

2024 ST. MARTIN ANNUAL REPORT AND FUNDRAISING APPEAL

By the end of December St. Martin boxers will have participated in 27 days of competition for the year in our 54th year of year around service to Rochester youth. This included the 41st year of conducting the NEW YORK STATE and REGION ONE SILVER GLOVES CHAMPIONSHIPS for youth 8 through 17 years.

This year's State Championship will be held December 7 & 8 at the Nasty Knuckles Gym at 1555 Lyell Avenue, Suite 137, and the Regional in Massachusetts. The Regional consists of champions from New York, Connecticut, New Jersey, and Rhode Island (includes all other New England states.) Transportation continued to be provided to many to practices and away bouts. Away bouts were in Albany, Buffalo, Niagara Falls, Oswego, Schenectady, Syracuse, and Watertown. We lead the Region 1 Silver Glove team to the Nationals in Independence, Missouri. Local competition was had at the Jackson Center (formerly Baden), Future, and Nasty Knuckles. Of course we participated in the New York State Golden Gloves in Buffalo. They begin again January 24th in Buffalo.

Unfortunately, our van has become less reliable due to its high mileage and heavy in town practice runs. Consequently, we have had to depend on volunteers' cars to transport boxers to away events. Of course, fewer youth can be transported by car than a van. Van repair costs have mounted.

Regrettably, we have been unable to hold shows at our practice base at Montgomery Center since April because we would need to get permission to better anchor the floor ring to meet USA Boxing specifications. We were scheduled to put on bouts again at the Puerto Rican Festival, but they were washed out due to rain and reports of an impending electrical storm. We participated in numerous Puerto festivals in past years.

We continue to offer advice to older youth regarding training and job referrals. Golden Glove sponsor Don Patterson continues to offer assistance to youth eligible at Buffalo State College. We welcome youth from the Probation Department, Parole, and other agencies. IN SHORT, WE CONTINUE TO BE A YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM.

We recieved no governmental support and WE ARE TOTALLY DEPENDANT on VOLUNTEER LEADERSHIP AND MONEY FROM VOLUNTEER CONTRIBUTORS.

SHOULD YOU CONTRIBUTE TO OUR EFFORT, YOU WILL GET A LOT FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTION. We are a 501c3 tax deductible organization. Cheques to Rochester St. Martin Boxing Club, Inc. to 17 Crawford Street, Rochester, New York 14620. Thank you.