



## **BizDevel raises \$2,000 for Boys Town New York**

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New York, NY BizDevel, a leading commercial real estate, architecture, construction, consultant, and vendor networking group raised \$2,000 for the Boys Town of New York. AnaTracey Hawkins, who founded BizDevel in 2015, presented a check with the funds raised by the group's members to Boys Town New York director of development James Hill. This latest contribution follows the group's previous donations to Boys Town.

"The commercial real estate, construction, architecture, and related industry professionals have always been among the most generous supporters of community causes in both New York City and nationwide. I am very proud to continue this tradition by donating funds raised by members of the BizDevel group to Boys Town New York," said Hawkins, founder of BizDevel, vice president of strategy and development at construction management firm Richter+Ratner, and a director on the board for the Young Leadership Council of Boys Town New York.

"I am very grateful for the support of the BizDevel members for our programs. These funds will be used to assist children and families in crisis throughout the five boroughs of New York City," said Hill.

BizDevel was established in 2015 as a business support group for professionals in the industries related to commercial real estate market. BizDevel's members include real estate developers and brokers, financing providers, builders and architects, suppliers, vendors, attorneys, marketing and publicity professionals, building materials and systems manufacturers and dealers, and other consultants. Through joint projects, referrals, and new business initiatives, the group has to date generated in excess of \$15 million in business opportunities for its members and their firms.

BizDevel also serves as an educational, advisory, and professional development resource to its members. Its meetings frequently host presenters and guests that provide information and advice on industry trends and forecasts, and other issues relevant to the group members' business operations.

Established in 1990, Boys Town New York offers hope and healing to troubled children and families through a variety of programs within its Integrated Continuum of Care support approach. Boys Town New York serves a culturally diverse population of adolescents from all five boroughs of New York City. Most of children in its programs enter Boys Town services through New York City Administration for Children's Services. A smaller percentage of children and families come to Boys Town through self-referral. Through its services and programs, Boys Town has touched the lives of more than 63,000 children and families in New York City.

The organization defines its mission as “Changing the way America cares for children, families and communities by providing and promoting an Integrated Continuum of Care that instills Boys Town values to strengthen body, mind and spirit. This Integrated Continuum of Care is unique to Boys Town and enables it to deliver the right care at the right time to troubled children and families that are edging toward crisis.

The Boys Town was established in 1917, when a young Irish priest ministering to the homeless, named Edward J. Flanagan, rented a boarding house in Omaha, Nebraska, that became Father Flanagan’s Home for Boys. The facility focused on supporting young people in their growth into responsible, productive members of society. In 1921, Father Flanagan purchased Overlook Farm on the outskirts of Omaha and moved his Boys’ Home there. In time, the Home became known as the Village of Boys Town. By the 1930s, hundreds of boys lived at the Village, which grew to include a school, dormitories and administration buildings.

Today, Boys Town national headquarters remain in Omaha. As one of the largest non-profit child-care agencies in the United States, the organization provides compassionate treatment for the behavioral, emotional and physical problems of children and families. Each year, Boys Town touches the lives of over 2 million people. The National Hotline has handled more than 8 million calls since its inception and the Boys Town National Research Hospital is a global leader in the research of Ushers Syndrome.

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