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**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR JOSEPH PATULEIA AND BOARD PRESIDENT BARRY BREGMAN VISIT  
WASHINGTON, D.C. TO PARTICIPATE IN NATIONAL DAY OF ADVOCACY.**

Boys & Girls Clubs representatives from across the nation meet with government leaders to champion needs of local communities

**New York, New York, March 17, 2015** – Madison Square Boys & Girls Club’s leadership will be attending Boys & Girls Clubs of America’s National Day of Advocacy in Washington, D.C. on Wednesday, March 18. Leaders from Major Metro Boys & Girls Clubs organizations will gather in our nation’s capital to meet with members of Congress to advocate for America’s kids.

“It’s important that Boys & Girls Clubs from around the country gather together with a united voice to talk with our leaders about the importance of out-of-school time and enabling America’s youth to achieve great futures,” said Joseph Patuleia. “The communities in which Madison’s children live are often devoid of hope, and we see every day that our programs give our kids hope.”

This collective movement serves as an opportunity for Boys & Girls Clubs to build awareness and garner support in their mission to enable all young people to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens.

National Day of Advocacy will begin with a luncheon on Tuesday with Boys & Girls Clubs of America president and CEO Jim Clark. The next day, Club leaders will attend scheduled meetings on Capitol Hill with their respective members of Congress.

**Madison Square Boys & Girls Club:** Since 1884, Madison has been saving and enhancing the lives of youth by providing youth development services 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 seven sites throughout Brooklyn and the Bronx. [www.madisonsquare.org](http://www.madisonsquare.org)

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