

Healing & Hope News

"The work will continue..."
- Father Edward J. Flanagan,
Founder of Boys Town

Your 2024 IMPACT

At Boys Town New England, we provide an array of life-changing youth care and healthcare 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
9,300 children in New England.*

In-Home Family Services

87 children and 44 families learned how to handle issues and **prevent them** from becoming more disruptive in the home.

Care Coordination Services

253 children in 150 families received intensive, family-centered case management services to help them navigate through complex systems such as the mental health care system, school systems and available community resources.

Boys Town National Hotline

1,581 calls from Rhode Island and Massachusetts were answered and **1 suicide in progress prevented** by our Boys Town National Hotline Crisis Counselors.

Family Home Program

40 boys and girls lived in family-style residential homes learning social and independent living skills to help them on a **path to success**.

Foster Family Services

Foster Parents, trained and supported by Boys Town, opened their homes to **87 children** who needed a safe place to live.

Boys Town Common Sense Parenting

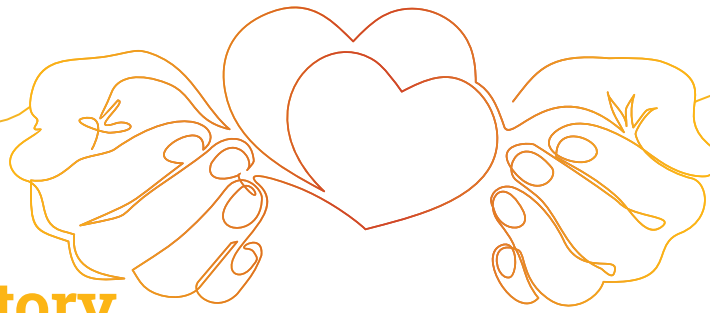
126 families and caregivers learned **new skills by building on their parenting strengths** and developing **healthy relationships** with their children.

Lift with Boys Town

Our School Support Specialists have worked with **561 students** in their classrooms to develop social skills that promote learning. In addition, **90 students** were also impacted.

Let's do even more together in 2025!





Kinship Story

Earlier this year, two boys found themselves in a precarious situation. Financially, their family had been struggling, their opportunities were limited and it looked like the older of the two kids might not be able to finish high school. However, one of their aunts managed to take them in and give them a stable home to live and thrive in. It was not an easy transition as the aunt already had multiple children of her own to take care of, she was a first-time foster parent, and had no experience parenting two teenage boys.

Of course, being who she was, the aunt chose not to quit. She would never stop fighting for her family, including the

boys under her care. While working with the Department of Children, Youth & Families (DCYF) in Rhode Island, she began seeing a local social worker. Through this partnership, she began putting together a training routine. From there, DCYF referred the situation to Boys Town and one of our own consultants was happy to help.

Over the next several weeks, working together with the family and the assigned DCYF social worker, a Boys Town consultant created a day-by-day, week-by-week training routine for the aunt. The aunt completed her “Common Sense Parenting” class, wearing this as a badge of pride. She shared what she learned and, over time, became more and more confident in her approach and bonded with her

two nephews, thereby creating a healthier atmosphere of mutual admiration and respect.

In this environment, the boys thrived and were able to not only attend school but also attain great academic achievements. The older of the two boys is now on track to graduate this year, is applying to colleges and even participated in their first university campus tour. The younger boy joined the school band and engaged with all manner of extracurriculars, truly showing his growth in and out of school.

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Through the consultant, the aunt contacted a local “Just 4 Kids” clothing support

group which provided easy access to school clothes and other supplies for her children. The social worker was able to get the aunt signed up for a local food pantry, allowing her to achieve a sense of economic stability and security.

Through the hard work and dedication of the aunt, her social worker, Boys Town’s consultant and the boys themselves, this situation — which could have easily gone the other way — is showing tremendously positive results. The older boy is graduating this spring, while the younger boy is thriving in their school and looking forward to applying to colleges this coming fall.

Thank You for Believing in Our Work



This year’s 401 Gives event was absolutely phenomenal! We are deeply appreciative of the opportunity to have been part of such an exceptional occasion.

Boys Town supporters have once again shown up for us: **\$104,496** was raised to support the children and families of Boys Town New England. This is a site

record and represents a 68.7% increase raised from last year’s record-setting total. Boys Town New England finished *FIFTH* out of 640 Rhode Island’s non-profit organizations in money raised.

“On behalf of Boys Town New England, I cannot begin to properly thank all the individuals and businesses that chose to invest in our programming as part of the annual 401 Gives Campaign. These continue to be very challenging economic times and yet for the fourth year in a row we were able to set a site record. While we set a goal of \$100,000, for us collectively to achieve this is truly remarkable. The efforts of our Board, Development Committee and staff along with the dedication of everyone who works at Boys Town New England and supports us is truly breathtaking. Most importantly every dollar raised will impact the boys, girls and families with whom we work.”



In-Home Family Program, The Quinones-Garcia Family

Everyone is familiar with the struggles of coming to grips with the realities of life, especially when the expectations of our youth are gradually or suddenly upended. No one knows this better than the Quinones-Garcia family. One of Boys Town New England's In-Home Family Services Consultants, Michael Robinson, was informed of a particularly unique situation regarding this family earlier this year.

The youngest daughter of the Quinones-Garcia family lost their mother at the tender age of 9, leaving her with no one else in the world, or at least so she thought. Following her mother's passing she was accepted into foster care by her mother's landlords, who took care of her for the time being. However, her biological father found out that the mother had passed away and went to court,

winning custody of his daughter. They had been estranged for most his daughter's life, having had extremely sporadic contact, meeting only three or four times, and he had very little experience being a father. The father in turn spoke very little English, so establishing some parameters and "good parenting" practices was difficult at first.

From the beginning, Mr. Garcia had a great deal of trouble re-establishing his relationship with his daughter. She wouldn't let her father near her, didn't want anything to do with him or to engage with him in activities (board games, going to the movies, etc.). It got to the point that she would have daily emotional outbursts — crying, tantrums — with no signs of things changing. She did have a more established relationship with the maternal grandmother and aunt of the family, who she would engage with in positive behavior and social outings on occasion.

Despite this, Mr. Garcia was deeply motivated to improve and re-establish this relationship from the ground up, so he put in the work with Michael to learn new parenting

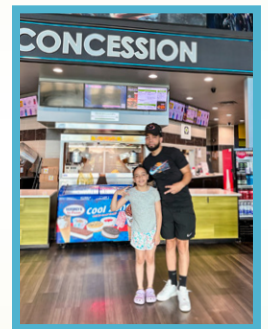
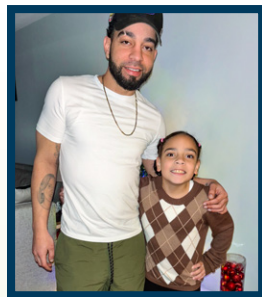
strategies. Michael helped school him on a variety of different techniques to help approach his daughter, including a "calm down kit," and Michael and Mr. Garcia role played different scenarios to communicate and help Mr. Garcia become a more open and loving parental figure. From there, Michael encouraged Mr. Garcia to be the parent, as well as the friend, that his daughter needed while also taking charge of disciplinary situations rather than handing them off to the grandmother. Speaking with the grandmother, she and Micheal agreed that it was a necessary step in re-establishing their father-daughter relationship.

Now, many weeks later, there has been a complete turnaround. Mr. Garcia and his little girl are baking cookies together, going on different social/public outings and she even does his makeup from time to time — eyeliner or no eyeliner. Michael himself has felt "comfortable with closing" this case, however, seeks to maintain a relationship with the family, checking in on them periodically. Mr. Garcia's daughter smiles every time Michael comes to visit, telling him all about their most recent trip to the library, mall or the local park.

We would like to highlight and show our appreciation for the incredible work of the In-Home Family Services program at Boys Town New England. It has always been the purpose of the program to help kids stay in the homes they want to stay in, along with their parent(s), in healthy environments, while engaging in positive reunification processes. The Quinones-Garcia family's case has proven to be a great success, reinforcing familial bonds, developing open communication and emphasizing positive reinforcement in a loving home.



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Summer Block Party

Join us on Saturday, June 1st, from 4 to 7 p.m. for our third annual Summer Block Party. This fun-filled event features our time-honored Citizenship Ceremony, which officially welcomes boys and girls to our Family Home Program on our Bazarsky Campus, as well as kids' activities and food from area restaurants.



We look forward to seeing you all there!

If you would like to know more about Boys Town New England and the services we provide, please come to the event, look us up at boystown.org/new-england or contact our Development Coordinator, Gus Roth, at gus.roth@boystown.org or

our Development Director, Glenn Hofmann, at glenn.hofmann@boystown.org. Boys Town New England is headquartered in Portsmouth, Rhode Island. Sarah Galvan serves as the Executive Director.



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Boys Town has a long history of serving as an excellent steward of our donor support. Charity Navigator, one of the nation's largest and most respected charity rating systems, has awarded Boys Town its highest rating for the sound management of its finances. We are deeply committed and strongly positioned to continue saving children and healing families in 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 our Bazarsky Portsmouth Campus. We also offer Foster Family Services, In-Home Family Services, the Lift with Boys Town program in Pawtucket schools and other 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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Changing the way America cares
for children and families.