

Become a

Board Member

In 1887 John A. Mitchell, the original editor of Life magazine, raised \$800 to send 266 New York City children to the newly organized Life Fresh Air Farm in Branchville, Connecticut. Throughout our evolution from Life's Fresh Air Farm, to Life's Camps, to current day Trail Blazers, we continue to be guided by the same vision and mission: to help young people grow within by going outside. We create and provide programs and opportunities to develop critical life skills through outdoor experiences and outdoor programs, accessible to all, that equip and empower youth to lead productive lives.

Each of our programs addresses an essential need for every-day New York families: our exciting summer overnight and day camp adventures bring summer camp within reach for everyone, ensuring that all young people have safe and exhilarating opportunities to grow during the summer months; our affordable after school programs bring much needed play to the school environment, helping young people develop essential social emotional skills through play, collaboration and daily science experiments. Our programs are designed to instill the values of caring, cooperating, sharing and settling differences peacefully; the proper use of nature and its resources; the benefits of simple, self-sufficient lifestyles – along with a sense of worth; the joy of effort; and the knowledge that all individuals are empowered to make life good for themselves and those around them.

BY THE NUMBERS

30,000



6



90



4.5M



200

Number of youth served since 1887

Number of programs: 2 camps, after school, recess, leadership and conference

Percentage of children who show statistically-significant personal growth

Size of operational budget for FY2023

Number of staff making a difference

BOARD SERVICE AT TRAIL BLAZERS

Trail Blazers is in an exciting period of growth, expanding our portfolio of summer and year-round programs to engage over 2000 children each year. Our strategic plan, which considers the current youth development environment and emerging needs in our community, aims to cement Trail Blazers' position as a premier provider of youth services in the Greater New York area. As a member of our Board of Trustees, your expertise will directly contribute to guiding the organization as we emerge into this next stage and scale our impact. The Board supports the work of Trail Blazers and provides mission-based leadership and strategic governance.

BOARD MEMBER RESPONSIBILITIES

GOVERNANCE and OVERSIGHT

Through direct collaboration with the Executive Director

FUNDRAISING and NETWORKING

The Give-Get-Arrange (GGA) is \$5000 annually.

TERMS and PARTICIPATION

3-year terms, 5 board meetings, committee and task force work

Service on Trail Blazers' Board of Directors is without remuneration.

INTERESTED?

Please visit our website at www.trailblazers.org for detailed descriptions of our programs, reach and impact.

If you are interested in discussing Board Service at Trail Blazers, please contact Riel Peerbooms at rpeerbooms@trailblazers.org.

