

From the CEO

This month, the Boys & Girls Club of New Rochelle celebrated a successful Be Great Gala and Golf Outing, bringing together supporters to invest in the more than 12,000 youths we serve each year while honoring the young people, mentors and community



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champions who make our mission possible.

We were also proud to host the Bridge to Justice: Youth

Empowerment & Community Engagement Forum featuring the Honorable Rowan D. Wilson, inspiring meaningful conversations about leadership, civic engagement and the power young people have to shape the future.

As we look ahead to summer, we are excited to launch our Workforce Development Programs, celebrate 14 graduates of our inaugural Firefighter Career Pathway Program with the New Rochelle Fire Department and welcome campers back for another unforgettable season at the Club. Summer Camp [registration is now open](#), with creative arts, sports, recreation, field trips and more offered at one of the most affordable rates in New Rochelle.

Thank you for your continued support of the Boys & Girls Club of New Rochelle and the young people we are privileged to serve every day.

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Boys & Girls Club Celebrates Record Year at “Be Great” Gala and Golf Outing



(L to R): Terry Clements, Becky Mazzanobile and William Iannuzzi

The Boys & Girls Club of New Rochelle celebrated a record-breaking year at its sold-out “Be Great” Annual Gala on May 5 at Wykagyl Country Club, honoring community leaders, inspiring youth and recognizing the thousands of young people served through its growing programs.

The event began with a golf outing before 220 supporters honored Sheldon Pride, Terry Clements, Mariano and Clara Rivera and Keith Watkins for their commitment to youth development. The Club also

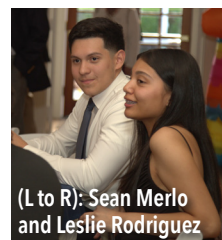
recognized Youth of the Year Leslie Rodriguez and Sparkle Scholarship recipient Sean Merlo, whose award is one of Boys & Girls Clubs of America’s top national honors for academic achievement and leadership.

The Gala highlighted the Club’s continued growth and focus on academics, workforce development, leadership and wellness programs. In 2025, the Boys & Girls Club of New Rochelle served a record 12,166 youths, a



(L to R): Dr. Corey Reynolds, Keith Watkins, Becky Mazzanobile and William Iannuzzi

331% increase since 2021, making it one of the fastest-growing Boys & Girls Clubs in the nation.



(L to R): Sean Merlo and Leslie Rodriguez

“Lower Westchester County’s generous support and investment in our youths help us expand opportunity, deepen impact and prepare thousands of youths for bright, successful futures,” said CEO Becky Mazzanobile.

Read more about the Be Great Gala and see photos at bgcnr.org.

Youth Justice Forum Empowers Future Leaders Through Civic Dialogue



The Boys & Girls Club of New Rochelle hosted its Youth Justice Forum on May 8 at the Remington Clubhouse, bringing together youth leaders, judges, legal professionals and community members for an evening focused on civic engagement, leadership and issues impacting local communities.

Developed through the Club’s Legal Career Pathway Program in partnership with the Commission of Jurors and the Franklin H. Williams Judicial Commission, the forum featured New York State Chief Judge Rowan D. Wilson alongside a panel of legal and community leaders. Youth participants engaged directly with panelists in discussions about challenges facing their

communities and the importance of advocacy and systemic change.

A highlight of the evening was Legal Career Pathway Program student Michael Rosario co-moderating the discussion with Bronx Supreme Court Justice Mary Lynn Nicolas-Brewster, showcasing the leadership and workforce readiness skills fostered through the program.



Inaugural Firefighter Career Pathway Program Celebrates First Graduates, Prepping Youths for Public Service



The Boys & Girls Club of New Rochelle and the New Rochelle Fire Department celebrated the graduation of 14 participants from the inaugural Firefighter Career Pathway Program on May 11 at the Mascaro Clubhouse. Supported by the Mariano Rivera Foundation, the 12-week program provided young adults ages 18 to 24 with hands-on training, mentorship and workforce readiness skills designed to prepare them for careers in public safety and emergency response. Participants

completed workshops focused on leadership, financial literacy, resume writing and interview preparation, while also receiving CPR and EMS training, civil service exam preparation and mock physical agility testing with New Rochelle firefighters.

"This program gave young adults direct exposure to career opportunities they may not otherwise have access to while helping them build the professional and personal skills

needed for long-term success," said CEO Becky Mazzanobile.

"What stood out most to me was how supportive and welcoming the firefighters were throughout the program," said participant Mayza Lins Santos de Oliveira. "The experience strengthened my interest in public service and showed me the importance of teamwork, discipline and helping others."

Fire Commissioner Andrew Sandor praised the graduates and expressed hope that many will pursue careers through the department's upcoming 2027 Fire Academy cycle. The program is part of the Club's expanding [Workforce Development initiatives](#), which connect local youth with career pathways in fields including public safety, EMS/EMT, culinary arts and digital media.

Next Generation of Remington Flyers Takes Off



The Boys & Girls Club of New Rochelle is excited to welcome back the legendary Remington Flyers track and field team, reviving a beloved program that has inspired generations of young athletes since the 1980s. Originally founded by longtime coach Walter Brown, the Flyers are once again helping

local youth in grades 1 through 8 build confidence, teamwork and discipline both on and off the track.

Participants train in events including running, hurdles, pole vault and javelin, with opportunities for both recreational and competitive athletes. Alumni,



families and community supporters have already rallied behind the program's return, helping provide mentorship, uniforms and equipment for the next generation of Flyers. As the team takes off once again, the future looks bright for these young athletes and the community cheering them on.

Register Now for Summer Camp!

Registration is open for the Boys & Girls Club's dynamic Summer Camp, where campers enjoy creative arts, performing arts, recreation, sports, educational activities and field trips. Plus, the program is the least expensive in New Rochelle! Learn more [here](#).



Workforce Development Programs Return; Registration Open!



The Boys & Girls Club of New Rochelle is enrolling young adults ages 18 to 24 in its Summer Workforce Development Career Pathway Programs at the Remington Clubhouse. Designed to prepare participants for careers in public safety and emergency response, each program combines hands-on training, mentorship and workforce readiness development in a supportive environment.

Firefighter Career Pathway Program

June 22–Aug. 26
Mondays & Wednesdays
4:30–6:30 p.m.

Police Career Pathway Program

June 23–Aug. 26
Tuesdays & Thursdays
4:30–6:30 p.m.

EMS/EMT Career Pathway Program

June 24–Aug. 28
Wednesdays & Fridays
5:45–7:45 p.m.

Participants will gain valuable experience through leadership development, career readiness workshops and mentorship from professionals in the field. Programs are free to attend and held at the Remington Clubhouse. Learn more [here](#).