



## From the CEO

The new year is off to a fast start at the Boys & Girls Club of New Rochelle! Career training programs are accepting applications, big events are being planned and we look forward to another record-setting year regarding the number of youths we serve!

Please see page 2 of this newsletter regarding the February launch of our 2026 workforce development programs. Outstanding



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Rivera Workforce Learning and Career Center, a transformative three-year collaboration between the Mariano Rivera Foundation's Save 653 program and the Club. These programs do more than offer job skills; they offer vital services that help shape great futures and rewarding careers.

Two events in March are new: **The Black Family Wellness Expo** is free and open to all on March 21 at the Remington Clubhouse. Learn more in the story at the right.

We're eagerly anticipating our **Youth of the Year Breakfast**, 8:30-10 a.m. March 23 at the Davenport Mansion, 400 Davenport Ave., New Rochelle.

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## Knicks "Roundball Rock," Donated by NBC, on Display at Remington



The Remington Clubhouse now sports a one-of-a-kind eye-catching "New York Knicks Roundball Rock" art creation celebrating the Knicks and the NBA's return to game broadcasts on NBC. The Boys & Girls Club was specially selected by NBC to receive the artwork in light of its comprehensive education and advocacy for youths.

The "Rock" – actually made of foam – was unveiled Jan. 30 and covered live by WNBC-TV, creating priceless

awareness about the Club's vital community contributions.

"The Boys & Girls Club of New Rochelle is deeply appreciative to NBC Universal, WNBC and Telemundo 47 for honoring us with this beautiful donation and for supporting the great futures we offer our youths," said CEO Becky Mazzanobile. "Having an authentic NBA and NBC tribute in our Club, especially one that's so striking and inspiring, is such a treat."



The Rock, created by artist Mark Paul Deren, was commissioned to celebrate the NBA's return to NBC and was displayed outside NBC's headquarters in Manhattan. "You guys can accomplish anything. Hopefully this inspires you to become an artist too," he said.

Watch WNBC coverage [here](#) and read the full press release at [BGCNR.org](http://BGCNR.org).

## Health Expo March 21: Vital Information, for Free

Don't miss a terrific – and free – opportunity to learn more about fortifying your health! The first Black Family Wellness Expo offers health screenings, demonstrations and workshops, as well as family-friendly activities.

The Expo, open to all, is Saturday, March 21, 2026, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Remington Clubhouse, 1 Remington Place in New Rochelle. Health stations will offer CPR demonstrations, health screenings for vision, blood pressures, diabetes and children's oral health, as well as mammograms. Workshops will explore chronic kidney disease and Medicare.



Special thanks to the Club's generous co-sponsors: The Links, Inc. chapters serving Westchester County and the Hudson Valley, enriching the quality of life in African American communities; Montefiore Health Services; Colgate Palmolive; The Lincoln Park Conservancy; and Black K.A.R.E. (Kidney Awareness Resources and Education).

Garage parking is available; Bee-Line bus schedules are [here](#). We hope to see you – bring the family and friends!

## Youth of the Year Celebration March 23

Join us at the inaugural Youth of the Year Awards Breakfast to celebrate youth voice, leadership and impact.

Youth of the Year is the Boys & Girls Club of America's premier youth leadership recognition program, honoring teens who exemplify our values to Lead, Succeed, and Inspire. Proceeds from this event directly support scholarships for program participants and graduating seniors.

The breakfast is Monday, March 23 from 8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. at the Davenport Mansion, 400 Davenport Ave. in New Rochelle. Your participation helps ensure that we can continue providing life-changing opportunities and leadership development experiences for the youth of New Rochelle. [Click here](#) for tickets and sponsorship opportunities and [here](#) for journal ad opportunities.

## Dr. King's Ideals Inspire Care, Compassion, Events



The Boys & Girls Club of New Rochelle honored the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. through meaningful initiatives rooted in care, compassion and giving back. Highlights from celebrations of Dr. King's birthday include:

- More than 100 articles of clothing donated to teens at our Remington Clubhouse, thanks to the Westchester County Chapter of Jack and Jill of America, Inc.
- Over 300 sandwiches prepared and donated by our members to support meals at Hope Community Services' Community Kitchen.
- 50 youth participants taking part in an MLK Baseball Clinic led by JustinTime Baseball, combining skill-building, teamwork, and mentorship.

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Also, our annual **Golf/Gala event** has been confirmed for May 5, 2026 at the famed Wykagyl Country Club. This signature celebration of our youths and their accomplishments also recognizes many of our dedicated supporters, as well as innovation and achievement. You'll also enjoy the Cinco de Mayo theme!

Your support provides crucial validation of our multifaceted inclusive programs, services, support and vision. Won't you help us by channeling caring into action at [bgcnr.org/annual/](http://bgcnr.org/annual/)?

We wholeheartedly thank the community, our partners and all supporters who help us build great futures every day for our youths.

*Becky Mazzanobile*

## Warm Up By Registering for Summer Camp!

**Forget that snow outside; registration opens Feb. 17 for Summer Camp!**

Summer camp grows confidence, forms friendships and creates memories! Registration opens Feb. 17 for the Club's dynamic programming, where campers enjoy creative arts, performing arts, recreation, sports, educational activities and field trips. Plus, the Boys & Girls' program is the least expensive in New Rochelle!

Watch for updates [here](#).



## Save the Date: Golf & Gala on May 5

Mark your calendar for a day-long celebration of community, leadership and youth development! We're looking forward to seeing you at the Boys & Girls Club of New Rochelle's Annual Golf Outing and Be Great Gala May 5 at Wykagyl Country Club, 1195 North Ave., New Rochelle.

The Gala features an inclusive Cinco de Mayo theme. Brunch starts at 11, followed by golf at 1 p.m. and the Gala at 5:30 p.m.

The Gala, a memorable evening of celebration and friendship, focuses on the Club's broad impact and how continued community support cultivates growth and opportunities for local youths.

Gala guests are encouraged to dress in semi-formal attire. Tickets and sponsorship opportunities will soon be available at [BGCNR.org](http://BGCNR.org).

## A Busy Black History Month!



The Boys & Girls Club is planning a robust slate of activities to mark Black History Month!

- **Caring for Senior Citizens**, Feb. 20: Kindness cards created by Club youths and 50 activity packs, including arts and crafts supplies, will be delivered to senior citizens at Lincoln Towers in New Rochelle.
- **Book Drive**, Feb. 20-23: Club members will collect and distribute books at a day care center serving youngsters from kindergarten through grade 6. The public is invited to donate clean, lightly used and age-appropriate books in excellent condition. Email [yroberson@bgcnr.org](mailto:yroberson@bgcnr.org).
- **Helping Hands Day**, Feb. 22: Youths in grades six through eight will "adopt" younger students to provide mentorship and assistance with homework and other activities.
- **Black History Month Showcase**, Feb. 26: 4:45 p.m.-5:45 p.m. The Juke Joint will showcase poetry, music, dance and step with representation from all grades, celebrating how people of color congregated and enjoyed themselves through several generations. This free event at the Remington Clubhouse is open to the public. Email [yroberson@bgcnr.org](mailto:yroberson@bgcnr.org).
- **"Know The Past, Shape The Future,"** Feb. 27: 4-6 p.m.: A presentation at the Mascaro Clubhouse.

## Register for Career Pathway Programs Launching in February

Are you ages 18 to 24? Chart your future by registering for hands-on Career Pathways programs offering training and mentorship. Four 12-week programs offer mentorship and career readiness support including résumé help, interview prep and workplace skills. Programs include professional networking opportunities and paid stipends upon successful completion. The Boys & Girls Club offers gracious thanks to the

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- **Police:** Feb. 17 - May 4. [Apply here.](#)
- **Emergency Medical Services (EMS)/Emergency Medical Technician (EMT):** Feb. 18 - May 4. [Apply here.](#)
- **Firefighting:** Feb. 23 - May 11. [Apply here.](#)
- **Digital Printing (ages 16-24):** Feb. 24 - May 19 (includes hands-on training with Adobe Photoshop and 3D printers, plus a \$200 stipend and a \$50 referral bonus). [Apply here.](#)



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