



History of the BTC





Longtime residents of Brookline, Paul and Saskia Epstein had a vision to create a place where teens could create, explore, and discover who they are. They put teens at the center of dreaming up and designing the space they wanted and renovated an auto body shop, which is now the home of the BTC.

We opened our doors in 2013 and that mission continues to drive us.

We now serve 6th-12th grade students, 5 days a week for the first time ever to students who live in or go to school in Brookline.



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What happens at the BTC:

- 6th-8th grade programming every day from until 6pm
- 9th-12th grade programming every day until 8pm
- Music programming, including 1:1 and small group lessons, music engineering and studio recording





What we offer:

- FOOD
- Homework support
- Mentoring and tutoring College access and financial aid counseling Workforce development, job training and
- Jobs
- HBCU trips/college planning
- Enrichment trips
- 30 + teen led clubs
- Shuttle van to middle schools
- Many new experiences for teens to try out as they explore their interests in a safe and supportive environment

As the needs and interests of the teens change, so does our programming!

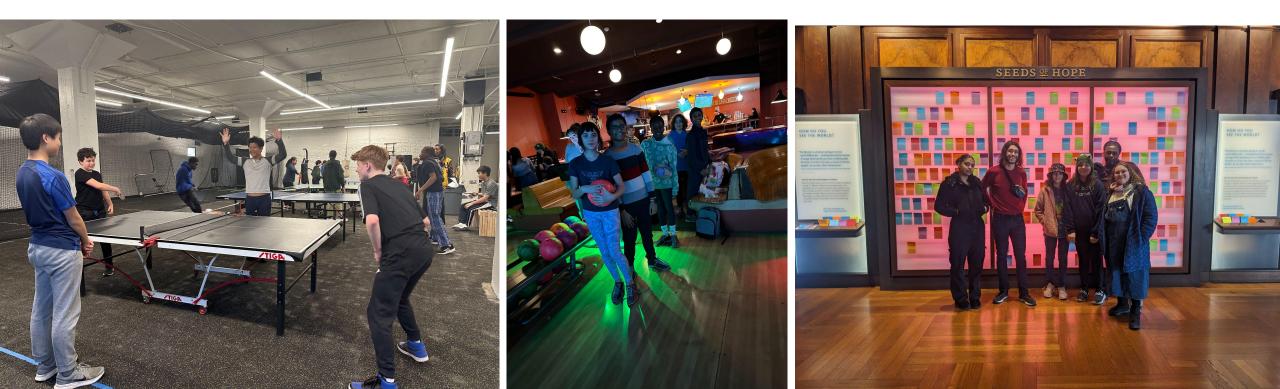












Who Relies on the BTC?

Brookline students in 6th-12th grade

Current Number of BTC Members: 500 Current Daily Average Attendance: 75 Current Friday Average Attendance: 100+



PSB Groups: School Within A School **PSB Health Teachers BHS Social Studies Teachers BHS Student Government** RISE program **BRIDGE** program **EXCEL** program **BHS Poetry Club BHS Robotics Club BHS Baseball team BHS International Students** BHS fundraisers Pierce School "incentive" days









BTC Partners

Steps to Success **Brookline Housing Authority Brookline Food Pantry** The Country Club **Rotary Club** Boston University BIG

Mothers Out Front

Brookline for Racial Justice and Equity

Abilities Dance

Brookline Police Department

Local restaurants providing weekly meals

Repair the World

Viking Sports





Summer 2024

Workforce Development & Teen Engagement

Employment opportunities:

- 8 Youthscaper positions funded through ARPA
- 8 CIT with Viking Sports positions funded through Masshires
- Leadership development for rising 8th and 9th graders through Steps to Success
- Weekly Volunteer opportunities Food Pantry, Cradles to Crayons, Fire Dept.

Teen Engagement:

- Drop-in hours for current 6th-12th grade students each day, 3:30-7:30pm
- Fun Friday trips around Boston and beyond









Goals for 2024-2025:

Supplement programming happening throughout the district; fill gaps for youth and families

Be the "3rd Space" for teens of Brookline

- Create a Circle of Care for teens by working together with teachers, administrator, and counselors
- Provide a safe and familiar space that allows teens to be comfortable and cared for, providing the opportunity to extend their day in a new space

Offer After School Programming for 6th, 7th, and 8th graders 5 days a week

- Become the primary consistent and affordable after school option for all middle school students
- Partner with Steps to Success, welcoming their 45 youth into our program, expanding their resources and opening space in STS programming for elementary students
- Focus on homework completion and enrichment activities

Support PSB staff and programming

- Offer offsite space for staff meetings, PD workshops, clubs, sport banquets, indoor practice space, and more with a general contract, moving away from individual group and club agreements
- Be a resource for PSB during the school day and evening, with a variety of meeting and performance space sizes
- Support Pierce School through renovations



Funding

- The BTC is funded solely by donations and grants; it does not receive funding from the town
- Current operating budget: 1.5 million
- ARPA funds are 30% of our current budget, replacement funding must be secured
- The fixed costs are covered our variables like staffing, program supplies, food, and enrichment trips are funding dependent
- Every dollar we receive for funding supports our goals to provide consistent wrap around care, open more hours to more teens, and provide specific and intentionally designed programming for each age group.



to celebrate our teens. Saturday, May 18 , 2024, 6:30 pm Brookline Teen Center, 40 Aspinwall Avenue Festive Attire General ticket price: \$250 RSVP by April 26

2024 Honorees

Mike Lindstrom and

studioMLA Architects

BROOKLINE TEEN CENTER ANNUAL GALA

Jou're invited

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COMMUNITY

FRIENDSHIP

ADVENTURE

TRAINING

MENTORSHIP

EXPERIENCE

OPPORTUNITY













