Boys and Girls Clubs of Kennebec Valley Juliana and her two sisters have attended the Club without interruption since 2017.



Juliana's mom, a single mom of four, needed the Club for her girls as much as the girls needed the Club for themselves. The Club provided their mom with financial stability and the knowledge that her girls were getting every possible opportunity that she wished she could provide for them – academic support, meals, field trips and social-emotional support. She knew they were in a safe space and had role models to look up to. Most importantly, their basic needs were being met.

Juliana said it best, "Everyday afterschool I was able to gain the benefits of a place that can provide my whole family with a much-needed sense of reliance and kinship. Opportunities to connect with caring adults, embrace new activities, to lead, and so much more. The Club has shaped my future and given me the confidence to take risks. They allowed me to play while simultaneously maturing. They allowed me to laugh while learning valuable life lessons. I have always known how The Club has helped my mom and loved all the activities that have been presented to me. What keeps us coming has nothing to do with the "stuff." We love our Club because it's pure. It's kids in their rawest forms receiving the love and comfort that all youth need regardless of their backgrounds, financial status or unpredictable behaviors."