

From the CEO

Welcome to our inaugural monthly newsletter with updates on our exciting activities!

In 2024, we served a record 10,000 youths! 2025 also has featured great successes, and we're thrilled that our talented team's efforts have been honored.

I am humbled to be named, for the second straight year, as the Chief Executive Officer of



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the Year for the Boys & Girls Club New York/Long Island Area Council, for leadership and service. Last year, I was gratified by the Boys & Girls Clubs of America's Northeast Alliance Award, preceding this year's election to the Alliance's Board of Directors.

We're also proud of how our Club led the local charge to preserve 21st Century Community Learning Center federal funding for afterschool programs. This merited being named a Top 5 Club in the Northeast for excellence in youth advocacy and civic engagement.

I share all honors with our wonderful staff. We are proud to invest in our youths' great futures!

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Honors for Innovative Youth Advocacy



William Iannuzzi, our Club's Chief Program Officer, was recently honored with the Advocacy Innovation Award from the Boys & Girls Clubs of America for our outstanding youth civic engagement programming!

"This recognition reflects the energy and care of our civics engagement

team, led by Will Iannuzzi," said Becky Mazzanobile, CEO of Boys & Girls Club of New Rochelle. "Will drives civics activities with our youths. He and our team work tirelessly to create opportunities for young people to learn, lead and thrive."

The recognition highlights the Club's commitment to empowering

teens through initiatives such as Think, Learn, Create Change, Youth Civics Day and the Keystone Club, which support young people in how they identify community issues, develop leadership skills and take action to create meaningful change.

The award also recognizes Club members, led by Iannuzzi, visiting Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C., to urge members of Congress to push for release of frozen funds that support vital afterschool and summer programs for 450 youths in New Rochelle. Members' efforts helped lead to the funding restoration, and they developed important leadership and advocacy skills.

Congratulations to all for such meaningful initiatives!

Boys & Girls Club Members Earn Praise from Yankees Legend Mariano Rivera

Six Boys & Girls Club of New Rochelle young adults were celebrated for career-development accomplishments by New York Yankees legend Mariano Rivera at a dinner that in part spotlighted his Foundation's investment in youths' futures at the Boys & Girls Club of New Rochelle.

Rivera praised the Club youths at the 3rd Annual Mariano Rivera Foundation Celebrity Golf Classic at the Metropolis Country Club in White Plains, N.Y. His remarks highlighted his Foundation's support of the Mariano Rivera Workforce Learning and Career Center, a transformative three-year collaboration between



the Foundation's Save 653 program and the Club at the Club's Remington and Mascaro Clubhouses. Rivera also took time to greet Club representatives who attended the dinner.

"Meeting Mariano Rivera at the Gala was an incredible honor," said

Boys & Girls Club member Andrew Romero. "I told him how thankful I am for everything he's done for the Club, especially for helping launch the Police Pathway Program. That program changed my life."

Full story: <http://bit.ly/3WjYuvd>

Grateful for 2 Grants Powering Our Youths!

A hearty **THANK YOU** for two grants that will help ensure great futures for our youths!

- **\$25,000 from the Gwendolen Appleyard Trust Fund for New Rochelle Charities** to equip the Teen/Tweens Activity and Life Center with laptops and esports equipment so youths can engage in educational activities, personal finance simulations, Girls in Tech coding sessions, college application/workforce resume support and esports tournaments, to increase engagement, digital literacy and 21st-century skills development.
- **\$25,000 from Con Edison** for "Empowering Future Leaders: Civic Engagement for Youth," providing students with critical-thinking skills, civics literacy and a deeper appreciation of the importance of insightful, compassionate leadership to advance their roles as responsible community members.



Fascinating Apple Bank Visit!

Club youths had an amazing experience thanks to Apple Bank! They spent a recent day at the 77th Street office in Manhattan, where officials gave them a warm welcome, shared insights about careers in banking and treated them to lunch! It was an inspiring and eye-opening visit. Our members were so excited to learn, ask questions and see what a future in finance could look like! A huge thank you to Apple Bank for investing in our young people and supporting their dreams!

Trunk or Treat Scares Up Fun!



About 100 youngsters in kindergarten through grade 4 sported creatively spooky costumes and reveled in the Halloween spirit at a Mascaro Clubhouse/Columbus Elementary School Trunk or Treat! Students prepped for two weeks, designing tables showcasing themes from K



Pop Demon Hunters, Wednesday Adams, a haunted house and others. Meanwhile, over at Remington Clubhouse, the party was just as chilling, with ghosts and goblins and so many other spookily attired youths providing a fun, energy-filled environment!

Hungry to Help? Eat & Save at Buffalo Wild Wings



Head on down to Buffalo Wild Wings at 33 LeCount Place for a great meal – and a 15% discount for Club members and their families, plus a donation to fund our vital programs! Clubhouse and school-site members should request the discount card from Club staff. We graciously thank BWW for its longstanding generous support, which has included donating food for Club Professional Development Day and youth celebrations such as a recent soccer event! BWW's contributions, including the \$2,500 donation pictured in the photo, are invaluable!



Who is Our Next Youth of the Year?

Planning is underway for a special event – our inaugural Youth of the Year Awards Breakfast. Please reserve March 23, 2026 to join us at the Davenport Mansion, 400 Davenport Ave., New Rochelle. More details will be announced!



Apply today! The Boys & Girls Club of New Rochelle, City Council Member Martha Lopez and State Sen. Nathalia Fernandez have unveiled "How Well Do You Know Me?" to empower young adults to serve as ambassadors for inclusive change by fostering dialogue, empathy and understanding across racial, ethnic and religious backgrounds. Young adults ages 17-24, apply here: <http://bit.ly/4nEqRji>



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About Boys & Girls Club of New Rochelle



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