



**THE BOYS CLUBHOUSE**  
SAVING LIVES - BUILDING FUTURES

## NEWSLETTER - JULY 2017

WELCOME TO THE JULY 2017 EDITION OF THE BOYS CLUBHOUSE NEWSLETTER. IN THIS WE HOPE TO SHARE WITH YOU INFORMATION ON OUR ACTIVITIES, COURSES AND PROJECTS.

**DINNER:** Over 400 people enjoyed the second Boys Clubhouse Dinner in January. 2 years on from our inaugural dinner, we were fortunate once again to secure the use of the MET driving school (Peel Centre) for what was an incredible evening. With antique Police Cars as a backdrop, the event was both unique and a tremendous success. The guests were shown a presentation about all the work of The Boys Clubhouse. They were then moved by a mother's speech and entertained by some of our boys who have honed their skills in our Music Studio. Much needed funds were raised on the night to secure the purchase of the Boys Clubhouse building.

**MUSIC UPDATE:** Congratulations to LC on securing an international music contract and for bringing out his debut album. L is a product of our music studio and the composer and singer of hits such as "Sing Shabbat". His fame has spread and he is now a firm favourite at weddings and events, regularly using Clubhouse boys as his backing musicians. He will now have the chance to spread his wings and take the U.S. by storm!

Meanwhile, many others are making use of the studio to produce their own singles, write their own music and learn the art of music production.



**EBAY UPDATE:** We have had to date 18 boys working on ebay, of which 14 have gone on to full time employment. We celebrated 20,000 positive feedback by taking the ebay team paint balling. Doing a group activity such as this greatly enhances their ability to work as team and boosts morale. This is an important tool which we are teaching our boys – the need to be a team player.



**BUILDING PURCHASE UPDATE:** As a result of many months of hard work securing the purchase of building, we are now finally close to exchanging. After being forced to move 3 times since inception, this purchase is integral in safeguarding the future of the Boys Clubhouse and will enable us to broaden our range of activities within the building. The boys will feel the benefit and be able to implement their own ideas in the design and layout internally, making them feel even more "at home" in this safe environment for them.

**GRANTS:** Of particular significance has been financial support from the London Borough of Barnet for our CBE (Clubhouse Business Enterprise) and music programmes. Generous and continuing support for activities has come from The Sam and Bella Sebba Charitable Trust, The Shores Charitable Trust, The Kirsh Foundation, The Shanley Foundation, G M Morrison, Childrens Aid Committee, The Ferdinand Beck Fund, The Michael and Anna Wix Charitable Trust, The Jewish Youth Fund and the Vail Foundation and towards capital expenditure from Percy Bilton and Lauderdale Road for help with individuals with specific needs. We are grateful to the many charities that are now providing staged funding for 2 or 3 years; especially for core costs.

**GOVERNANCE:** We are pleased to advise that our existing policies and procedures have been commented upon favourably and that we continue to review them regularly to meet the changing regulatory and legal requirements vital for work with children and vulnerable young people.

**EXTRA CURRICULAR:** The Krav Maga lessons have continued throughout the summer with 8 participants. They meet for training on Sundays and Wednesdays. By the end of July, two of the participants will have completed their training to an Instructor level; the others will have finished level P3. This is all credit to their outstanding teacher Golan Levy who pushes the boys to their maximum ability and the CAC (Children's Aid Committee) that has provided much of the funding for this. With these skills they could join the police, army or security organizations.

**NEW PARENT SUPPORT GROUP:** After some time in the pipeline we have finally launched a "Parent Support Group". Parents now have an open forum to come together weekly, to discuss and share ideas and challenges. They receive support on wide ranging issues such as substance abuse and addictions. It is so important for parents to feel, that they are not alone on these issues and it provides them with confidence and techniques in handling difficult situations at home. This has already been running successfully for 6 weeks.

**NUMBERS OF CLIENTELE:** Over the year we receive about 150 referrals. Many of the people who contact us we are able to signpost to more appropriate agencies for help and guidance. For others a few sessions will suffice. We recently looked at figures of clientele who are using our services on a longer term basis, ie, 3 months to 2 years. The figure currently stands as follows:

- 14-17 years old – 22 clients
- 17-20 years old – 45 clients
- 20-24 years old – 15 clients



**EDUCATION:** We currently have 7 boys, all of whom had previously dropped out of school, studying on courses run at JW3. These include GCSE level English, maths and music production. The boys have done remarkably well this year with some having just sat their GCSE's – we eagerly await their results!