

LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

2023 is Boys Town Washington DC's 30th anniversary year! We are celebrating this milestone by reflecting on our history, looking ahead to the future, and recognizing those who have helped us on this 30-year journey.

Boys Town DC opened its doors in October of 1993. In the early '90s, we operated Foster Care, Family Home Residential, and Intervention and Assessment (short term emergency shelter) services.

These programs provided a safe haven for youth who were removed from their families and in need of immediate care. In 2012, we expanded to support families in their homes and in the community through our In-Home Family and Care Coordination services. In 2015, we added Outpatient Behavioral Health services to our continuum to provide an integrated approach to care and treatment.

Now 30 years later, we continue this journey by remaining focused on our mission to change the way America cares for children and families by engaging in work that keeps families together and collaborating with partners to strengthen communities. We are focused on ensuring families have equitable access to resources that will improve health and school outcomes and employment opportunities.

Looking ahead, we are excited about the opportunities to have **a greater impact on this region** by expanding our school base, career readiness, behavioral health, and family engagement services into more counties in Maryland and Virginia.

As I reflect on the work that we are doing, I am reminded that none of this is possible without the **dedication, generosity, and collaboration of our employees, donors, and partners**. Thank you for your selfless and unwavering commitment to children and families.



I invite you all to join us in celebrating 30 years of service by participating in the activities and events we have planned throughout the year.

- We will celebrate and acknowledge our donors and supporters on April 19 at our Inaugural Golf Tournament at Reston National Golf Course.
- We will celebrate with community partners, former clients, and former employees at our Alumni Picnic on August 26 at our DC Campus.
- We will all celebrate together during our Annual Tree Lighting event on our DC Campus on December 3.

Boys Town Washington DC is grateful for all who have made contributions over the past 30 years and whose dedication to the mission of saving children and healing families will be an inspiration for generations to come!

Yours in Service!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kichelle Coleman". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Kichelle Coleman,
Executive Director





YOUR 2022 IMPACT

At Boys Town, we provide an array of life-changing youth care and health care services that meet each child and family exactly where they are, so they get the **right kind of care**, at the **right time**, in the **right way**.

Together, we served and impacted nearly 1,500 children in Washington DC.

» Care Coordination Services

191 children and 71 families who are suffering from mental health issues were provided a lifeline by connecting them with programs and resources that can provide the best care.

» Boys Town National Hotline®

2,272 calls from Washington DC were answered and 36 suicides in progress were prevented by our Hotline crisis counselors.

» Behavioral Health Clinic

496 children and their families who were experiencing any of a wide variety of problems including ADHD, school difficulties, emotional issues, noncompliance and/or relationship concerns found support and guidance.

» On the Way Home

Consultants helped 14 youth transition from Boys Town programs to return home, go back to school, or prepare for a career and continue on the path of success.

» School Support Specialist

Our School Support Specialists have worked with 75 students in their classrooms to develop their social skills to promote learning.

» Boys Town Common Sense Parenting®

17 families and caregivers learned new skills by building on their parenting strengths and developing healthy relationships with their children.

» Family Home ProgramSM

27 boys and girls lived in a family-style residential home, learning social and independent-living skills to help them successfully find their way forward.

Let's do even more in 2023!

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Over the past three decades, Boys Town DC has provided a safe and stable foundation for thousands of young people in the DC area who have experienced hardship, trauma, and adversity. The hallmark of our work has been our commitment to meeting the unique needs of each youth and family through holistic, research-driven programs and services. By providing a safe and nurturing environment for young people and equipping families with the tools they need to thrive, Boys Town has made a real and lasting difference.

Boys Town is not just a place – it is a philosophy. Our approach is based on the belief that every child is valuable, every child can achieve greatness, and every child deserves to be treated with dignity and respect. This philosophy is as relevant today as it was 30 years ago, and serves as a powerful reminder that we all have a role to play in creating a better world for those in need.

As we celebrate this milestone anniversary, let us take a moment to honor the legacy of Boys Town Washington DC and those who have made possible the triumphant stories of overcoming that set us apart. Let us also reaffirm our commitment to supporting the next generation in our community and ensuring that every child has the opportunity to reach their full potential.

In the words of our founder, Father Edward J. Flanagan,

“There are no bad boys. Only bad environment, bad training, bad example, bad thinking.”

Let us work together to create an environment of love, support, and opportunity for all our village children, so that they may grow into the leaders and changemakers of tomorrow.



Staff Highlight: Hotline Crisis Counselor Yadelska Wynne

Yadelska Wynne has a long history with Boys Town Washington DC. With a background in education, Yadelska joined her husband, Payton, at Boys Town as Family Teachers. Over the years, the Wynnes served in many roles

and built incredible relationships with the youth and families they served.

Today, Yadelska is a Hotline Crisis Counselor, taking calls from those in distress. She credits her experience working with youth for her ability to help children navigate the difficult situations that life can bring. “It is such a wonderful foundation, the way the behavioral model is taught... you look at people and at life in a whole different way. I love being a crisis counselor. It’s a rewarding experience and I enjoy going to work every day.”

Yadelska is an essential part of the Boys Town team. She works hard to ensure that the people who reach out to her know they won’t have to face their troubles alone. Her dedication to helping others is an inspiration to us all.

Last year, Boys Town National Hotline assisted nearly 2,500 callers from the Washington DC area. Some of the most common issues leading kids to call in are suicidal ideation, anxiety, and depression. The hotline also serves as a valuable resource for parents and caregivers who are struggling with parenting challenges or simply need someone to talk to.

If you or someone you know needs a crisis counselor, please reach out to the **24/7 Crisis Hotline: 800-448-3000 or Text VOICE to 20121.**

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 19, 2023

Join us for our Inaugural Golf Tournament at Reston National Golf Course! We are celebrating 30 years of service to Washington DC with a day of friendly competition and unforgettable memories. Proceeds will support Boys Town's life changing programs and services,

helping youth and families in crisis to heal. Registration is open now - we can't wait to see you on the green!



Register Today!

INAUGURAL BOYS TOWN WASHINGTON DC GOLF TOURNAMENT

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19, 2023

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Children and families in the nation's capital have benefited from Boys Town Washington DC services since the site opened its doors in 1993. The site offers programs like Community Support Services which focus on providing Common Sense Parenting® classes that help parents expand and improve their child-rearing skills. These services and programs touch the lives of nearly 1,500 children in the District of Columbia each year.

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