Dear Friend,

At Boys Town, we work with hurting kids and their families every day. With all the kids and families we have seen over the years, we understand their troubles and the best ways to help them.

In all of our programs, children learn new skills and how to build healthy relationships. We bring compassion and experience to the often-difficult task of getting kids to trust again. Once that trust is re-established, kids can learn how to clear away the debris of their old life and begin preparing to move forward.

Boys Town’s unique approach is so effective because we strive to heal the body, the mind and the spirit.

We heal the “body” by making sure a child’s physical environment is safe, and that he or she is being nurtured and loved, and disciplined in appropriate ways. That means teaching takes the place of physical punishment and children live free of abuse and neglect. It also means children receive quality medical care and begin leading a healthy lifestyle.

We heal the “mind” by changing the way children think about their relationships with others and society as a whole. We teach kids how to make better choices, so that positive behaviors can take the place of negative behaviors. And we promote academics and education so children are prepared to take on the challenges they will face in the future.

Most importantly, we rekindle the “spirit” by helping children establish a foundation of faith they can draw strength from every day. While respecting every child’s beliefs, we encourage and support our boys and girls as they make faith an integral part of their journey of healing.

For our Boys Town kids, real change begins when they accept the life-changing care so many of them have missed out on. Then we see them grow in body, mind and spirit right before our eyes as they learn new ways to live.

At Boys Town, we are thankful for the miracles of the heart our kids experience every day. And our kids are especially thankful for your generous support, which helps make those miracles possible. You are always in their prayers because they know how much you care.

God’s Blessings,

Father Steven E. Boes
National Executive Director
Boys Town
“There are no bad boys. There is only bad environment, bad training, bad example, bad thinking.”
— Father Flanagan

Healing and good physical health go hand in hand. At Boys Town, we make sure our boys and girls receive the medical care they need, eat a healthy diet and have plenty of opportunities to exercise and spend time outdoors. (They even walk to school every day and to church on Sundays.) Youth play organized and intramural sports and participate in many other extracurricular activities. Physical education is a part of every child’s academic curriculum. Every summer, our youth go on a family vacation with their Boys Town family to enjoy nature and outdoor fun. When children are well and in good health, they can better focus on changing their behaviors and lives.

Each child at Boys Town gets to spend a few days at summer camp at Lake Okoboji. For many, this is their first vacation.

Most Boys Town children are not up-to-date on their medical and dental care. They get this much-needed care through the Boys Town National Research Hospital.

Boys Town competes against other Nebraska high schools in all sports. Here a Boys Town youth is racing in the state track meet.
Many of our kids come from dangerous situations and environments. After being here a short time, the number one thing they say about Boys Town is, “I feel safe here.” The kids at Boys Town get all their basic needs met — food, shelter and clothing. For many, this might be the first time in their lives this has happened. They also get an education, learn social skills they can use for a lifetime and all the love they deserve from a community that cares about them and wants them to succeed.

Boys Town is open year round to visitors. If you haven’t had the opportunity to visit, please watch our video tour to see more ways we help children and families.

boystown.org/virtualtour

Sports aid the healing process. They teach kids how to rely on each other and allows them to be part of something bigger than themselves.

Visit Boys Town!
Education and academic achievement have been centerpieces of care at Boys Town since our founding nearly 100 years ago. When kids arrive at Boys Town, they are usually behind in school. They attend school year round so they can get caught up and graduate from high school on time. For some, they are the first ones in their families to earn a high school diploma. We have two schools in our Village, one for our younger students and one for high school students. There’s also a career center, which is currently being expanded, where kids learn work-related skills that will help them get a job. Band, choral music groups and JROTC are other ways our boys and girls broaden their interests and their way of thinking.

The JROTC program is one of the many extracurricular activities available to our youth attending Boys Town High School.
“Often it has been said that youth is the nation’s greatest asset. But it is more than that — it is the world’s greatest asset. More than that, it is perhaps the world’s only hope.”

— FATHER FLANAGAN
“Every boy must learn to pray; how he prays is up to him.”
— FATHER FLANAGAN

Oftentimes, the boys and girls who come to us need a spiritual connection with God. As part of their healing, we guide, but never force, our kids to build a spiritual relationship with God and with their own faith community. We encourage our youth to pray often and to say grace before meals. Children regularly attend services at our two Village churches — one Catholic and one Protestant; arrangements are made for children of other faiths to attend services off campus. Our boys and girls also perform community service to help people who are less fortunate. With a strong spiritual foundation, children can heal and find strength for the rest of their lives.
A Boys Town family waiting to start the annual Boys Town Memorial Day Run.

Father Boes with children at the annual Christmas program.

Kids take turns leading prayer before each family meal.

Father Boes at Sunday service.

Chambers Chapel is our Protestant church on campus.

Father Boes with children at the annual Christmas program.
Gifts Anyone Can Afford

Have you ever wished you could help us in our work but thought you couldn’t afford to make a charitable gift? Perhaps you are concerned that giving may affect your cash flow or your family’s financial security.

There is good news!
You can support Boys Town’s mission without impacting yourself or your family.

To learn more about charitable gifts and other planned giving options, please contact our Gift and Estate Planning office at 888-332-3219 or giftplanning@boystown.org or visit boystowngift.org today!

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<td><strong>Beneficiary Designations</strong></td>
<td>Naming us as the beneficiary of a retirement plan, financial account, or annuity is another easy way to help our mission. You can continue to benefit from these assets during your lifetime. A beneficiary designation may also be changed at any time.</td>
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<td><strong>Life Insurance</strong></td>
<td>If you have an old, unneeded life insurance policy, you can donate it to us and take an immediate tax deduction. You can also name us as a beneficiary of your policy.</td>
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<td><strong>Appreciated Securities, Real Property</strong></td>
<td>If you own securities or real estate that you no longer need or wish to sell, a gift of these assets can benefit us without impacting your cash flow. You may also benefit from capital gains tax avoidance by giving rather than selling these assets.</td>
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<td><strong>Tangible Personal Property</strong></td>
<td>If you have valuable assets such as artwork, collectibles, jewelry, etc., that you no longer want or need, consider giving these assets to us and benefit from an income tax deduction this year.</td>
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<td><strong>Life Estate</strong></td>
<td>If you own your home and wish to remain living there, you can transfer your home (farm or vacation home) to us while retaining the right to use the home during your lifetime. Enjoy the added benefit of an income tax deduction!</td>
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<td>Talk to us about ways to make current gifts from your business or to avoid capital gains tax when you are ready to transfer or sell your business.</td>
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