



# the **2** MILLION DOLLAR **CHALLENGE**

## YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO CHANGE LIVES

### The \$2 Million Challenge

A once in a lifetime opportunity has been offered to the Boys & Girls Club by a generous donor! This anonymous donor has challenged the Club to raise \$2 million in new gifts by **December 31, 2019**. Every new gift will be matched dollar for dollar! The Club is calling on its whole family of supporters to make a gift and ask your friends and family to do the same.

### We have just one chance to turn \$2 million in donations into \$4 million.

With December 31, 2019 rapidly approaching, your support is more urgent than it has ever been before.

This is a truly transformational opportunity for the Boys & Girls Club and the largest single gift that the Club has ever received – but we'll only get it with your help. Your support today will make all the difference.

This is the moment to share your love for the Boys & Girls Club and the kids we serve. Please, make your gift today and ask your friends and family to give, too.

### What would \$4 million mean for the Club?

Every day, the Club is missing opportunities to make the organization stronger and to do more for the kids and our community. With your help, the Club will change missed opportunities into success stories by:

- Expanding programs and upgrading equipment to help kids succeed in school, with a focus on literacy, STEM, and the arts.
- Repairing and maintaining our infrastructure to ensure that the Club's 100,000 sq. ft. in facilities give kids the very best place to spend their out of school time.
- Attracting and retaining the best staff by offering competitive salaries in a time when minimum wage is rising by one dollar each year.

With more than 50 years of experience in this community changing children's lives for the better, the Club understands the equation that leads to children's success. Positive relationships with caring adults,

outstanding programming, and top quality facilities are all essential. And, with your help, the Club can do more in each of those areas to ensure that every child who walks through our doors has the support they need to reach their full potential.

With your help, \$2 million raised by December 31, 2019 will be matched by an anonymous donor and turn those missed opportunities into new ways to change children's lives for the better.

### Why does the Club need your help?

In 2016, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Huntington Valley completed a \$13.6 million facility to meet our community's need for a Boys & Girls Club for the north Huntington Beach area.

We pioneered by building California's 1st Boys & Girls Club on a college campus. We built the Kingston Technology Family Campus, complete with a preschool, school age club, gymnasium, and bus transportation to bring kids to the Club after school. This Family Campus is enrolling more children every week, helping kids succeed in school and in life, and helping parents work or go back to school.

The Club has become the support system that hundreds of our community's kids and parents need in their lives. To accomplish this big dream of meeting the needs of our community's kids and families, BGCHV raised more than \$8.5 million to build the Family Campus. But, the Club also had to take out a mortgage loan of \$4.8 million. Each year, the Club pays nearly \$400,000 in loan payments. Two-thirds of that is interest. That money benefits the bank, instead of making a difference to the kids and our community.

At first, this mortgage was an anchor holding the Club steady and helping the Club meet the needs of our community and its children. But, today, the mortgage is an anchor holding the Club back. With your help, the Club will soon be debt free and able to focus its money where it belongs – on the kids and our community!

## YOUR RETURN ON YOUR INVESTMENT

# Why invest in Boys & Girls Clubs of Huntington Valley?

Over the last 50+ years, the Club has been a safe haven in our community for children who have needed it most. Today, the organization serves more than 11,000 children each year at seven locations throughout Huntington Beach and Fountain Valley. 75% of those children come from low to moderate income families.

The Club helps the working poor of our community, ensuring that moms and dads can work to put a roof over their children's heads and food on the table while at the same time giving kids a world of opportunities that help them succeed in school and in life.

When you make a gift to Boys & Girls Clubs of Huntington Valley, you are making an investment in an organization that is committed to giving local kids exactly what they deserve - the very best!

In 2018, the Club was named **Nonprofit of the Year** by the California State Senate for District 34. Boys & Girls Clubs of America chose the organization's programs as #1 in the nation in arts programming in 2018 and 2016, #2 in the nation in Innovations in Safety in 2015, and #1 in education programming in 2015.

Please join this winning team and help the Club meet the \$2,000,000 challenge to change children's lives and our whole community for the better!

## The Clock is Ticking - Will You Help?

With your help, missed opportunities will turn into new ways to help the children and families who need the Club most. Thanks to you, the Club will provide the best staff, the best facilities, and the best programs for the kids.

**100% of your donation will be matched.  
That means every \$1,000 you donate = \$2,000.**

Not only that, every \$2,000 of principle the Club repays SAVES \$2,000 in interest expense over the course of the Club's mortgage loan. **That's a 4:1 return on your investment.** And, that investment will continue to pay big dividends in the lives of the children the Club serves and in our whole community for years to come.

Will you join the special group of supporters who are committed to meeting this challenge and make an investment that will change children's lives for the better?

The clock is ticking on the Club's December 31, 2019 deadline. Please use the enclosed form to make your gift today or make your gift online at [bgchv.com/challenge](http://bgchv.com/challenge).

**Your help is urgently needed to raise the \$2,000,000 needed by the end of the year.**



**Your gift, combined with our anonymous donor's generosity, will transform this organization and change children's lives and our whole community for the better!**

# THANK YOU

"It is amazing what you can accomplish if you do not care who gets the credit." - Harry S. Truman

# Thank You to Local Businesses & Community Groups!

## Vans Volunteer Spruce Up

This month, a team of nearly 100 volunteers from Vans spruced up the Kingston Technology Family Campus at Golden West College and the Kingston Fountain Valley Branch's soccer arena. With their help, each of our playgrounds and lots of activity rooms got some TLC after a busy summer to help make sure that the Clubs are clean and safe for the kids and the indoor soccer arena got some new paint and panels to give the kids a great place to play.

## Assistance League's Operation School Bell

Assistance League took 400+ low income children from the Club on a Target shopping trip for back to school clothing essentials. Kids and their parents were thrilled with this opportunity. Thank you, Assistance League of Huntington Beach, for helping each child make this new school year their best year yet!



## Axis Capital Donates Playhouses and \$25,000

Thanks to Axis Capital, some of our younger members are enjoying adorable hand-painted playhouses, built and painted during a team building event for their staff. And, Axis Capital made one of the first donations to the **2 MILLION DOLLAR CHALLENGE** with a gift of \$25,000, which is matched dollar for dollar and turns in to \$50,000. Thanks, Axis, for giving the kids a great place to use their imaginations and for getting the **2 MILLION DOLLAR CHALLENGE** off to a great start!



## Surf City Rotary Club Makes a Great New Play Space

Surf City Rotary Club of Huntington Beach helped transform a blank asphalt lot into a true play space for the kids at the Pacific Life Foundation Branch. With their help, the Club installed a double handball court, two basketball hoops, a gaga pit, and striped the area for 4-square, hopscotch, and basketball. The kids LOVE it!

## Pins for Kids

More than 200 bowlers came out to Fountain Bowl to support the Boys & Girls Club and the Fountain Valley Kiwanis Club, raising more than \$12,000 for each organization. Thank you to all the bowlers and sponsors who made the event a big success!

## McKenna Subaru of Huntington Beach Shares the Love Again

The Club will be teaming up with McKenna Subaru for the third year in a row for the Share the Love event. If you are in the market for a new car, please make it a McKenna Subaru and plan to buy this December. Make sure to choose Boys & Girls Clubs of Huntington Valley as your hometown charity beneficiary.

# Fresh Programming Gives Kids New Ways to Learn and Have Fun

In the last year, the Club's staff have been committed to looking at everything the Club does with fresh eyes, determined to make already great programs and facilities even better for the kids. Those fresh eyes have brought lots of new programming ideas to the Club and many new programs were introduced for the first time this summer.

The Club held a series of half-day camps for kids from throughout the community, with something to spark every child's interests. There was Iron Chef Camp, Amazing Animals Camp, Basketball Camp, Art Camp, Dance Camp, Theatre Camp, and more. Each of these new camps gave kids dedicated time to explore the things that they are interested in and take that interest to

The kids were 100% engaged and they loved it so much that, instead of running the program monthly like we had planned, we've started doing it every week!"

At the Huntington Beach Branch, Unit Director Ryan Brenes says, "We had so many great new programs this summer. We loved giving kids the chance to test their own hypotheses, do observational studies of wildlife, and have fun using their engineering skills in Imagine Science. We ran a new kindergarten program for our littlest members and had a credentialed teacher helping get kids ready for the school year. Our new basketball half-day camp was a big hit, too. I loved seeing former Club members come back as volunteers to help younger kids in the basketball camp.



a new level. Aspiring artists in the art camp came home with a portfolio full of their paintings, sketches, and mixed media pieces. Parents raved about the delicious smells coming from the teaching kitchen when picking their children up from chef camp, where kids made foods from around the world. And, young chefs not only brought home their new skills in the kitchen, but also a cookbook filled with every recipe they'd practiced in the teaching kitchen so they can continue to build their culinary skills and wow their families with fantastic dishes at home.

Teens loved a new program called "Breakout Boxes," similar to the escape room craze. Pacific Life Foundation Branch Unit Director Alejandra Morales says, "I loved seeing teens turn away from their phones and have some fun together. Our staff hid clues all around the building and then the teens worked together to solve the puzzles.

"What I loved best about this summer's programming was all of our partnerships that brought fun new activities into the Clubs. This year, all of our school age Clubs brought in magicians, princesses, laser tag, and Skydome – an enormous inflatable indoor stadium that replicates the night sky. That's special because there are a lot of kids at the Club whose families can't afford to go on any of the 49 field trips that we ran this summer. But, they still got to have those amazing experiences *at the Club*. Maybe they didn't get to go on the laser tag field trip, but that's OK, because they got to play laser tag in the gym, when we turned it into a Star Wars themed laser tag arena. There really is something for every single kid when they are at the Club. Whatever their background, whatever their interests, we've got them covered with activities that kids are going to have a great time doing."

# GREAT FUTURES START **HERE** Annual Benefit + **2 MILLION DOLLAR CHALLENGE** = 1 Event You Can't Miss!

On October 19, the Club will host its Great Futures Start Here Annual Benefit at the Hyatt Regency in Huntington Beach. You don't want to miss this event! More than 650 community leaders will come together to do something amazing—they'll raise more than \$500,000 for the kids. Not only that, thanks to the anonymous donor behind the Club's **2 MILLION DOLLAR CHALLENGE**, every single gift made to Sponsor a Child during the event will be matched. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity to double the power of your contribution and help the Club change children's lives for the better.

And, not only will you be changing lives, you'll also be having a ton of fun! Spend a fantastic evening with friends full of good food, good wine, and great company while you get to bid on items like:

- Trips to Thailand, Cabo San Lucas, Steamboat Springs, Hawaii, Napa, Scottsdale, and more.
- A Yamaha Wave Runner, a Pedego electric bike, and other "toys" for grown-ups.
- A ride on the Goodyear Blimp. This is a special opportunity that you can't buy anywhere, except at charity auctions like this one. So, don't miss your chance to check this off your bucket list!
- Sports memorabilia signed by your favorite players from the Rams, the Ducks, and more
- Sports tickets, Disney tickets, gift baskets from your favorite restaurants, and everything you need to get your holiday shopping done early!



Changing lives for the better has never been so fun. This whole community is excited for the event of the year that you won't want to miss! Be a part of the event and the **2 MILLION DOLLAR CHALLENGE** that everyone will be talking about by reserving your table today. Call 714-899-5900 ext. 206 or register online at [bgchv.com/register](http://bgchv.com/register).

## Outdoor Soccer Arena Gets a Makeover

750 kids play in the Club's Arena Soccer program each year. With three seasons every year, kids are staying active and healthy all year round while building their skills and having a ton of fun. But, before one of the Club's board members stepped up to make a big improvement in the space, the outdoor soccer arena at the Club's Haynes Family Huntington Beach Branch

had seen better days. The Club's Executive Director Art Groeneveld says, "The outdoor arena's old turf had a good long life, longer than expected, and it had gotten to the point of really needing to be replaced. Thanks to our partnership with GOALS and a gift from the Kupferstein Family Foundation, the Club was able to tear out old worn out turf and replace it with beautiful new turf



that's better quality than anything we've ever been able to offer the kids in the soccer program before."

We can't thank the Kupferstein Family enough for making the kids one of their top priorities this year and giving them such a great place to play soccer. The new turf was installed just in time for the July start of the Club's summer soccer season and the kids are enjoying the wonderful feel of the new turf at the Kupferstein Family Sports Arena!

[Want to learn more about the Club's sports leagues or sign up your child or grandchild for soccer?](#)

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## Great Futures Start at ClubHouse Academy

[Club Member Taven Blanke Begins Acting Career with Title Role](#)



The Boys & Girls Club's ClubHouse Academy in Fountain Valley has been the start of many children's great futures in the arts. At ClubHouse Academy, the Club offers more than 100 performing arts and fitness classes each week as well as year-round musical theatre programming. These programs are a great opportunity for kids who are just beginning to explore the performing arts as well as those who are passionate

about the arts. For some kids, ClubHouse Academy is the springboard that helps them leap into a career in the performing arts. Taven Blanke, one of the Club's current members, is one of those special kids who started his great future in the arts at ClubHouse Academy.

Taven Blanke has recently been cast as the lead in *Billy Elliot* at the Goodspeed Opera House in Connecticut, for a production running September 13–November 24. Taven started performing at the Club in 2016 at age 8, acting in the ClubHouse Theatre program and taking numerous dance classes like ballet, hip hop, jazz, lyrical, and tap.

All of that training will serve him well as he performs the lead in a musical focused on a young boy's journey as a dancer. Now, at age 11, he's already making headlines in *Playbill* and *Broadway World!* The Club is proud to be part of Taven's own journey as an actor and a dancer and to have helped him start his great future in the performing arts.

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## Whatever It Takes to Build Great Futures.

### Your Support Gives Families a Helping Hand When They Need It Most

Your support makes it possible for the Club to offer sliding scale scholarships when a family is going through a hard time. Having donors like you on their side has made a big difference to two Club members with a single mom. Their mom has been going through health struggles and recently had to undergo surgery.

As a result, the family is struggling financially while she's been recovering and unable to work. At the same time, she still needs the Club to care for her kids while she is recuperating. Instead of childcare becoming a financial hardship at an already difficult time, the Club's emergency scholarship program has made all the difference, thanks to donors like you. Here's what their mom would like to tell you:

"There are no words that can express our family's gratitude toward all of you at the Boys & Girls Club. You have made our lives manageable and stable – providing a consistency of support for us – especially my children. Your extraordinary care and assistance while I recover from this surgery has been so helpful. Please thank all of the staff, admin, and donors for all that you do. We are sending you all much love!"

Even though things might be hard at home right now, the children can count on the caring adults at the Club to help them with their homework, plan fun activities, and give them a safe, fun place to play every day.

Your support makes it possible for the Club to help this family through one of the hardest times in their lives, by providing a scholarship until their mom is back on her feet and able to work again. When you support the Club, you are never giving families a handout. Instead, you are giving families a helping hand up when they are



struggling and it does not go unappreciated. Thank you for giving families like this one the helping hand that makes a life changing difference when they need it most.

Are you ready to help more families through a tough time? Please use the enclosed envelope to give as generously as you can. Remember – your gift will be **DOUBLED** thanks to the **2 MILLION DOLLAR CHALLENGE**.