We are thrilled to announce our very own Club member, Malachi Haynes, has been named Boys & Girls Clubs of America’s National Youth of the Year!

Standing alongside Denzel Washington at the national competition in Washington D.C., Malachi was selected from six finalists as the official spokesperson for 4 million Boys & Girls Clubs members. Boys & Girls Clubs of America’s Youth of the Year recognizes outstanding members for their contributions to their family, school, community and Club.

As the National Youth of the Year, Malachi receives a $100,000 college scholarship and he will help promote the life-changing work happening in Boys & Girls Clubs across the nation.

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DENVER BRONCOS: CHAMPIONS IN THE COMMUNITY

The Denver Broncos Boys & Girls Club opened its doors in 2003, becoming the first Club fully sponsored and supported by a professional sports team. Nearly 15,000 kids and teens have been helped by the Club since then. The Broncos have donated almost $5 million over the past 15 years to ensure outstanding Club facilities and provide members with opportunities for happy and healthy lives.

The Broncos partnership with Boys & Girls Clubs is about more than just funding. Several current and former Broncos players are alumni of Boys & Girls Clubs. Along with other players and Denver Broncos Football Club staff, alumni share their time and serve as role models for current Club members.

“The entire Broncos organization cares about strengthening our communities for generations to come,” said BGCMD CEO Erin Porteous. “We are grateful to partner with such a generous and committed organization.”

The team provides exclusive programming, skill development and special events for members from all 16 Clubs in the Metro Denver area.

Pat Bowlen, the Broncos owner, has pushed for the same excellence in community development that he has from his team. To honor his contributions, Boys & Girls Clubs named the outdoor turf field at the Suncor Boys & Girls Club after Bowlen.

It’s hard to summarize all the amazing good the Broncos organization has done in the past 15 years. We look forward to continuing to partner with them and change lives in the future.
When 15-year-old Michelle first stepped inside the Boys & Girls Club nine years ago, she was a bit overwhelmed by all the activity.

“I remember playing dodgeball in the gym, reading a book in the Learning Center, and coloring a beach scene in the Art Room,” Michelle said. “I was worn out by the end of the night, but I couldn’t wait to come back the next day.”

Nine years later, you can find Michelle all over the Club. She plays soccer, creates original pieces in the art room, and is involved in leadership programs. Michelle is known for her creativity, kindness, and work ethic. She is an ambitious student who maintains a heavy course load and has already completed AP classes.

Michelle believes that everyone can be a leader, and she encourages other Club members to get involved in activities and takes time to help them achieve their own goals. She is a Peer Leader for the Club’s reading program, where she helps younger members improve their reading skills and stay motivated to learn.

“I wouldn’t trade my time, my friends, or my experience at the Club for love, nor money,” Michelle said.

To combat bullying, Boys & Girls Clubs provide a safe, judgment-free space where kids can learn, grow and express themselves. Our staff work to develop positive relationships with Club members, so kids know they have an ally who will listen if they experience bullying.

Boys & Girls Clubs partner with school districts and community organizations across the nation to raise awareness of the issue and create community-wide bullying prevention strategies.
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