



### **Community:**

**Chelsea** is a small, densely populated city of 2.2 square miles. Home to more than 35,000 residents, Chelsea has experienced an increase in growth and development since the early 1990s. Formerly run-down buildings and abandoned lots were transformed into new housing and businesses. While Chelsea has experienced a strengthened infrastructure and restoration of services, there are still a number of serious challenges, including poverty, inadequate education, unemployment, prevalent crime, substance abuse and addiction, and a 13% teen birth rate. In response to the latter epidemic, the Jordan Club has implemented a teen pregnancy prevention initiative, which includes: “Baby Think It Over” (providing teen members with a life-like baby doll that mimics the real-world experience of raising children), education, mentoring, group talks for girls and boys, and frank one-on-one discussions with members about making healthy choices.

### **Partnerships:**

Throughout our history, BGCB has leveraged the expertise and resources of other organizations to broaden our reach and deepen our impact. Our reputation for exceptional program delivery has, in turn, made us a sought-after partner for organizations seeking to provide beneficial programs or services to children and teens. BGCB’s partnerships and collaborations, with organizations as diverse as the MFA, MIT, Boston Public Schools, the Boston Police Department, and The Greater Boston Food Bank, play a vital role in serving members, and in helping them develop the skills necessary to become responsible citizens and leaders.

BGCB meets the needs of more than 14,000 at-risk youth annually in Clubs located in Charlestown (Charlestown Club), Chelsea (Jordan Club), Dorchester (Blue Hill Club and the Franklin Hill Club at the Franklin Hill Housing Development), Roslindale (the Sumner Club at the Charles Sumner Elementary School), Roxbury (Yawkey Club and the Dearborn Club at the Henry Dearborn Middle School), and South Boston (South Boston Club and the James F. Condon Club at the Condon Elementary School) and Mattapan (the Mattahunt Club at the Mattahunt Elementary School), and through our YSPN social workers based in police stations across the city.

### **Fundraising:**

- ⇒ Club members pay just **\$25 per school year (\$5 for teens)**, but the actual cost per member for program services is more than **\$2,500 annually**.
- ⇒ **BGCB must raise** nearly **85%** of its annual operating budget through private donations.
- ⇒ The Jordan Club thanks our many **local major supporters**, including: Transdel Corporation, Easter Salt, Sovereign Bank, JB Sash and Door, Mass Port Authority, and Kayem Foods, Inc.

### **Summer Program:**

BGCB’s Summer Program serves youth ages 6 to 18 in the communities of Charlestown, Chelsea, Dorchester/Mattapan, Roxbury and South Boston. There are separate programs for teens and for younger children. All programs, including Camp Harbor View, are designed to keep young people off the streets, to educate them during the non-school months, and to provide recreational experiences to which they might not otherwise have access.

### **Members of Jordan Club Staff:**

Michele Perez, **Executive Director**  
Gina Centrella, **Director of Operations**  
Carmen Nieves, **Membership Director**

### **Club Alumni:**

The Club is proud of its many successful members, including: Sal Abdo and Ilan Rodriguez, who both attended prestigious private high schools on full scholarships and went onto college; Semir Keco, a student at Boston University on full scholarship; and Jessica Rubecindo, who completed her B.A. in education from University of Massachusetts at Boston and her Master’s degree in education from Regis University. Currently, Jessica serves as Director of BGCB’s after-school program at the Condon Elementary School.