About Us

The Boys’ Club of New York empowers boys and young men to become their best selves by providing a wealth of enriching programs and a supportive and nurturing community. Our members have access to more than 40 programs designed to enhance their afterschool experience, encourage well-rounded growth, and equip them with leadership skills they can carry into adulthood. Our wide range of programs include music and arts, STEAM, social and recreational activities, mentoring, academic support, and athletics.

At our three clubhouse locations in East Harlem, Flushing, and the Lower East Side, our members know they are part of a safe environment where they feel supported, accepted, and valued. Our open door policy and $5 membership fee mean any boy age 7-21 can join.

Last year, 124 members participated in Robotics. In exciting news, Gerry Clubhouse represented BCNY in the New York City FIRST® Robotics Competition and FIRST® Lego League.
Impact

453 members explored STEAM programs such as 3D Design, Robotics, and Engineering.

100% of boys in READ, BCNY’s early literacy intervention program, improved their reading ability by at least one level.

754 members received homework help and one-on-one or small group tutoring in math, writing, and English.

119 teens became coaches, tutors, counselors-in-training, and interns through our Career Prep teen training programs.

1,172 members participated in 18 arts programs including music, photography, graphic design, fashion, drama, dance, and more.

OUR MEMBERS

1,447 MEMBERS
95% IDENTIFY AS A PERSON OF COLOR
71% QUALIFY FOR FREE OR REDUCED SCHOOL LUNCH

29.5% EXPLORERS AGES 7-9
33.2% JUNIORS AGES 10-12
37.2% TEENS AGES 13-21
Meet Ron

Ron Britt, Abbe Clubhouse Director

After forty years at the Boys’ Club of New York, Marion McMahon Abbe Clubhouse Director Ron Britt has witnessed tremendous change in the members and neighborhoods we serve.

A self-described family man with a passion for sports, fitness, science fiction, and politics, Ron began his career at the Boys’ Club in 1978 as a Health Educator at the now closed Pitt Street Clubhouse (later named Milliken Clubhouse) on the Lower East Side. He was drawn to the mission of BCNY after growing up in the once considerably tougher areas of Harlem, the South Bronx, Bedford Stuyvesant, and East New York. “The street was my afterschool program, but it was dangerous all the time,” Ron said. “The Boys’ Club offered what I never had and allowed me to do as much as possible to make sure as few kids as possible had to grow up as I did.”

Although Ron didn’t have a Boys’ Club of New York in the neighborhoods where he grew up, it certainly never deterred him from his investment in the BCNY mission: “The ability we have to help develop boys from the ages of 7-21 is unmatched. My greatest worry is that the importance of afterschool programming is lost on a national scale and kids are left to navigate their youth without the guidance of outstanding people like we have at BCNY.”

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Get Outdoors!

Last summer, **202 Junior and Teen members** spent their time exploring the great outdoors during week-long overnights at BCNY’s newly opened camp in Harriman State Park.

Located in New York’s Rockland and Orange counties, our sleepaway camp programming emphasizes community building, wilderness exploration, and self-discovery. While at camp, members do not have access to technology—no phones, Game Boys, computers, or headphones—just the magic of nature. Instead of being “plugged in” members spend time hiking, canoeing, swimming, and learning the basics of camping outdoors. Whether setting up a tent, building a fire, engaging in plant identification, or navigating with a map and compass, the experiences are both rich and rewarding for participants. In fact, for almost half of our campers, this was their first time at sleepaway camp and most members tried something new while there!

“I will never forget this experience.”
11-year-old, Harriman Clubhouse member
Youth Council

Through Youth Council, BCNY members are building leadership skills, serving as ambassadors, and creating pathways for meaningful change within their clubhouses, all while learning about the importance of civic engagement and social responsibility.

As an active member-based representative body, BCNY’s Youth Council is comprised of six officers from each age group division—Explorers (grades 2-4), Juniors (grades 5-7), and Teens (grades 8+). They’re tasked with ensuring the voices of their peers are heard by BCNY staff and coordinate Service Learning Projects and organization-wide initiatives focused on a pressing community need. Youth Council Officers also support clubhouse-specific projects and events such as the Annual Gerry Clubhouse Thanksgiving Drive and the Abbe Clubhouse Peer Projects UNICEF Bake Sale.

Last year, BCNY held its inaugural Youth Council Leadership Summit, where representatives convened to discuss how best to support potentially life-changing causes such as breast cancer research and HIV/AIDS prevention. For their tri-clubhouse service learning project, the Youth Council ultimately decided—after a Shark Tank-type presentation to volunteers from our Women’s Board and community members—to address the significant topic of birth defects and infant mortality. They achieved this goal by supporting March of Dimes, a nonprofit organization that works to improve the health of mothers and babies. Representatives organized a team to walk in the 2018 NYC March of Dimes for Babies and planned and executed service learning projects that raised more than $7,000, which far exceeded their fundraising goal of $6,000 and created a robust model for future community engagement.

Youth Council Impact in 2018

$7,834.47 donated to March of Dimes

600 Thanksgiving Dinner Kits distributed to families in East Harlem and the Lower East Side
80 cents of every dollar raised goes back into Boys’ Club programming.

### OPERATING REVENUE & SUPPORT

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**Net Assets:** $65,217,384

*Figures as of September 30, 2018 inclusive of depreciation*
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In partnership with the Office of Manhattan District Attorney Cyrus R. Vance, Jr., Gerry Clubhouse runs Saturday Night Lights (SNL), which provides BCNY members and non-members alike a safe, fun, and productive place to hang out and connect on Friday and Saturday evenings. The program’s mission is to engage East Harlem youth through basketball and improve academic performance by empowering participants to develop the skills, knowledge, and meaningful relationships necessary to reach their fullest potential.

Mondays are reserved for Ladies Night, open to female-presenting SNL basketball players. On Friday and Saturday nights, the gym is open until 11:00pm to BCNY members as well as any boy age 11-18.

While the main activity is basketball, SNL participants also have access to individualized resources, including one-on-one meetings with a case manager who works with teens to explore academic and career opportunities.
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