



# MADISON MATTERS



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## SPRINGTIME AT THE CLUB

While there may still be a chill in the air, our members are encouraged by the spring sunshine to start projects and try new things, and they are busy growing their skills and curiosities at the Club. From performing dissections in the science lab to holding member elections in the classroom to

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# YOUTH OF THE YEAR

## ***Teen members across NYC participate in nationwide leadership program***

Our teen members have been hard at work completing their applications for Youth of the Year 2024. The premier national recognition program for Boys & Girls Club members nationwide, Youth of the Year is the highest honor a Club member can achieve. The program celebrates youth who have overcome enormous odds and stand out for service to the Club, community and family, academic success, strong moral character, and life goals. Madison's Clubhouses will name one outstanding youth to represent their Clubhouse in 2024, and of those youth, one of them will be named Madison Square Boys & Girls Club 2024 Youth of the Year!

Congrats and a job well done to all our 2024 Youth of the Year ambassadors on their amazing hard work, perseverance and bravery in sharing their stories. And to our friends, supporters and community, we hope that you will **join us for Madison's 12th annual Youth of the Year Dinner at 6 p.m. on May 15, 2024, at Pier Sixty, Chelsea Piers**, where we will announce our 2024 Madison Square Boys & Girls Club Youth of the Year and celebrate all the amazing accomplishments of our members.



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## **Springtime in the Clubhouse**

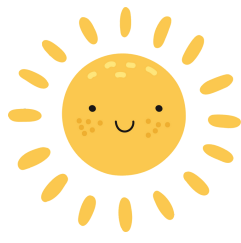
celebrating Women’s History Month, the Clubhouses are abuzz with springtime excitement.

The STEM lab was filled with “wow!” “eek!” and “no way!” as members dissected owl pellets – the undigested parts of an owl’s food that are regurgitated, typically presenting as little balls filled with fur and bones. Future biologists and beauticians alike examined the pellets and their contents, reconstructing the skeletons of past prey. It was a fabulous experience for all, teaching patience, skill with tweezers, close-up identification and general ornithological knowledge.



Over in the classroom, Explorers and Juniors have been learning about democracy and participating in Quarterly Clubhouse Elections. As both candidates and voters, members campaigned and listened to their peers share why they should be elected. Explorers Garby, Nickolas, Noah and Odin ran for president and vice president of the Explorers. Taking critical questions from their peers, each made their case. Noah shared he would help his peers by showing his method, to those who don’t know how, to tie his shoes. Garby, the current president, argued for his re-election, saying he could lobby for resources such as pencils. Nick said he would provide unity among grades, promoting collective activities for grades two through four. And Odin, whose campaign was fervently supported by his little sister, said: “I will cheer you up when you’re feeling down and make you feel less lonely.”

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Once elected, member leaders have biweekly meetings with Clubhouse staff to share input on programming and overall morale and to pitch ideas for activities and field trips. Our teen campuses also have elected member officials, but per the teens' decision, teen officials are elected annually and serve for a full year. We are immensely proud of all our members who have campaigned and participated by using their voices and votes. By electing their peers, our members are taking ownership of the Clubhouse and ensuring that every voice is heard.

In honor of Women's History Month and International Women's Day, our Clubhouses held empowerment sessions at which members were encouraged to share their stories and uplift their peers. Explorers, Juniors and teens participated in activities and games where they learned about trailblazing women who have fought for human rights.

We are immensely grateful for the opportunity to continue educating our members on social justice issues, to encourage them to always ask questions and to help them build their self-esteem and self-image.



**Explorer member Garby campaigns for re-election as president of the Explorers.**



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# MADISON COUNCIL MARDI GRAS

***Young Professionals gathered for an evening of networking, fundraising and fun!***

On Friday, March 1, Madison Council members and friends gathered for an evening of networking, dancing and impact at the 5th annual Mardi Gras MAD-squerade at Tanner Smith's and Polly's, a new speakeasy, in midtown. The event celebrated Madison's work and emphasized the importance of supporting kids and teens in NYC no matter what. A special thank you to our honoree, Andrew Todres, Litigation Associate, Ropes & Gray LLP, for his amazing commitment to uplifting the youth of New York City!

To all those who attended and supported the event, we share our most sincere thanks for helping us raise immensely critical funds for Madison's programs! We are so grateful for your amazing support, which allowed us to host another exciting, fun and successful Mardi Gras MAD-squerade.

Thank you for your continued support of NYC kids and teens. We look forward to welcoming you once again at next year's Mardi Gras MAD-squerade! *Looking to get involved with fellow philanthropic young professionals in NYC and support Madison's mission? Email Development Associate Isabel Watkins at [iwatkins@madisonsquarefoundation.org](mailto:iwatkins@madisonsquarefoundation.org) to learn more.*



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# SAVE THE DATE

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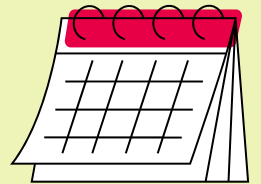
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## YOUTH OF THE YEAR DINNER

## UPCOMING EVENTS



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### Youth of the Year

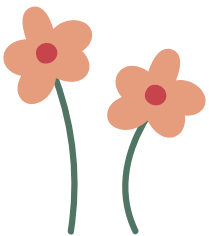
May 15, 2024

6:00 - 10:00 p.m.

Pier Sixty, Chelsea Piers



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Contact Anna Phewa, senior director of individual donor partnerships of Madison Square Boys & Girls Club Foundation, at [aphewa@madisonsquarefoundation.org](mailto:aphewa@madisonsquarefoundation.org).

