

Upcoming Events

Sunday, July 14 | Gates open at 3 pm

Newport Polo All Charity Day
Newport International Polo Grounds

Adults \$20 | Children \$10

Tickets can be purchased on our website, boystown.org/new-england. 100% of ticket proceeds benefit Boys Town New England. Free parking.

Sunday, July 14 – Sunday, July 21

International Tennis Hall of Fame’s Open Charity Event: “Aces for Rhode Island”

Boys Town New England is excited to be a charity partner in the International Tennis Hall of Fame Open’s Aces for RI initiative! With your support, every ace scored by the pros that week will generate funds for our children and families. Make your pledge today at halloffameopen.com/aces.

Friday, September 27 | 6 – 9:30 pm

Spirit of Youth Annual Fundraiser
International Tennis Hall of Fame, Newport, RI

Catering by local eatery, Binge BBQ. Tickets can be purchased on our website. For tickets, sponsorship or gift-in-kind donation information, please contact Elizabeth Rose at elizabeth.rose@boystown.org or 401-845-2250 ext. 43701.

Monday, October 7 | 7 am – 8 pm

Inaugural Golf-A-Thon
Valley Country Club, Warwick, RI

Golf as many holes as possible to raise money for the youth of Boys Town New England! Only 36 slots available. For more information or to sign up, contact Amanda Baker at amanda.baker@boystown.org or 401-845-2250 ext. 43732.

Sunday, October 13

Amica Newport Marathon
Easton’s Beach Rotunda, Newport, RI

Run for Team Boys Town New England! We have bibs available and plenty of volunteer opportunities for both Saturday and Sunday. Contact Amanda Baker at amanda.baker@boystown.org or 401-845-2250 ext. 43732.

Generous Neighbors at Raytheon Help Ready Campus for Spring



Our neighbors at Raytheon recently came to weed, rake and lay down fresh mulch on our campus gardens.

We are so appreciative of their time and their enthusiasm for our organization and our youth.

Thank you, Raytheon!

Spotlight on: Family Home Program

Our Family Home Program is the hallmark of Boys Town New England.

We have five Family Homes on our New England campus, each housing up to six children. Trained Family-Teachers® live in each home, caring for the children, meeting their daily needs and teaching social skills.

These children come from a variety of juvenile justice and/or child welfare backgrounds. They have never experienced a positive family environment and lack basic social, emotional and developmental skills. When they arrive at our Family Homes, they become members of the family, which means following rules and meeting behavioral expectations. They go to school, participate in extracurricular activities, do chores, enjoy family outings and do everything a typical family would do.

Our Family Homes offer consistent, loving care and support. They give Boys Town children the opportunity to develop a sense of identity and belonging, provide them with positive adult role models, and teach them responsibility and respect – all within a healthy family structure. These children often are experiencing for the first time the importance of celebrating family traditions. We incorporate any and all of our children’s cultural practices into daily home life to help them feel as comfortable as possible, while maintaining a daily routine and respecting family values. Each Family Home has a nightly family dinner where the kids and their Family-Teachers can reconnect with each other and share their day. We accept children of any religious background and, while we instill the importance of believing in “something,” our children are not forced to practice a particular religion and are encouraged to explore their own spiritual identities.

TELL US YOUR WHY

We asked our Family-Teachers why they choose to work at Boys Town New England...

“We are here because we are passionate about helping kids heal and grow.”

“My father was a teacher at the Omaha Boys Town High School. We visited his class and fell in love with the entire concept of Boys Town and the children we met.”

“We decided to become Family-Teachers because we wanted to make a difference in the lives of those who are less fortunate.”

“As Family Teachers, we get to provide something that most of these kids have never had in their lives. Boys Town has such a huge support system for the kids.”



Our Bazarsky Campus, in Portsmouth, Rhode Island.

Family Home Program Notes of Success



A group of our youth outside their Family Home.

A 16-year-old girl brought her grades up to all A's and B's over the past school year. She is a cheerleader and a gymnast, is currently working on her driver's license and **wants to become a doctor.**

A 9-year-old girl is **working on independent-learning skills** and is learning to communicate with the Picture Exchange Communication System.

A 16-year-old girl is getting all A's and B's in school. She is learning how to apply for jobs and is practicing her independent-living skills. She also **loves to cook** and frequently makes meals for the home.

A 15-year-old girl is getting all A's and B's in school and is a member of multiple school clubs. **She loves animals**, especially horses, and volunteers at a local horse farm on the weekends. She hopes to make a career out of caring for or working with animals in the future.

A 17-year-old girl is working to complete her GED. She's learning how to apply for jobs, and has completed an interview process, been hired and is **successfully working at a job** while finishing school.

A 12-year-old girl is getting all A's and B's in school. The teachers who knew her before she came to Boys Town are blown away by how much **she's improved in academics**, friendships and respecting her teachers.

A 14-year-old girl is attending a vocational high school and earning all A's and B's. She is looking forward to **graduating as a CNA** and making this her stepping stone to a nursing career.

A 16-year-old girl attends multiple therapy groups and **loves supporting and interacting with her peers.** Though she did not attend school for years before coming to Boys Town, she has not missed a day of school since her arrival and has been on the Honor Roll every quarter.

A 17-year-old girl is incredibly creative and artistic. She was significantly behind in school when she arrived at Boys Town, but has since **caught up on all her credits.**

A 16-year-old girl **loves art** and is constantly working on different projects, including sculpting and working with other mediums. She loves to sing and enjoys musical theater.



The Dining Room Table: Where each family holds a nightly family dinner where the youth reconnect with each other and their Family-Teachers.

A 15-year-old girl had never attended school before arriving at Boys Town. She hasn't missed a day since being enrolled and is completing eighth grade this year. She was recently named **"Student of the Quarter"** in recognition of her hard work and wonderful personality.

A 13-year-old girl was very angry when she first arrived at Boys Town and had never attended school. Now it's difficult to find her not smiling! **Her grades are wonderful**, she is on the basketball team and in the Glee Club, and she performed in this year's school talent show.



The Family Room in one of our teen girls' homes: A private space that our teen girls can earn the privilege of enjoying. Here they can watch movies, paint their nails, read or do crafts. It's the perfect, quiet space to recharge.

Notes of Success continued...

A 9-year-old boy met many goals in his Family Home and **drastically improved his grades**. He loves attending church on Sundays and has been given the title "assistant usher."

A 10-year-old boy loves art and playing his recorder. He is incredibly athletic and can climb just about anything. He has grown much closer to his foster parents over the past year and is **looking forward to his pending adoption**.

A 10-year-old boy loves to read and is hoping to **write his own book one day**. He joined an afterschool group that is learning how to make YouTube videos and he is working hard to be the "best Youtuber around." He has shown great improvement in accepting decisions and following instructions.

A 9-year-old boy loves playing outside, going to church and playing video games. He is a **star in the classroom** and gets along well with all of his peers.

What Your Donation Supports

In 2018, Boys Town New England served over 1,200 children thanks to the incredibly generous support of our donors. We are grateful for your belief in our children and the opportunities they each deserve.



\$30 Donation – Traditions are an important element of family life at Boys Town New England. Your donation of \$30 ensures a birthday gift for a child who may never have celebrated his or her birthday before.



\$50 Donation – Every Boys Town New England child is encouraged to join a sports team or participate in extracurricular activities. Your \$50 donation can help pay for a portion of a young athlete's sports uniform as he or she learns to compete with character.



\$100 Donation – Boys Town New England strengthens each child in mind, body and spirit. That means providing our children with the best health care possible. Your \$100 donation can help pay for an annual school physical to ensure a child stays healthy.



\$500 Donation – Our Boys Town New England campus is occupied all year long, including when school is out for the Summer! Your \$500 donation can provide a Family Home with the opportunity to take their children on two engaging, educational outings during the summer.



\$1,000 Donation – Dinners at Boys Town New England are a family affair. When our kids and their Family-Teachers sit down to enjoy a meal, they each take pride in the work they did to help plan and prepare it. Your \$1,000 donation can help pay for groceries for one month for one Family Home.

For more great stories, visit **BOYSTOWN.ORG/NEW-ENGLAND**



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Since opening in 1991, Boys Town New England has brought life-changing care to tens of thousands of children and families in Rhode Island and surrounding states.

Boys Town New England has five Family Homes that serve adolescents and young children at its Bazarsky Campus. The site also offers Foster Family Services®, In-Home Family Services® and Community Support Services®. For children who have completed Boys Town New England out-of-home programs, Reunification Services are available to help them make a smooth transition back to their families and maintain and improve their treatment gains.

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