



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
OF BOSTON**

**YAWKEY CLUB
OF ROXBURY**

Smith Family Teen Center

Opened in 1910 ♦ Renovated in 2006

Celebrating 100 years of service to the Roxbury community

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Membership:

- ⇒ The Club has a current membership of approximately **1,300** members, ages 6 – 18, with rolling admissions to accommodate those on the waiting list.
- ⇒ The average daily attendance is more than **250** members.
- ⇒ Membership is composed of: 72% African American, 12% Hispanic, 5% Caribbean Islands, 4% multi-racial, 3% Other and 4% Unknown.

Programs:

Boys & Girls Clubs of Boston (BGCB) offers high-impact and innovative programming to meet the needs of every child and teen through our **core program areas** of:

⇒ **Arts**

Allowing members the means to develop new art skills, express talents, and expand their creativity.

⇒ **Education**

Promoting members' academic success and encouraging them to explore career options.

⇒ **Leadership & character development**

Developing members' skills and potential through community building and service projects.

⇒ **Life skills**

Providing a forum and a safe place for youth to talk with peers and adults about issues that concern them.

⇒ **Sports, fitness & recreation**

Encouraging every member to maintain physical and mental health.

⇒ **Technology**

Building technology literacy through hands-on training in our Computer Clubhouse.

Teen Programs in the Smith Family Teen Center:

In addition to the core programs offered to all members, teens are engaged in activities geared towards their unique interests and development. Teen members enjoy a wide variety of options that engage them in positive learning experiences—from **Keystone Club** that develops teen's leadership skills and civic involvement, and **Junior Staff**, which teaches responsibility by employing teens as assistants to Club program staff, to **College Club** that offers teens the opportunity to visit colleges and universities.

Normal Hours of Operation:

Monday to Friday 1- 8 p.m.

Community: **Roxbury** has one of the lowest income populations in the city of Boston. The Dudley Square area, is now beginning to undergo a transformation with the creation of new affordable housing, public gardens, and welcoming public spaces. While encouraged by signs of revitalization, this community continues to confront multiple challenges including poverty, inadequate education, unemployment, prevalent crime and high levels of substance abuse and addiction. The Club is uniquely positioned to meet the challenges of the community, through its work engaging at-risk youth in comprehensive programming that develops them into responsible citizens and leaders. The Club is an important resource for youth in the community. Roxbury Youthworks operates a swimming and lifeguard training program for approximately 25 teens and the Boston Urban Youth Foundation also facilitates programs in the gym and teen center for 100 middle school truants from the Boston Public Schools.

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.
- ⇒ The Yawkey Club of Roxbury thanks our many **supporters**, including: Emily and John Brown; Arthur Hurley Wiring & Cable, Citizen Bank, Boston Community Capital, Dunkin Donuts, John Fish and Suffolk Construction, Mount Washington Bank, Roxbury Technology Corporation, Reebok, Roxbury Trust Fund, Yawkey Foundation; Sandy and Paul Edgerley.

Members of Yawkey Club of Roxbury Staff:

Andrea Swain, **Executive Director**

Peter Rosemond, **Director of Operations**

Barbara Crichlow, **Membership Director**

Club Alumni: The Club is proud to have many successful alumni, including: Charles Yancey, Boston City Council; Michael Mitchell, Executive Director, Youth Opportunity Boston; Reverend Minard Culpeper, Esq., Pastor Pleasant Hill Baptist Church and HUD; and George Russell, State Street Bank.

Operations:

The Club is the headquarters for BGCB's **Youth Service Providers Network (YSPN)**, a network of licensed, clinical social workers based in Boston police stations across the city to work with high-risk youth and their families. For more information, please contact YSPN at 617-427-0957 or yspninfo@bgcb.org.

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.