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Madison Square Boys & Girls Club: Since 1884, Madison has been saving and enhancing the lives of youth by providing after-school and summer programs for children in New York City’s most disadvantaged communities. Programs are engineered to empower each member to achieve three priority outcomes: Academic Success, Good Character & Citizenship, and the adoption of a Healthy Lifestyle. Every day, Madison provides thousands of children with a safe and positive environment, one where fun is encouraged and positive role models are plentiful. A founding member of Boys & Girls Clubs of America, Madison currently serves more than 5,000 youth, ages 6 to 18, at four Clubhouses in Brooklyn and the Bronx.

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From the Desk of Executive Director
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Madison Square Boys & Girls Club is preparing for a significant moment in our 134-year history. Our Pinkerton Clubhouse, scheduled to open in early 2019, will serve 1,500 youth annually through high-quality after-school and summer programming. Located in the Bradhurst neighborhood of Harlem, the Pinkerton Clubhouse will provide critical resources and opportunities to a historically under-resourced community. The Clubhouse will be home to various educational spaces, a rooftop athletic field, performing arts spaces, and our new administrative headquarters. We’re looking forward to moving into our new home and excited to establish roots in this vibrant, historic community!

While we remain energized for our new adventure in Harlem, our four existing Clubhouses are also experiencing exciting changes. Due to the overwhelming support of our Building Hope Capital Campaign, our Clubhouses continue to undergo impressive renovations. These crucial improvements will revitalize and modernize our Clubhouses so that they can continue to be inviting places of creativity, curiosity, and hope.

Lastly, with the start of the new fiscal year comes a bustling new Special Events calendar. Please be sure to check out our Save the Date section on the back of the newsletter to find out more information and review our upcoming special events.

I’ve had a great first year at Madison, and I am excited about the growth and expansion of our organization. We look forward to continuing our dedication to the families who need us most and to opening our doors to new ones. We are thankful to everyone, especially you, who supports us in our mission to make a difference in the lives of the more than 5,000 youth we currently serve and the 1,500 youth that will join us every year in Harlem.

Warmest Regards,

Tim McChristian
We're Headed to Harlem!

As we move swiftly toward the end of 2018, Madison has many exciting moments on the horizon. We are looking forward to a packed calendar of special events and plenty of Clubhouse programs and activities, however we can’t help but be most excited for the long-anticipated opening of our new Pinkerton Clubhouse in Harlem. As always, Madison is committed to serving New York City neighborhoods where young people need us most. With the start of 2019, Madison plans to open its fifth and largest Clubhouse in North Central Harlem, located in the Bradhurst community.

Bradhurst is home to a high concentration of public and low-income housing, where more than one-third of the population lives below the federal poverty line. Approximately 6,000 children under the age of 18 live within a 10 block radius of the Club. Madison’s new Clubhouse will serve more than 400 of them each day.

Designed by Rogers Partners, the new Clubhouse will have 45,000 square feet of open and welcoming space overflowing with amenities and activities. It will also serve as the new Administrative Headquarters for Madison Square Boys & Girls Club, allowing staff and organizational leadership to be closely connected with Clubhouse members and Clubhouse operations.

The new facility broke ground in early 2017 and was celebrated with a commemorative ceremony where President Bill Clinton served as the keynote speaker. The program also included a message from President George H.W. Bush and a myriad of special guests. Upon opening in early 2019, Madison will host a ceremonial ribbon-cutting event which will include the Clubhouse’s new members, community leaders, and friends of Madison.

To learn more, visit www.madisonsquare.org/harlem
Our New Pinkerton Clubhouse in Harlem!

This expansive lounge, stocked with a kitchen, books, technology, and table games, will serve as a place where teens can decompress after school and relax with friends in a welcoming, chic space.

Central to the Madison experience is FUN! Our Game Labs, which includes table games and board games, not only provide the opportunity for play but also reinforce positive values, such as friendly competition, cooperation, and good sportsmanship.
All members will have the opportunity to sing, dance, and act, expressing their creativity, showcasing their talent, and learning the importance of practice and commitment in the pursuit of one’s goals.

Our members will receive an hour of homework help daily and participate in enrichment activities that will reinforce math and reading skills in an engaging way.
From Clubhouse Member to Master's Degree:
Kenyatta L. from the Thomas S. Murphy Clubhouse

At Madison Square Boys & Girls Club, our goal is to provide outcome-based programming and activities that result in a long-term positive impact for our members. Through our College Success Initiative, we are able to continue to support our members after they graduate high school. One such beneficiary who continues to strive for excellence is former Murphy member Kenyatta L.!

Kenyatta L., age 19, graduated from high school in 2015 and quickly enrolled as a full-time student, majoring in Forensic Psychology and minoring in Africana Studies at John Jay College of Criminal Justice. In the midst of a packed class schedule, he even found the time to study abroad in 2017 in Cape Town, South Africa. He graduated in June 2018, earning his Bachelor’s degree from the John Jay College of Criminal Justice. Kenyatta has a passion for consulting and hopes to continue his studies in order to help others. He is currently pursuing his Master’s degree at Brooklyn College.

When asked to recall what inspired him most from his 10 years as a Clubhouse member, Kenyatta said, “I was inspired by the staff. Having positive role models around me shaped my academic goals and helped me to strive towards more positive endeavors.” Congratulations Kenyatta! We can’t wait to watch you change the world.

Because of partners like The Heineman Foundation and Wells Fargo, members are encouraged to achieve greatness through continuing education and are supported by our College Success Initiative.
Walk It Out: Madison’s 1st Annual 5K Walk

Summer 2018 celebrated another successful year of Club Fun across our Clubhouses. Our members were busy keeping their STEM skills sharp, soaking up the sunshine, and enjoying an exciting season of fun with their friends and Clubhouse staff. Our Juniors and Explorers participated in a range of activities that supported skills development under our three priority outcomes: Academic Success, Healthy Lifestyles, and Good Character & Citizenship. One of our most exciting events was Madison’s 1st Annual 5K Walk!

Madison’s 1st Annual 5K Walk was a true collaboration between our Clubs and their surrounding communities. Members utilized their Clubhouse neighborhoods to demonstrate healthy living and exercise, promoted the walk through local partners and businesses, and even involved politicians, community leaders, and friends. Each Clubhouse recruited local celebrities to serve as Grand Marshalls and all members received awards for their participation. With such a successful first year in the books, we hope to make the 5K Walk an exciting Club Fun event for years to come.

Because of our Healthy Lifestyles partners like The William E. Weiss Foundation and our Triple Play Partners like Disney, Empire BlueCrossBlueShield, and ESPN, our members are learning how to live healthy lives and stay active.

Bridging Generations: A Service Project with Bronx House Weinberg Senior Center

For our members, our Good Character & Citizenship focused initiatives aren’t just a priority, they’re second nature. Situated amongst communities that are filled with diversity in race, gender, and age, our Clubs have endless opportunities to give back to their neighborhoods. Over the summer, members from the SMART Girls and Passport to Manhood programs at our Columbus Clubhouse partnered with the Bronx House Weinberg Senior Center to share wisdom across generations.

Leading up to an Intergenerational Day at the Clubhouse, members learned how the service projects they participate in help community development and how everyone can play a role in giving back to the communities in which they live. Members gained a better understanding of different social structures, income groups, and the interaction between them. Through research, participating boys and girls learned that children and the elderly are the most in need in their community.

The more than 100 members and 12 senior citizens who participated created lasting memories during this process and plan on maintaining an ongoing relationship of camaraderie and service. During their reflection on the project, members mentioned that they thoroughly enjoyed being able to not only give back to the community, but also spend time with a group that shared the same values that they live by and promote every day!

Because of our partners like American Eagle Outfitters and Washington Square Fund, our programs like SMART Girls and Passport to Manhood are getting the resources they need to equip our members with leadership and service skills.
The mission of Madison Square Boys & Girls Club is to save and enhance the lives of New York City boys and girls who by means of economic and/or social factors are most in need of its services.

Save the Date!

52nd Annual Christmas Tree Ball........................................November 30, 2018
Salute to Style Luncheon....................................................Spring 2019
7th Annual Youth of the Year Dinner.................................May 22, 2019
A Night at Yankee Stadium...............................................Summer 2019
25th Annual Fore the Kids Golf Tournament......................July 29, 2019
53rd Annual Christmas Tree Ball........................................December 6, 2019

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