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BCYF SuperTeens Summer Program Hosted at Harry Parker Boathouse



BOSTON, MA [August 10, 2021]—This summer, Community Rowing Inc. (CRI) welcomes the Boston Centers for Youth & Families (BCYF) SuperTeens program to its boathouse for three weeks of field trip programming.

The BCYF SuperTeens program teaches teens ages 13 and 14 life readiness and resiliency to help prepare them for their upcoming academic year and future employment. The program serves 250

youth at 23 BCYF community centers. The SuperTeens will have three cohorts of 90 students rowing for three weeks, totaling nine sessions from July 26 to August 13.

“We are so thankful for this partnership with Comcast and Community Rowing to introduce the sport of crew to our SuperTeens,” said William Morales, Commissioner, BCYF. “Our SuperTeens will be able to enhance their teamwork and communication skills while experiencing a new sport.”

The SuperTeens launch from the docks of the award-winning Harry Parker Boathouse, equipped with world-class rowing equipment, to experience the beautifully restored Charles River in a new way.

“We are so excited by the opportunity to strengthen our connection to the Boston community through this partnership with BCYF,” said Ted Benford, Executive Director of CRI. “This program embodies our commitment to providing opportunities for personal growth that come not only from the sport of rowing but from lessons learned and relationships enriched.”

Across three sessions, CRI coaches introduce the fundamentals of rowing from boat terminology, technique, safety, and teamwork and progress to full team rowing with certified lifeguards onsite each day. Sessions give BCYF youth the time to reflect and share how their physical activity creates lessons in teamwork and trust.

“Not everyone has the opportunity to go rowing where they live,” said Camilla Molina, a SuperTeen at the BCYF Tynan Community Center in South Boston. “We are so lucky to live where we do and be able to learn from Community Rowing.”

The BCYF SuperTeens summer program at CRI is generously sponsored by Comcast. Comcast has supported BCYF since 2003 in a variety of ways—including powering “Lift Zones” with super-charged WiFi at all of the organization’s 27 open locations.

“This great program offers memorable experiences and teaches lifelong skills to SuperTeens from across the city,” said Tim Kelly, Vice President of Government Affairs for Comcast’s Greater Boston Region. “We are once again delighted to cheer on the participants and contribute to the SuperTeens’ program continued success.”

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Boston Centers for Youth & Families (BCYF) is the City of Boston's largest youth and human service agency. BCYF operates 36 community centers in Boston that offer a variety of engaging and enriching programs for people of all ages created through community input and need. BCYF also oversees citywide programs including the nationally-recognized violence intervention and prevention SOAR Program (formerly Streetworker Program), the GIRLS Initiative, Camp Joy special needs program and many aquatic offerings.

Community Rowing Inc. (CRI) was founded in 1985 as a nonprofit organization dedicated to the belief that the sport of rowing provides unique opportunities to promote personal and community growth

through teamwork, discipline, and physical fitness. We invite individuals of all backgrounds, abilities and experience to grow through rowing.