



FACT SHEET

The mission of Boys & Girls Clubs of Boston (BGCB) is to help young people, especially those who need us most, build strong character and realize their full potential as responsible citizens and leaders.

We provide a haven of safety and opportunity, where adult role models and a variety of programs support the educational, emotional, physical, and social development of youth.

We serve 14,000 children and teens, ages 6 to 18, in our 10 Clubs, and through our partnerships with the Boston Police Department and the Camp Harbor View Foundation.

Our approach focuses on six core initiatives: Arts; Education; Leadership; Life Skills; Sports, Fitness and Recreation; and Technology. During the summer, many of our Clubs run summer camp programs for children and leadership programs for teens.

Our growing service network includes Clubs, Camp Harbor View, and a presence in police stations across the city:

10 after-school programs in Boston and Chelsea include: 5 free-standing facilities, 5 Shared-Space Clubs, which share space with schools, a housing facility and a community center. Our Clubs are located in Charlestown (Charlestown Club), Chelsea (Jordan Club), Dorchester (Blue Hill Club and the Franklin Hill Club at the Franklin Hill Housing Development), Mattapan (the Mattahunt Club at the Mattahunt Elementary School), Roslindale (the Sumner Club at the Charles Sumner Elementary School), Roxbury (Yawkey Club and the Orchard Gardens Club at the Orchard Gardens Community Center), and South Boston (South Boston Club and the Condon Club at the James F. Condon Elementary School).

Our **YouthConnect** program (formerly YSPN) is an advocacy and intervention program of BGCB, in partnership with the Boston Police Department, that helps the most at-risk young people make positive life choices through trusting relationships with skilled and compassionate social workers. Since 1996, the program has served more than 10,000 youth and families.

BGCB operates **Camp Harbor View**, located on Long Island in Boston Harbor. The Camp was created by the Camp Harbor View Foundation in 2007 to provide a fun and safe environment where youth could challenge themselves, make new friends and experience a world beyond their neighborhoods, where violence has been on the rise. Programming focuses on four areas: sports & fitness, the arts, leadership development and environmental education. In the summer of 2011, the day camp served 1,200 boys and girls, ages 11 to 14, from across Boston.

BGCB serves a diverse youth population that is 35% African-American, 29% Latino/Hispanic, 18% Caucasian, 2% Asian, and 16% multi-racial or other. Males comprise 55% of the Club membership, with female membership at 45%. During the school year, 62% of members visit a Club at least once per week (defined as the impact threshold). Nearly 50% of members' families have an annual income of less than \$27,000, 59% of members live in single parent households, and 23% of members come from homes where English is not the main spoken language.

Finances

Club membership costs \$25 per year — just \$5 annually for teens — although the cost of providing programming and services is more than \$2,500 per member. BGCB raises approximately 85 percent of its operating budget annually through private philanthropy.

History

1893	Charlestown Club opens.
1910	Roxbury Club opens.
1938	South Boston Club opens.
1981	Girls are admitted to all Clubs as full members, and the organization's name is changed to Boys & Girls Clubs of Boston.
1993	Chelsea Club opens in the Innes Housing Development.
1995	Blue Hill Club / George Robert White Youth Development Center opens in Dorchester at the corner of Talbot and Blue Hill Avenue.
1996	YSPN (now YouthConnect) is established at the District B-3 Mattapan/Dorchester police district; soon establishes a presence in citywide units and at police stations across the city.
1996	The first U.S. community-based Computer Clubhouse opens at the Blue Hill Club.
1999	Ansin Youth Center opens at Charlestown Club.
2000	BGCB opens an after-school program at the King Middle School in Dorchester.
2001-2002	Clubs open at the Bates Elementary School in Roslindale, and at the Mattahunt Elementary School in Mattapan.
2002	Chelsea Club moves to new facility and is renamed the Gerald and Darlene Jordan Club / Kraft Family Youth Center.
2003	Keane Children's Center opens at Charlestown Club.
2005	BGCB assumes management of the Club at the Henry Dearborn Middle School in Roxbury. Blue Hill Club celebrates 10 years of serving the community.
2006	Roxbury Club reopens following a one-year renovation and expansion and is renamed Yawkey Club of Roxbury. The Club now serves an additional 300 members.
2007	BGCB opens a Club at James F. Condon Elementary School. • BGCB is selected to manage new Camp Harbor View on Boston Harbor's Long Island, which will provide summer camp experiences to 600 children annually. • Blue Hill Club undergoes renovation and expansion to serve more youth. • BGCB opens a Club at Charles Sumner Elementary School.
2008	BGCB begins implementation of strategic plan, developed with pro-bono support from Bain & Company, which calls for investment in innovation and impact. • BGCB successfully completes \$100 million Comprehensive Campaign, which funded the Club renovations in Roxbury and Dorchester, allowing us to serve hundreds more youth; provided multi-year operating support to keep our Clubs accessible and affordable over the past five years; and built an endowment to help ensure long-term financial stability.
2009	BGCB opens its 10th Club, a Shared-Space Club in the Franklin Hill Housing Development.
2010	Yawkey Club of Roxbury celebrates 100 years of service to the community.
2011	BGCB moves from the Dearborn Club to the Orchard Gardens Club in the Orchard Gardens Community Center in Roxbury to serve more youth.

Leadership

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