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# ANNIVERSARY GALA

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# MESSAGE FROM OUR CEO

Welcome to Boys & Girls Club of New Rochelle's 95th Anniversary Gala! We're thrilled to mark this milestone with you all.

In 1929, "The Better Boys Club" welcomed 200 boys at New Rochelle's Washington School, giving them an alternative to unsupervised time on the streets.

Since then we've proven that offering young people a nurturing "home away from home" is essential in building a better future for us all. For decades, our club has helped thousands of kids become productive, successful adults through impactful programs and unwavering support in navigating an increasingly complex world.

Today, we're positioned to prepare our members to excel with a focus on college and career readiness, social and emotional learning, and STEM. Through collaborations with our partners and sponsors, we





**continue to innovate and expand our offerings, such as 21st century activities that build skills and confidence via new technology; financial literacy sessions and other workshops to empower youth and families; and workforce development experiences that reveal new career paths for our teens, among many others.**

**Our efforts may never appear in a history book, but have undoubtedly fostered strength, resilience, and success among generations, and contributed to a healthier, more prosperous community. We hope you'll continue supporting our mission to mentor future leaders and invite you to share our excitement as we look ahead to a bright future.**

**Thank you and enjoy the evening!**

**Becky Mazzanobile**

# OUR HONOREES



## JONATHAN GERTMAN

**Jonathan Gertman joined The NRP Group in 2009 as an assistant developer and now serves as senior vice president of development for the New York City office.**

**His primary responsibilities include originating and overseeing both market-rate and affordable development efforts in New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, and Massachusetts. During his previous role in the San Antonio office, he was involved with the origination of 900 units of low-income housing tax credit projects.**

# **OUR HONOREES**

## **JONATHAN GERTMAN (cont.)**

**Between his two positions at NRP, Gertman worked for Forest City Realty Trust in New York. He was responsible for originating and managing multifamily and mixed-use projects in the greater tri-state area. During his tenure, he worked on the development of 980 units of luxury multifamily housing and ancillary retail.**

**Gertman is a graduate of University of Pennsylvania and holds a bachelor's degree in urban studies with a minor in real estate finance from The Wharton School. He is a member of the board of Neighbors Together, a Brooklyn-based food bank, and a trustee of Congregation Beth Elohim of Brooklyn. He lives with his wife in the Park Slope neighborhood of Brooklyn and enjoys walking their adopted schnauzer-terrier, Babka.**



# OUR HONOREES



## KENNETH PLUMMER

**Kenneth Plummer is an award-winning entrepreneur, community advocate, and affordable housing developer whose life and career are testaments to his resilience and commitment to community empowerment.**

**Plummer's journey began in political strategy and fundraising, when he campaigned for former Mount Vernon legislator and eventual mayor, Clinton Young. He then worked as a political strategist and fundraiser for**

# **OUR HONOREES**

## **KENNETH PLUMMER (cont.)**

**numerous local candidates, eventually transitioning to a registered state lobbyist.**

**In 2004, Plummer founded Kensworth Consulting, LLC, which provides advisory and co-development services to the multi-family housing industry. The company has advised on over \$200 million in market-rate development projects and helped consult and/or secure approval for over 800 affordable housing units in Westchester County.**

**His role in the successful relocation of over 200 families in New Rochelle's Heritage Homes project underlines his commitment to respectful and sustainable community development. One of a handful of minority Westchester-based multi-family developers, Plummer was honored previously as "Man of the Year" by Boys & Girls Club of New Rochelle for his work in co-developing Renaissance at Lincoln Park with The NRP Group.**

**Plummer's influence also has extended to politics, where he has advised on construction, development, and housing-related projects. His work with leaders such as Mount**

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## KENNETH PLUMMER (cont.)

**Vernon Mayor Shawyn Patterson-Howard underscores his deep understanding of community development and governance.**

**During his career, Plummer has stressed the importance of mentorship and collaboration, acknowledging guidance received from Steven Horton, Rev. Michael J. Rouse and others. He now mentors local youth and professionals, and plans multiple charitable events each year.**

**He recently expanded his efforts with Forward Thinkers Development and plans to launch a construction company to strengthen his community development work.**

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and

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# 95 YEARS STRONG: OUR CLUB AT A GLANCE

Founded in 1929, the Boys & Girls Club of New Rochelle (BGCNR) has been an integral part of the New Rochelle community, offering local youth safe and achievement-driven programming.

Today, we serve over 8,000 Westchester youth at 16 school sites and two clubhouse locations, offering a safe place to learn and grow, ongoing relationships with caring, adult professionals, life-enhancing programs and character development experiences, and hope and opportunity.

## Offering Opportunity To Youth Who Need Us Most

BGCNR bridges the gap between school and home. Of particular importance are our two clubhouses - Mascaro and Remington, which offer spaces where youth can be themselves; a support system parents can rely upon; and programs and activities that maximize positive impact and successful outcomes.

## Our Membership

### BGCNR MEMBERSHIP



982

2021 Total Membership

1,587

2022 Total Membership

2,242

2023 Total Membership

### TOTAL YOUTH SERVED AT SCHOOL SITES/CLUBHOUSES



2,821

2021 Total Youth Served

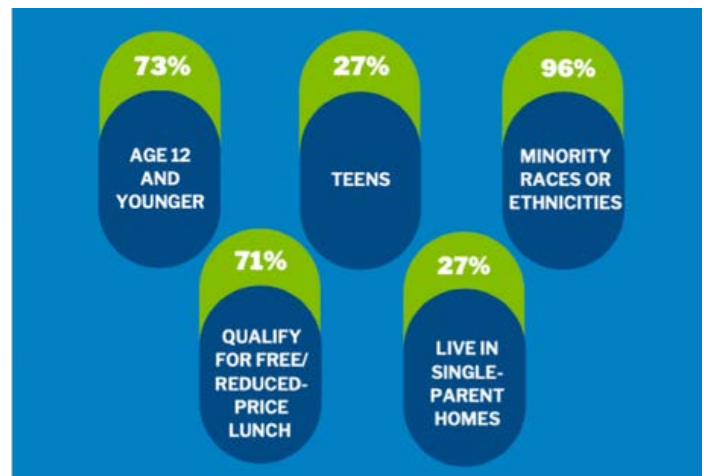
7,393

2022 Total Youth Served

8,072

2023 Total Youth Served

## Our Clubhouses



### Remington

Local average income lower than 89% of U.S. neighborhoods

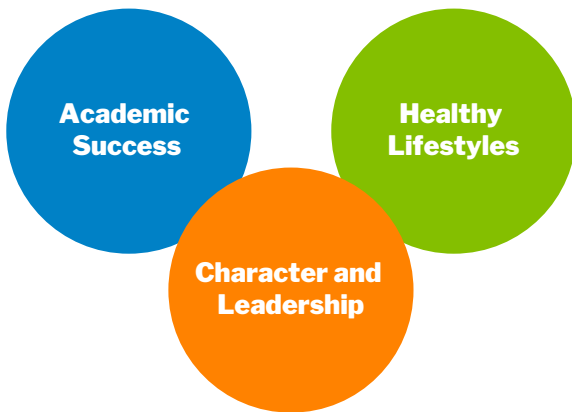
### Mascaro

Large number of recent Latinx immigrants, with children as primary communicators for families

# 95 YEARS STRONG: OUR CLUB AT A GLANCE

## Our Focus

By focusing on [academic success](#), [character and leadership](#), and [healthy lifestyles](#), BGCNR creates positive impact for local youth and our community as a whole.



## Our [academic success](#) programs:

- Encourage engagement in learning at an early age;
- Complement regular school-day activities;
- Enhance academic performance;
- Foster good study habits and self-discipline; and
- Provide guidance and resources to keep members on track from grade school to high school.



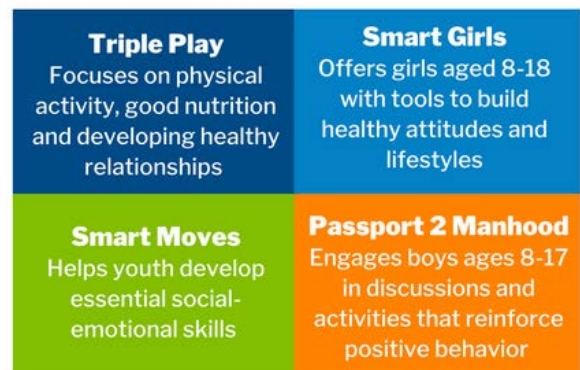
## Our [character and leadership strategy](#) programs:

- Promote the development of a positive self-image and strong character;
- Teach effective strategies for dealing with conflict;
- Support development of meaningful relationships;
- Empower youth to support and influence those around them; and
- Encourage respect for both one's self and others.

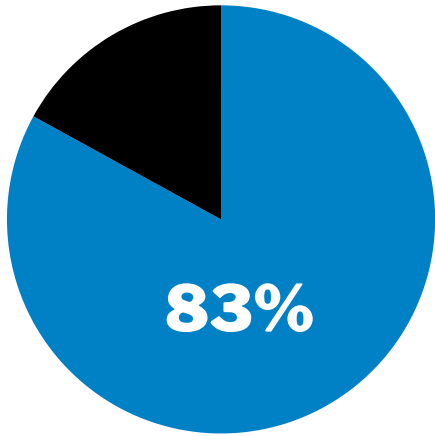


## Our [healthy lifestyles strategy](#) programs:

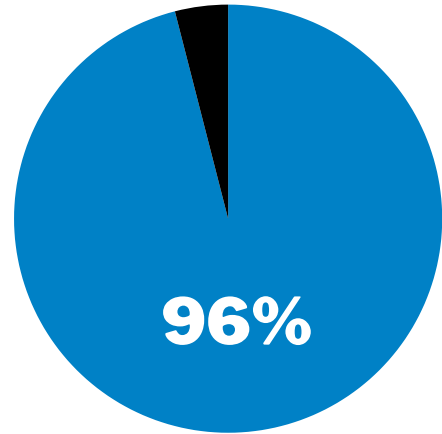
- Promote the importance of leading a healthy and productive lifestyle;
- Encourage positive decision-making for physical, social and emotional development;
- Make physical fitness a daily practice; and
- Develop individual strengths and good character.



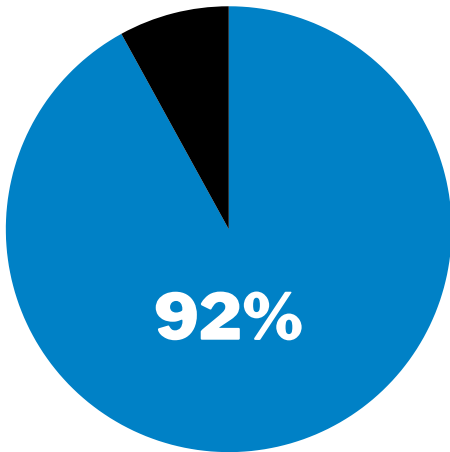
# OUR IMPACT: ACADEMIC SUCCESS



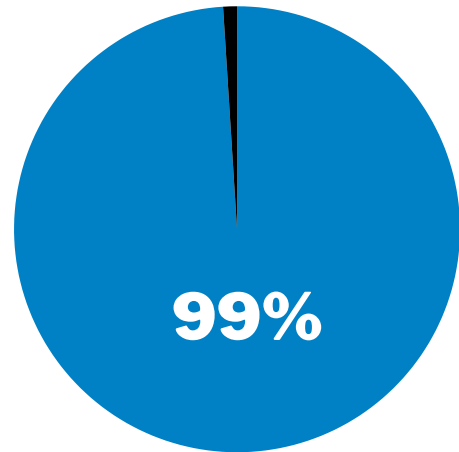
**BGCNR members who are on track to graduate from high school (5th through 12th grade students)**



**Expect to graduate high school**

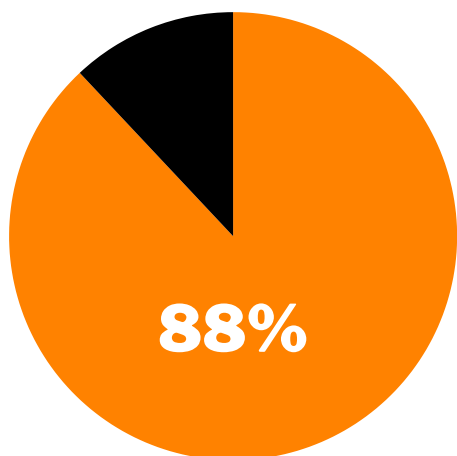


**Earned mostly A and B grades last year**

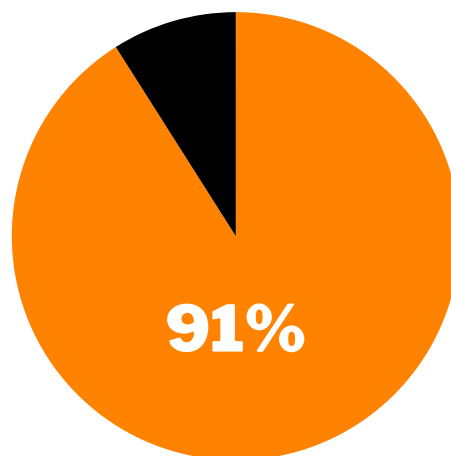


**On grade level for age (5th through 12th grade)**

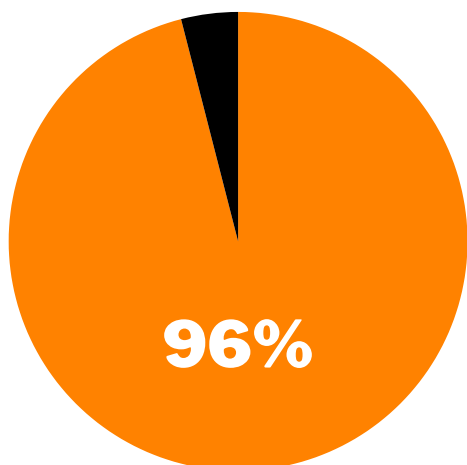
# OUR IMPACT: CHARACTER AND LEADERSHIP



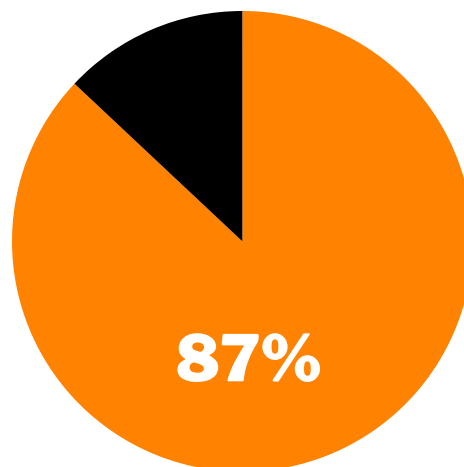
**BGCNR youth who make  
sure everyone feels  
important when leading  
groups**



**Listen to what others  
have to say**

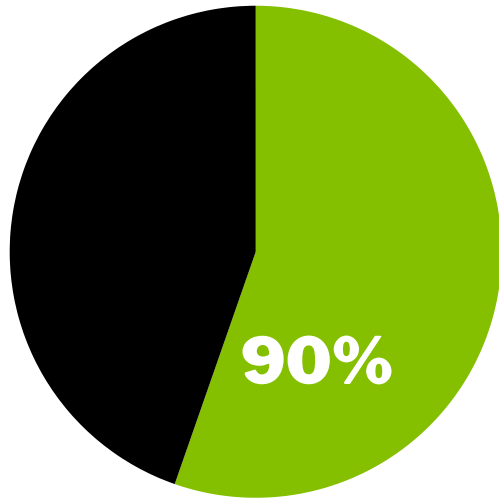


**Try to help when  
seeing people in need**

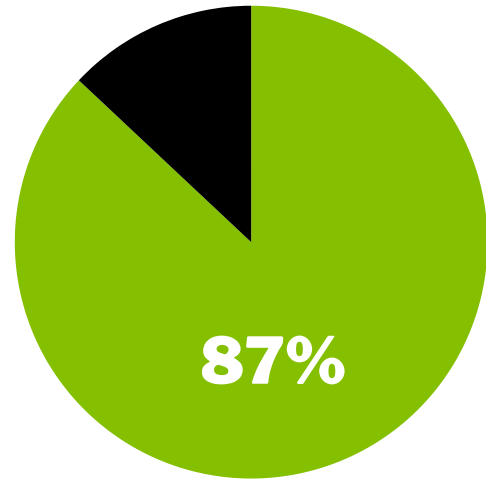


**Feel like they can stand up  
for what they think is right,  
even if friends disagree**

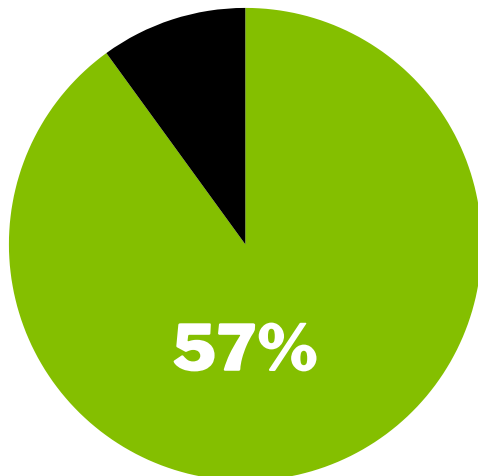
# OUR IMPACT: HEALTHY LIFESTYLES



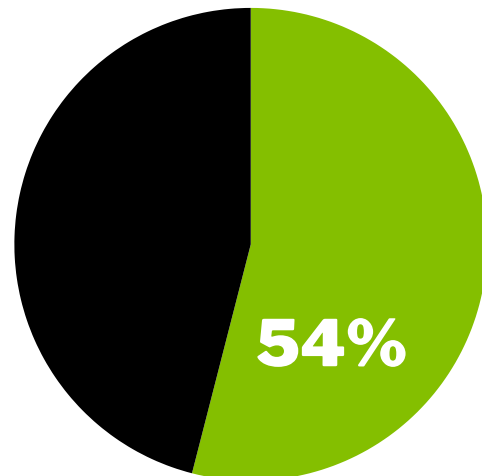
BGCNR members who keep working at it even if something is really hard,



When something goes wrong, they try to figure out how to do better next time



Physically active for at least 60 minutes five days per week



Eat five or more fruits/vegetables per day



# YOUTH OF THE YEAR: INSPIRING KIDS TO LEAD AND SUCCEED

Boys & Girls Club of America's Youth of the Year program honors and celebrates our most inspiring teen members in recognition of their leadership, service, academic excellence, and dedication to live a healthy lifestyle. These amazing young people exemplify our mission and are proof to the impact we make in transforming kids' lives.

The search for BGCNR's 2024 Youth of the Year concludes this evening, when we introduce our latest honoree to our gala guests. This individual joins a group of successful,



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**engaged members of our club who have taken full advantage of the educational, civic, and growth opportunities offered to them, and created meaningful impact for both BGCNR and the community as a whole. Together, they represent the voice and spirit of hope for their peers, inspiring excellence service, and leadership.**

**The candidates for BGCNR's 2024 Youth of the Year are: Alexa Arias, Tahjir Fernand, Ariana Forte, Vianney Godinez, Carlos Malespin, and Sean Merlo.**

**This year's honoree will go on to vie for the New York State Youth of the Year title and a \$2,500 college scholarship from Boys & Girls Club of America, and, should he or she win the New York title, will advance to the Northeast competition and an additional \$20,000 scholarship.**

**Five regional finalists and the National Military Youth of the Year then will move on to the National Youth of the Year event for the national title and an additional \$50,000 scholarship.**

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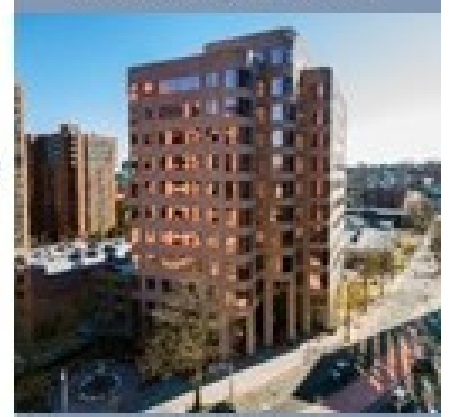
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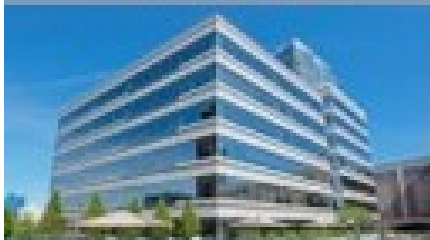
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for their work in supporting the club and  
our community.***

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