



WELCOME

to the Village of Boys Town



Where Children and Families Experience the Miracle of Second Chances

Thank you for visiting our very special community, a place of healing and hope for millions of children and families. As a visitor to the Village of Boys Town, you'll find dozens of sights and attractions, and you'll experience the unique and inspiring spirit of our mission, which you can share with others. Please feel free to take photos during your visit and upload them to your social media sites using #BoysTownVillage.



Boys Town is a nondenominational, nonsectarian organization with 12 sites across the United States.

Boys Town: A Century of Healing and Hope

In 1917, a young Irish priest named Father Edward J. Flanagan had grown discouraged in his work with homeless men in Omaha, Nebraska. He decided he could do so much more to prevent the damage he saw in these men if he started helping the boys he saw living in the streets of the city. On Dec. 12, 1917, Father Flanagan opened his first home for boys in a rented boardinghouse in downtown Omaha.

In 1921, Father Flanagan purchased Overlook Farm on the outskirts of Omaha and moved his Boys' Home, later renamed Boys Town, to its current location. In 1936, the community became an official village in the state of Nebraska.

Today, the Village of Boys Town is home to our national headquarters and our family-style residential program. We also have locations throughout the United States. As one of the largest nonprofit child and family care organizations in the country, we provide compassionate treatment through services that touch the lives of more than 2 million people nationwide every year. Some of the programs we offer include the following:

- Boys Town In-Home Family Services®, where Consultants work with families right in their own homes to help keep parents and their children together.
- The Boys Town National Hotline®, which has received more than 9 million calls and other contacts since opening in 1989 and provides assistance to children and parents 24/7, year round.
- Boys Town National Research Hospital®, an internationally recognized leader in the research and treatment of childhood deafness and related communication disorders.
- Boys Town Education Training, which helps more than 200,000 educators, students and parents nationwide every year.



Discover BOYS TOWN

Available Tours

Boys Town offers guided tours, but you are welcome to tour our Village at any time using the map in this brochure.

Guided tours depart from the Hall of History at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Meet us at the Visitors Center to start your tour.

Driving tours take you through our beautiful campus with the help of a CD you can insert into your car stereo to guide you on your way.

The **Interactive Boys Town Tour** is designed to guide you at your own pace — all you need is a smartphone. Simply scan the QR code for instant access to faces, photos and videos of our top attractions. Look for stands with the large QR code at the following locations:

1. Gift Shop and Visitors Center
2. Boys Town Pylon
3. Alumni Armed Services Memorial
4. Dowd Chapel
5. Father Flanagan Tomb
6. Garden of the Bible
7. Chambers Chapel
8. Father Flanagan House
9. Hall of History
10. Two Brothers Statue
11. "A Girl's Dream" Statue
12. Old Dormitories
13. Boys Town High School
14. World's Largest Ball of Stamps



Boys Town's programs increasingly focus on preventive measures to help keep families together so children can stay in their own homes.



Popular Attractions



World's Largest Ball of Stamps

Located in the Visitors Center, the World's Largest Ball of Stamps is a favorite Boys Town attraction. Nearby, at the Leon Myers Stamp Center, children can pick out colorful stamps from our "penny bin" for their collections.



Hall of History Museum

Boys Town's rich history started with a young Irish priest who wanted to provide a better life for boys on the streets. Over the past century, Boys Town has been the subject of an Oscar-winning film, opened a renowned research hospital, and given millions of children and families a second chance. Visit our award-winning interactive Hall of History Museum to learn more.



Historic Father Flanagan House

Visit our new exhibit in the 1920s-era home of our founder, Father Edward Flanagan, including his office, the first chapel, a dormitory and a schoolroom.



Garden of the Bible

Take a tranquil walk through the Garden of the Bible and rose garden to enjoy serenity, scripture and beauty.



Religious Chapels

Visitors are welcome in the beautiful Dowd Chapel and the marvelous Chambers Chapel. Father Flanagan has been named a Servant of God as part of his Cause for Canonization to make him a saint of the Roman Catholic Church, and you can visit his tomb in Dowd Chapel.

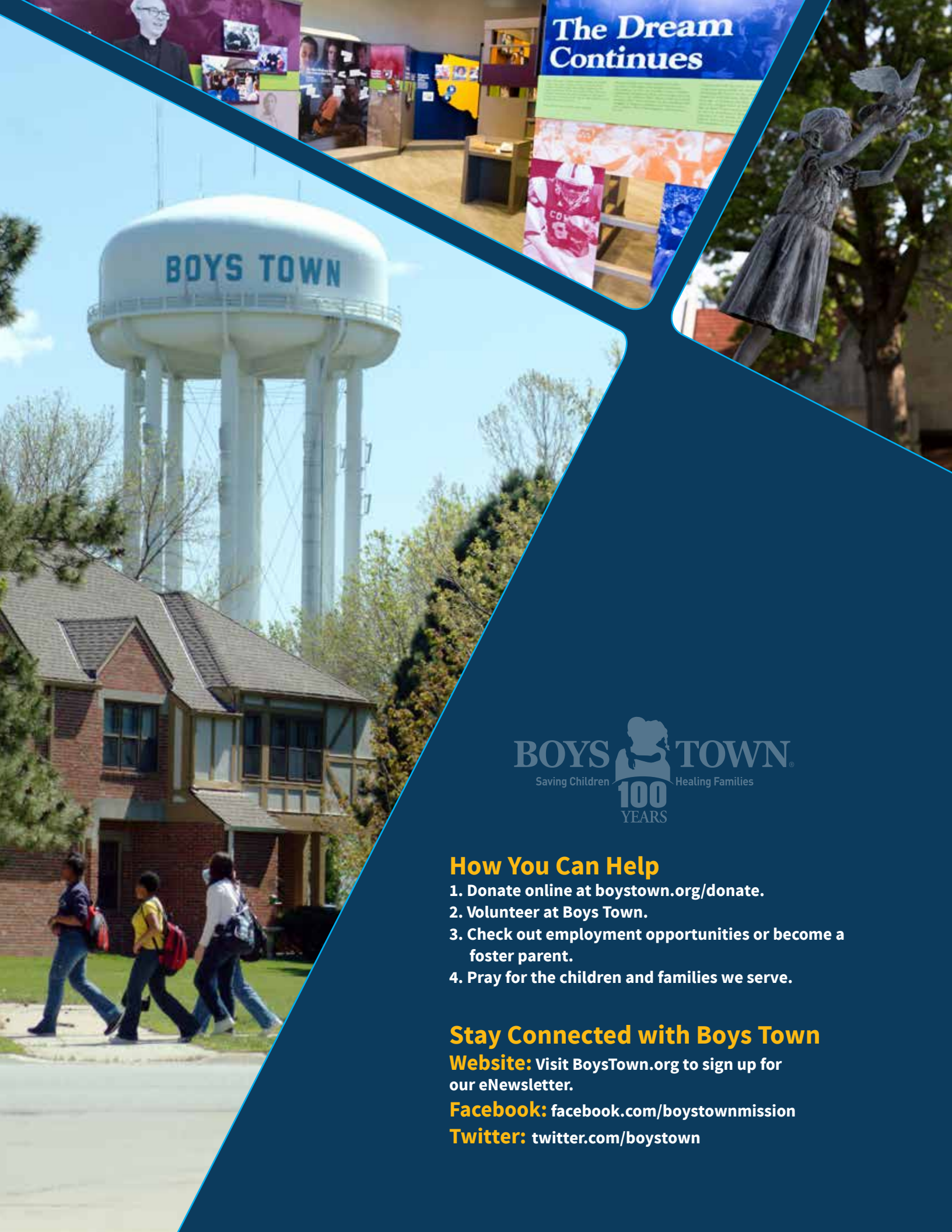


Two Brothers Statue

Snap a selfie with one of the iconic "Two Brothers" statues on our campus, and post them on social media sites with #BoysTownVillage.

Boys Town is the only National Historic Landmark District in Nebraska.





How You Can Help

1. Donate online at boystown.org/donate.
2. Volunteer at Boys Town.
3. Check out employment opportunities or become a foster parent.
4. Pray for the children and families we serve.

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