Boys Hope Girls Hope
Neighbors for 40 Years
Mission

To nurture and guide academically-talented, highly-motivated young people in-need to become college-educated, career-ready and community-minded young men and women for others.

BHGH is a scholarship program that provides value-centered, family-like homes, social-emotional support, wholesome food, medical support, and education from middle school through college.
History

• 1979 Governing Board formed, incorporated in Illinois, Boys Hope is born
• First home identified, zoning approved by City of Evanston, home purchased on 827 Gaffield
• 1981 First Scholars enter program
• 1982 Second home purchased in Evanston on 823 Gaffield
• 1984 Women’s Board founded
• 1995 Name changes to Boys Hope Girls Hope, first girls enter program in temporary facility
• 1996 Permanent girls home opens on 1127 Hinman
Structure of BHGH Program

Three partner schools
- St. Athanasius
- Loyola Academy
- Regina Dominican High School

Three homes in Evanston
- Eight Scholars in each home
- Three full-time Residential Counselors in each home
  - Scholars monitored 24/7
- BHGH program is very structured for each Scholar
BHGH does not burden Evanston resources

• Do not attend Evanston public schools
• Historically, do not burden police, fire services
• No increase of density
  • Currently 820 and 824 rented out to Northwestern University students
  • BHGH would occupy with same number of *supervised* students
  • Scholars do not own/park cars on streets

• But our Scholars do contribute to the community!
BHGH’s Dream
Our Hope for the Future

- BHGH has identified two additional homes on Gaffield
  - 820 Gaffield under contract
  - 824 Gaffield, right of first refusal

- Following City of Evanston process for zoning

- Complete purchase of homes on Gaffield
  - Must close on 820 Gaffield by August 17, 2020, per contract
    - BHGH Governing Board resolution requires Special Use Permit to be able to close
  - 824 Gaffield by spring 2021
Our Hope for the Future

- **Capital campaign to fund renovation of four homes on Gaffield**
  - Program upgrades (updated kitchens to support family meal time; updated study space, etc.)
  - Update exterior of homes

- **820 Gaffield Place to be utilized as “swing home” while renovating 823, and then 827 Gaffield Place**
  - Avoid Scholars living in construction zone by moving scholars one house at a time across the street
    - 823 renovated in FY21
    - 827 renovated in FY22
    - 820 renovated in FY23

- **Once 827 and 823 renovation complete, sell 1127 Hinman home and move girls to 820 Gaffield Place**
  - 824 renovated in FY24

- **Open second girls home at 824 Gaffield in approximately 2024**
  - Will rent out home until we are able to begin construction
Boys Hope Girls Hope as neighbor

Greg Miller
• next-door-neighbor to Girls Hope home on Hinman for 8 years

Jennifer O’Shaughnessy
• Evanston resident
• Vice Chair of BHGH Governing Board
• Involved with BHGH for 15 years
Thank you for your kind consideration

We thank you for wrapping your arms around our Scholars!!