



# The Open Door

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***“It certainly is an audacious goal, not only financially but in terms of ending generational poverty,” said project co-chair John Carson. “If we can do it one kid at a time, one family at a time, that’s all to the benefit of not only the Greater Lowell community, but American society in general.”***

We were thrilled to be [featured in the Boston Globe](#), in an extensive article highlighting the Club’s plans to renovate and expand the facility via the [Believe & Become campaign](#). Development Fellow Julian Sorapuru spent a day at the Club learning about the project, as well as the Club’s vision of ending generational poverty in Lowell.

In both an article and a video interview on Boston Globe Today, Mr. Sorapuru shares the Club story in an inspiring way that has generated excitement for the project and the Boys & Girls Club, and is inviting those who haven’t heard about the Club or [Believe & Become](#) yet to get to know us better.

Please take a few moments to read the article [here](#), and [watch the video](#) to hear about the Club’s vision. We invite you to share this with anyone you think might be excited and inspired to get involved.

[Read the Boston Globe article here](#)



If you would like to help make the vision of [Believe & Become](#) a reality, please consider a gift to the campaign today.

**From now until July 31st - every gift towards Believe & Become will be matched dollar for dollar. [Make your gift today](#) and double your impact!**

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## Program Highlights

### Congresswoman Lori Trahan visits the Club

The Boys & Girls Club of Greater Lowell, along with four other Boys & Girls Clubs in the region, gathered together at the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Lowell to showcase how each Club is using funds from the federal government to support workforce development programs.

The Congresswoman heard presentations from Club teens from each Club highlighting the workforce development programs at their Club, how these programs supported their goals as they journey towards adulthood, and how the funding provided will impact their lives.



## beYOUtiful program with Miss Massachusetts Petite

Miss Massachusetts Petite and Miss New England Petite visited the Club recently to share thoughts on self-esteem with some of our young Club members.

[Click here to see what Miss New England Petite shared on her Instagram about the visit.](#)



## Awards Night is Back!

An annual tradition returns. A huge thank you to Scott and Kathy Plath, and all the staff at [Cobblestones restaurant](#) who helped create a memorable experience for our Club members.

About 40 Club members attend the annual awards night at [Cobblestones](#) in June. Club members were nominated for awards highlighting qualities such as ability to inspire others, being peer and community advocates, demonstrating commitment, showing enthusiasm, academic excellence and much more!

Congratulations to Sports & Fitness Manager [Devonna "D" Williams](#) who was awarded the Program Award from the Yankee Chapter of Boys & Girls Clubs. D was recognized for overseeing the Club's [Peace League](#), a program started 18 years ago by William "Billy G" Gilmore.

Peace League is a summer basketball league for teens that offers skill development, with an emphasis on conflict resolution and teamwork. To follow along with this year's Peace League season, visit our IG page [@lbgcpeaceleague](#)



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