

WINTER 2019



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS**  
OF HUNTINGTON VALLEY



HELP the Club receive the **largest gift** in its history!

# the **2 MILLION DOLLAR CHALLENGE** update

As you've probably heard, the whole Boys & Girls Club family has been challenged to do something extraordinary this year. If the community comes together to raise \$2 million by midnight on 12/31/2019, a very generous donor will match every dollar.

This is an extraordinary opportunity for you to have an impact on the Club that will span generations. When you help the Club meet this challenge, you'll invest in facilities, staffing, and programs to give the kids in our community exactly what they deserve - the very best.

The matching donor, who had asked to remain anonymous, came forward at the Club's Great Futures Start Here Annual Benefit and we are excited to be able to share his name with you now: **Bob Mayer, Sr.** Mr. Mayer inspired the whole room at the Club's Annual Benefit! \$660,000+ was raised for the challenge right on the spot. Right now, community members like you have committed \$870,000 of the **2 MILLION DOLLAR CHALLENGE** goal.

But, the clock is ticking and we are moving rapidly closer to December 31st. The Club's CEO Tanya Hoxsie says, "We are always pushing to give the kids in this community the very best and we're proud of all that we're able to do to help our kids and families. But, meeting this challenge will help the Club do even more.

With a transformational gift like this, the Club will be able to hire and keep the best staff, make sure our facilities are the best they can be, and keep growing our list of award-winning programs so that kids and their parents get the support they need. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity for our kids, the Club, and our whole community. So, I'm telling everyone - **if you've ever thought about supporting the Boys & Girls Club, please do it now.**" Don't miss your chance to double the power of your donation and double your positive impact on the kids at the Club!

## How YOU Can Rise to the Challenge

- Please make your gift in the enclosed envelope today.
- Visit [charity.gofundme.com/2MillionChallenge](http://charity.gofundme.com/2MillionChallenge) to donate online or set up a personal fundraising page to ask your friends, family, and colleagues to support the campaign.
- Make a gift by phone at 714-899-5900, ext. 3
- Have an idea for your own fundraising project for the Challenge? For example, we are grateful to the Huntington Beach Police & Community Foundation and City Attorney Michael Gates and his wife Kelly for hosting a fundraising dinner at Capone's that raised nearly \$17,000 for the challenge. Call and share your great idea with Laura at 714-309-4962 or email her at [laura@bgchv.com](mailto:laura@bgchv.com).

**EVERY GIFT** made by midnight on  
December 31, 2019 will be matched dollar for dollar!  
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the **2 MILLION DOLLAR CHALLENGE**

**\$2,000,000**

**\$1,130,000  
TO GO!**

**\$870,000**

**2019  
GREAT FUTURES  
START HERE**  
Sponsor a Child

**\$210,000**

Donations & Gifts



# Health & Unity

## Club Members Support Each Other

A Club staff member named Dylan has a story to share about unity and making kids feel great, even when they have difficult challenges to manage in their lives. Dylan says, "One day when I was coordinating activities in the gym, a Club member came in who happens to have diabetes. He came to me saying that he had to get moving to metabolize the glucose in his blood. I told him that he could run laps to get his blood going, but he told me he didn't want to do it alone. So, of course, I told him I'd run with him. We ran for a couple of laps together, and soon, other members noticed what we were doing. They joined in, running laps with us. Eventually, we all started a workout routine that included jumping

jacks, pushups, sit ups, and more. It was very nice to see how the kids jumped right in. They really got their fellow Club member. **For me, this exemplifies the sense of unity we feel at the Club.**"

A lot of young people feel isolated and on their own when they are trying to manage a condition like diabetes. But, not at the Boys & Girls Club. The Club gave this member a place to be active and do just what he needed to manage his health. Not only that, with a little guidance from a caring staff member, as Dylan says, the kids really "got" their fellow Club member. They understood what he needed – both his physical needs and his emotional need to not feel alone. So, without making a big deal about it or putting their friend on the spot, they came together to help him feel supported and turn his health needs into something fun and positive for the whole group. That sense of unity that Dylan talks about is exactly what makes the Club so special. **The Club is a welcoming place that meets kids where they are, whatever their life's challenges may be.** It changes their lives for the better in ways that are big and small, giving them a place to let go of their grown up worries and just be kids.

All of that is possible because of caring donors like you. Just like the kids who jumped in to start running laps with their friend, you're giving kids the support they need at a time when they need it most.



## A Holiday Gift for You

Thank you for caring so much about the kids!

Your support of the kids at the Boys & Girls Club has been such a gift this year that we'd like to give you a gift of your own to thank you for your generosity. Please enjoy the enclosed ornament and hang it in your home this holiday season to remind you of all the children whose lives you have changed.



# A Million Reasons to Say Thank You

## \$660,000+ raised for 2 MILLION DOLLAR CHALLENGE



On October 19, 2019, the Club community came together to raise more than \$1 million dollars at the organization's Great Futures Start Here Annual Benefit. This is a record-breaking total that nearly doubles the amount raised last year! This extraordinary outpouring of generosity was inspired by the **2 MILLION DOLLAR CHALLENGE**.

Longtime Boys & Girls Clubs of Huntington Valley supporter **Bob Mayer, Sr.** had a surprise for the crowd. Mr. Mayer shared that he has been involved with the club since the 1990s and that he was one of the first to help kick off the construction of the Family Campus at Golden West College. In fact, the Robert Mayer Child Development

\$500 level and the Kupferstein Family Foundation did the same for donors at the \$250 and \$100 level. This cascade of challenges made this year's annual benefit the most exciting yet and every one of those challenges was met! That helped bring the Sponsor a Child total to \$660,000+. And, best of all, that \$660,000+ will all be matched by Mr. Mayer as part of the **2 MILLION DOLLAR CHALLENGE!**

The fun and excitement didn't end there. The kids from ClubHouse Theatre gave a fantastic performance of songs from *The Lion King*. Ed Arnold, who emceed the event, talked with each child and asked them a little bit about



Preschool is named after him. He went on to say that he believes so much in the Boys & Girls Club that he is the mystery donor behind the **2 MILLION DOLLAR CHALLENGE**. He told the crowd that every gift made to Sponsor A Child at the Club would qualify to be matched by his **2 MILLION DOLLAR CHALLENGE**.

Knowing that their gifts would be doubled inspired everyone in the room to amazing levels generosity. There were even additional matching challenges throughout the night! Resa Evans gave a \$200,000 challenge for the first eight donors to give \$25,000. The Huntington Beach Auto Dealers Association gave a \$25,000 challenge, inspiring more than 30 donors to give at the \$1,000 level. Kevin & Alicia Smith offered to match up to \$10,000 in gifts at the

their time at the Club. When Ed asked one teen his favorite thing about the Club, he said, "**Literally everything at the Club is amazing and everybody should go there!**" The staff at the Club couldn't agree more! On top of all that, the Club auctioned off fantastic items like a Yamaha Wave Runner, a ride on the Goodyear Blimp, and trips to everywhere from ski resorts, to Hawaii, to Thailand.

The Club is so grateful to all of the event's guests for donating and bidding generously, to all of the auction item donors who helped us make more than 300 packages for the silent, super silent and live auctions, and to the event's sponsors and volunteers. Without each one of you, the Club could not do so much to change children's lives for the better – **thank you!**



And, of course, the Club is so grateful to Mr. Bob Mayer, Sr., for giving so generously, and speaking from his heart to inspire every guest to do all they can to help the kids at the Club.

Another person who inspired everyone at the event was honoree **Mike Haynes, the Club's 2019 Champion of Youth**. Each year, the Club selects a Champion of Youth to be honored at the Annual Benefit. This is a person who has changed the lives of generations of youth through their generosity and dedication to the Club's mission of helping every child reach their full potential. In Mike's quiet and

gracious way, he is behind the scenes, helping in every way he can. He is solving problems, encouraging innovation, helping make important connections in the community, and providing such generous financial support that the Club named the Haynes Family Huntington Beach Branch in his honor. His commitment to the community's kids and his generosity are inspirational!

**To every guest, donor and supporter, to Mike Haynes, and to Bob Mayer, Sr., the Club sends a heartfelt**

**"Thanks a MILLION!"**



## Holidays & Fun

### You Can Help Give Club Kids a Special Holiday Celebration

On December 18 & 19, the Boys & Girls Club will give hundreds of kids a holiday to remember at our Annual "On Dasher, On Dancer" Holiday Party! Each child will get to pick out a special holiday gift, take pictures with Santa, and enjoy holiday treats, crafts, carols, and more. If you'd like to be part of this special celebration as a volunteer or by donating toys, please call Katrina 714-899-5900, ext. 208 or email [events@bgchv.com](mailto:events@bgchv.com).



# Generosity & Surprises

## Donors Give a Club Family the Holiday Vacation of a Lifetime

There's a Club family with special holiday plans for next Thanksgiving. They'll be spending it in Hawaii thanks to some generous donors at the Club's Great Futures Start Here Annual Benefit Dinner & Auction.

When single dad Ruben agreed to share his story at the Club's fundraiser and talk about how the Club makes a difference to his family, he hoped it would inspire a room full of supporters at the event. He hoped that they'd make generous contributions to the Club to help families like his who benefit from the Club's scholarship program. What Ruben didn't know was that some of those supporters would be so inspired by his story that they'd decide to do something really special not just for the Club, but also for him and his two daughters.

Ruben shared his story of growing up poor in South Central Los Angeles. Both his parents were gang members. His dad was physically abusive to him and his mom. As a teen, Ruben joined a gang and started selling drugs. He got caught and ultimately served ten years in prison. When he was released in 2012, he turned things around. And, when his daughters were born, Ruben found his life's purpose – making a better life for his girls. Working 70-80 hours a week, he built up enough savings to move out of LA and into Huntington Beach. Ruben says, "There was only one problem, I didn't know anyone. I didn't have anyone to take care of my babies. That's when I found the Boys & Girls Club. The Club is an amazing place. Seeing my daughters in such a loving and positive environment makes my heart happy. The Club is such a huge blessing, but I couldn't do it without the scholarship program that you are supporting."

He continued, "I am a representative of one of the families you help at the Club and that's what keeps me going when life gets hard. This past year I got sick for a while, I had quite a few hospital visits and lost 25 pounds in just a month. I was behind on my rent, on the verge of eviction. With full custody of my daughters, I didn't know what I was going to do. I was in a hole and couldn't climb out. The Club reached out to help me. Not once did they turn their back on me when I needed them the most. I don't expect life to be easy and I don't always know what's going to happen next. But, **I do know that no matter what happens, I will be O.K. because the Boys & Girls Club is the one thing I can always count on.**

**Thank you for all that you do to help people like me and the generations that follow, to live a better life."**

Guests at the event, Scott Olson from C-Store Realty and Frank Lopez from FR Construction, were moved by Ruben's story. They teamed up to buy Ruben and his



girls a Thanksgiving vacation in Maui that was up for bids in the live auction at the event! Scott Olson says, "Ruben's a good man and a good father. He deserves a nice vacation." This special gift will give Ruben's family something to look forward to all year and a holiday they will always remember!

# Mentoring & Leadership

## Mentoring Tomorrow's Leaders

Each child who comes to the Club has their own set of circumstances, their own set of needs and challenges. And, of course, each child has their own gifts and potential to become someone with a great future ahead of them. Sometimes, all it takes is one person to help a child see that potential and get them on the right path toward their great future. With your support, the Club is able to provide caring staff who connect with the kids at the Club every single day. They take every opportunity to be that one special person for a child that needs a positive influence in their life.

“When I think back on kids that I’m so proud to have made a difference to, there is one older member who really sticks out to me,” says a Program Director named Kelsey. “She was a lone wolf at the Club. Being older, she thought she was ‘too cool’ to participate in many of the Club activities. Instead, all she wanted to do was help. She began helping me with little tasks, like cutting and stapling. After spending some time with her and getting to know her, I realized her home situation wasn’t ideal. Knowing that, I started thinking about how and what I could do to enrich her life in order to be a positive role model for her.

“I began calling her my ‘intern’ and I taught her everything I knew about being a leader. She then started helping with our kindergarteners, assisting them with

activities and being their guide in the Club. It made me so proud to see her helping others.

**“She went from a lone wolf to a class leader and watching that growth made me feel like she was a role model for me, too.** In fact, I feel as though we really helped each other out. I taught her to get out of her shell and she taught me to put in the time with every kid that



I see at the Club because **our world’s next leaders are right here with us.**”

Your support of the Club makes stories like this one possible. Thanks to you, instead of being a “lone wolf,” a child has become a caring leader and has moved one giant step further on the path to her great future.

## Share Your Love for the Club with McKenna Subaru

Over the last two years, McKenna Subaru has donated more than \$90,000 through the Share the Love event in support of the Club’s Haynes Family Huntington Beach Branch by donating \$250 for every car sold. They’re doing it again this year! If you are in the market for a new car, please consider making it a Subaru and buy during the Share the Love event from now until January 2, 2020. Remember to choose Boys & Girls Clubs of Huntington Valley as the hometown charity to receive the donation.



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**Whatever  
It Takes to  
Build Great  
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**Encouragement & Motivation**  
Club Staff Helps Kids Build  
Their Self-Confidence

The Club hears so often from alumni that there was one special person at the Club who made them feel better about themselves, helped them build their confidence, and set them on the path to being who they are today. That long tradition of Club staff members taking the time to build kids up is still going strong, 50+ years into this organization's history. In fact, 67% of Club members say they feel better about themselves since they started coming to the Club.

A Club staff member named Laura is a perfect example of why so many kids are building their confidence and feeling more positive. She says, "Working at our Huntington Beach Branch this past year, I have seen a lot of variation in motivation from the kids. When a child doesn't want to do their homework or other activities at the Club, I try to find out the real reason. Often, it seems as though a lack of motivation stems from a lack of self-esteem and confidence. I've watched Club members spend hours on homework, never completing it and never going on to try new things at the Club. One day, a Club member told me that they don't like themselves and that's why they don't care about doing their work or getting involved in activities. As the member shared their struggle of self-dislike and lack of motivation, **I told them that simply because they are here and alive, their life matters.** Through a lot of encouragement, that member finished their homework and went on to try other fun activities at the Club. While the struggle is not over, **I know that they will remember and believe that at least one person believes**

**that they are valuable and can achieve anything they want to."**

Many kids in the Club's programs have a pretty tough home life. Their families and friends aren't cheering them on, supporting them, and telling them they can grow up to have a great future. But, thanks to staff members like Laura, kids can come to the Club to get the support they need. By being there every day for



the kids, caring staff helps children build their confidence and realize that their lives matter and are worthwhile. When you think about holiday gifts, it's hard to imagine giving someone a better gift than that. If you'd like to share that gift with a child in need, please use the enclosed envelope to make your gift today!

