

Former Badgers women's basketball coach Bobbie Kelsey-Grayson joins Boys & Girls Club of Dane County



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Bobbie Kelsey-Grayson will raise money and develop partnerships to support sports, wellness and education programs at the Boys & Girls Club of Dane County.

Bobbie Kelsey-Grayson, fired from her position as University of Wisconsin women's basketball coach last month, is staying in Madison and joining the Boys & Girls Club of Dane County.

Kelsey-Grayson has been hired as the interim vice president of corporate and wellness programs and will start May 9. She'll report to another former Badgers coach, chief development officer Karen Gallagher, who was the school's first softball coach.

A Boys & Girls Club news release said Kelsey-Grayson will raise money and develop partnerships to support sports, wellness and education programs. That work will include relationships with the UW athletic department, the Green Bay Packers and the Milwaukee Bucks.

The Badgers [let Kelsey-Grayson go on March 4](#) after the team's [fifth straight losing season](#) concluded. Wisconsin had a 47-100 record under Kelsey-Grayson, who was a successful player and assistant coach at national power Stanford.

The Boys & Girls Club, which works with more than 5,000 youth to help develop character and

leadership skills, noted Kelsey-Grayson's work with nationally recognized organizations like the Kay Yow Cancer Foundation, the American Heart Association and Habitat for Humanity.

"We are pleased to have Bobbie join our leadership team and we welcome her experience and expertise in working with young people while helping us create new corporate partnerships as well as strengthening existing ones," Boys & Girls Club of Dane County president Michael Johnson said in a statement. "We hired Bobbie on an interim basis to ensure her talent will have an impact on kids lives and we are confident she will earn the assignment on a permanent basis."

One of Kelsey-Grayson's first projects will be raising money to provide free access for kids to a sports camp in late July. She'll be working with former Green Bay Packers nose tackle Gilbert Brown and [his foundation](#).

"I am deeply humbled and elated to continue to work in the Madison community and specifically with a nationally respected organization like the Boys & Girls Club," Kelsey-Grayson said in a statement. "The deep and meaningful relationships I developed with the Madison community during my time as head coach will allow me to continually pour into the lives of young people while working with the philanthropic community to invest in our bright and brilliant local youth."

A Decatur, Georgia, native, Kelsey-Grayson has a bachelor's degree in communications from Stanford and a master's degree from Duquesne's School of Sports Leadership and Professional Advancement.

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