

STRENGTHENING YOUTH, STRENGTHENING COMMUNITIES ANNUAL REPORT 2019

HIGHLIGHTS

MENTORSHIP



This year we had twenty new mentors join our community! Our mentors did a phenomenal job of giving guidance to our teens throughout the year. Two of our "graduated" YB4C Teens signed up to become Junior Mentors – helping out in classes, participating in our activities

and being a resource for the teens in the program. Our mentors also participated in our service outings and activities, including lending their expertise to our Post-High School/College Preparation workshop and volunteered their time at our Fight Night for Change Fundraiser.

FUNDRAISING AND ENGAGEMENT



We were lucky to have two fundraising events this year. Our first was a donation-based Boxing Class fundraiser in May, and our biggest Fundraiser to date was in September – Fight Night for Change. Approximately 400 people attended to watch boxing matches from many gyms across

New York City, including one of our teens, who had his very first developmental bout. Our team, mentors, and teens volunteered to run the entire event — from selling tickets and serving food to being ring card holders during the fights! Additionally, premier boxing company Everlast highlighted our program on their Instagram feed and generously donated much needed boxing equipment such as wraps, gloves, and more.

SERVICE & ACTIVITIES

The teens and mentors participated in many successful service outings throughout the year at Soup Kitchen & Food Pantry, Park Cleanup, Animal Shelter, Mobile Animal Spay & Neuter Clinic, and making our own care packages to hand to folks experiencing homeless-



ness. We also bundled up in the freezing cold to show up for women's rights at the Women's March in January. As always, every activity ended with reflections to share our learnings. Other activities included a yoga workshop to try a new fitness modality, a fun movie night where we screened the film "Creed", and an all day Post-High School/College Preparation Workshop to help prepare our teens for their futures.

BOXING

We welcomed almost 50 new teens to the program in 2019, and there were almost as many returning teens! With our dedicated coaches who work tirelessly to teach all of our teens boxing and encourage them to improve their skills at any level. We started teaching our most



advanced teens how to spar, which allowed them to practice their skills in the ring. Our oldest and most advanced teen was even in his first developmental fight.

TESTIMONIALS



"I love that YB4C fosters and environment where everyone is encouraged to step out of their comfort zone and discover what they are capable of. I love watching the teens progress and see their confidence improve. I also learned a lot about myself and gained a new perspective about what actually matters in life."

"My experience with Youth Boxing for Change has helped immensely with my confidence and boldness and made me understand to just be myself."



- LOGAN, YB4C TEEN

- SUSIE. YB4C MENTOR

"This program has bettered me as a person through boxing and volunteering. This program has given me a strong sense of community. Service day is always a memorable experience that never fails to open up my eyes to the world around me. Being apart of YB4C has helped me greatly, in ways I didn't think could happen. The program doesn't only build up my boxing skills, it builds up my character."

— AKENYA, YB4C TEEN

FINANCIALS

JANUARY 1 - DECEMBER 31, 2019





