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OF HUNTINGTON VALLEY



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# Greatness Amplified – Your Gift Doubled by Hoag Hospital!

August 24th – [greatnessamplified.com](http://greatnessamplified.com)

Boys & Girls Clubs of Huntington Valley's **one day Greatness Amplified giving challenge** is back on August 24th with another **\$50,000 challenge from Hoag Hospital!** We're asking the whole community to pitch in and ask their friends to do the same. **If the Club can raise \$50,000, Hoag Hospital will match it dollar for dollar!**

\$100,000 will make a big difference to Club kids and families. It will help the Club offer homework help every day after school. It will give kids the chance to shine in our performing arts and sports programs. It will help kids build the social emotional skills they need to thrive. And, it will give parents childcare they know they can count on no matter what. That's life changing for working moms and dads.

Hoag Hospital stood by the Boys & Girls Club through the greatest challenges of the pandemic. As we move forward and our community works toward recovery, Hoag has renewed its commitment to the Boys & Girls Club and the families we serve by offering this special opportunity for the Club to earn a \$50,000 matching gift. But, the Club will only receive Hoag's gift if donors like you rise to the challenge!

**We need your help!** There are a few simple ways that you can make a difference.

1. **Log on to [greatnessamplified.com](http://greatnessamplified.com) on August 24th and make your gift!**
2. **Fundraise for the Club!** Log on to [greatnessamplified.com](http://greatnessamplified.com) starting now and make your own personal fundraising page. Share it far and wide through your email and social media networks and ask your friends, family, and colleagues to help you reach your personal fundraising goal.
3. Not comfortable with online donations? No problem. **Make your donation by check** using the enclosed envelope and make a note that it's for Greatness Amplified. The Club will still be able to apply it to the matching gift opportunity!

**Please join in and be part of Greatness Amplified as a donor and a fundraiser.** Thousands of kids are counting on the Boys & Girls Club and the Boys & Girls Club is counting on you! **Every dollar you raise or donate will be doubled thanks to Hoag Hospital!**

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AMPLIFIED**  
A GIVING DAY FOR  
BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS IN ORANGE COUNTY

**DOLLAR FOR DOLLAR  
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## In Her Own Words – Gratitude for Club Staff

### “They Have Raised Him Alongside Me”

One of the special things about your local Boys & Girls Club is that our continuum of care starts with children's earliest days as six week old infants at our preschools and goes on to be there for kids as they grow up at our school age Clubs. A mom named Cynthia's son Hank was one of those kids who has grown up at the Club. As their family got ready to move out of state, Cynthia shared what the Boys & Girls Club has meant to her son Hank over the last nine years.

“From the time he was a little baby to now where he is too cool to take a picture for his dear old mom, Hank has been cared for by the amazing



staff at the Boys & Girls Club. I cried the first day because I didn't want him to go and I cried the last day because I wish he could stay. **They have raised him alongside me, made him the amazing boy he is today,** potty trained him, taught him to read, gave him confidence. They were always there through thick and thin with open arms. Thank you for the last 9 years, I couldn't have done it without you.”

For every family that walks through our doors, the Club's staff are here for kids and parents just like they were for Hank and Cynthia, working alongside parents to help kids reach their full potential.



## A Summer Full of Special Experiences Planetarium, Reptiles, Donuts, and More!

This summer, Boys & Girls Clubs of Huntington Valley's four school age branches in Huntington Beach and Fountain Valley are serving more than 750 children each week. **Thanks to donations from Kiwanis Club of Fountain Valley, Surf City Rotary of Huntington Beach, and Kiwanis Club of Huntington Beach, the kids at the Club are able to enjoy a summer filled with fun special events at the Club, all at no charge to families.**

Every Club member has the chance to enjoy activities that are hands-on, interactive, educational, and tons of fun! They get to learn about the wetlands and get up close and personal with ocean animals in Bolsa Chica Conservancy's touch tank. Children get to explore the galaxy with a visit from the mobile planetarium. Brave kids with big smiles curl up with snakes when the creatures from Prehistoric Pets visit the Clubs. Everyone enjoys tasty treats when they decorate their own donuts during a visit from Duck Donuts. And, making it through a giant inflatable obstacle course gives kids a great way to be active and just have fun being kids!

Director of Operations Ryan Brenes comments, "These last few years have been hard on everyone, including kids. Many of the families we serve are struggling financially and can't afford to pay for extras like field trips. As we were planning our summer, we really wanted to make sure that there was a chance for every child to get to have some special moments without placing any more burden on moms and dads who are having a tough time making ends meet. Our community partners from Kiwanis and Rotary stepped in with donations to help make this a summer to remember for our kids and we can't thank them enough. They've put a lot of smiles on the kids' faces this summer."



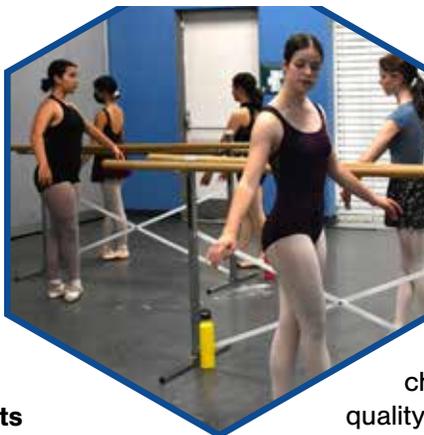
## ClubHouse Academy Programs Ready to Expand Genesis Inspiration Foundation Donates \$50,000

At the ClubHouse Academy, the Boys & Girls Club offers dance classes, musical theatre productions, and music lessons for children from Fountain Valley, Huntington Beach and the surrounding communities. These programs bring the joy of the performing arts to hundreds of children each year in classes offered at our ClubHouse Academy and our Kingston Branch stage.

Now, **thanks to a generous \$50,000 grant from the Genesis Inspiration Foundation, the Boys & Girls Club is going to be able to bring its performing arts classes to our school age branches as**



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well. Children participating in the after school programs at our four school age sites will get to benefit from instruction by professional arts educators who specialize in teaching children about acting, dancing, singing in ways that not only grow children's performance skills, but also help them build their self-confidence and build strong positive relationships with their peers and mentors.

The Club is so thankful for the generosity of Genesis Inspiration Foundation and its parent company Hyundai Motor America. The Club is excited to be able to give even more children at the Club access to fantastic quality arts education experiences through our award-winning ClubHouse Academy!

# Twilight Education Project Returns This Fall

## Educational Opportunities for English Language Learner Families

One of the Club's longest running and most loved family support programs is returning this fall after a two year hiatus due to the pandemic: The Twilight Education Project. In partnership with Fountain Valley School District, Golden West College, Huntington Beach Adult School, Huntington Beach City School District, Ocean View School District, OCTA, and Westminster School District, the Twilight Education Project offers educational opportunities to English Language Learner families three evenings per week, with something to **help every member of the family learn and gain the skills they need to succeed.**

In the program, parents participate in English as a Second Language classes and parenting education classes in college classrooms. At the same time, elementary and high school students get homework help, tutoring, mentoring, and an opportunity to participate in Boys & Girls Club enrichment activities at the Pacific Life Foundation Branch at Golden West College. And, younger children participate in English language focused preschool next door at our Robert Mayer Child Development Preschool to help prepare them for success in kindergarten and beyond.

To **break down barriers to service for families**, the program is offered in the evening after typical

work hours and the Club's fleet of buses provide transportation between Golden West College and targeted neighborhoods with a high English learner population. Kids get a meal each evening since the program runs through the dinner hour. Best of all, thanks to generous supporters like you, the entire program is offered free of charge to families.

The Club and our program partners have worked together to bring back this important program for the upcoming school year and the Twilight Education Project is **scheduled to start September 20, 2022.** We are excited to bring this program to the families who need it! If you'd like to learn more about Twilight or support the program, visit [bgchv.com/twilight-program](http://bgchv.com/twilight-program)



## First Steps Toward Graduation

### Setting Kids Up for Success Every Step of the Way

Every step of the journey, the Boys & Girls Club is here to help kids succeed. After 5 years of learning at our preschools, our TK graduates are ready to conquer the world and they're going to start with kindergarten! During their years at the Club, using curriculum aligned with the Common Core standards, **our preschoolers have learned the early fundamentals of reading, writing, math, and science that will help them thrive in school. They've also learned friendship building, problem solving, empathy, and being part of a community.** As our young graduates move on from our preschools, the learning and support doesn't stop there. Our school age Clubs are ready to fill children's summers and after school hours with more learning and fun!

We love to celebrate children's milestones including grade promotions at the end of the school year, like the TK promotions and kindergarten

graduation, and it isn't just because the kids look so adorable in a cap and gown (but they sure do look cute!). Celebrating each of these moments helps children aspire to achieve their big dreams and understand the value of education. A mom named Diane shared her daughter Loreal's photo. Loreal graduated from high school this year, and she's holding a photo of her own kindergarten graduation at the Boys & Girls Club from a dozen years ago. With a little inspiration and a lot of hard work, she's one of many Club kids making her dreams come true and hopes to become a second grade teacher! **Congratulations to all of this year's graduates** – from TK to high school to college to PhD's, Club kids and alumni are accomplishing amazing things and we couldn't be more proud!



# Your Support Helps Families Through the Toughest Times

## Make a Gift to the Club's Scholarship Program

This pandemic has been hard on families. Now, with inflation on the rise, families who were already struggling financially are in very difficult circumstances. A mom named Tori shares, "I have been working at my job for six years. Sales are down at work, and overtime hasn't been offered at all this year.

**We've gone through our savings and my credit cards are all maxed out. I am not currently making enough to make ends meet.** I am afraid of what could happen if I am not able to afford childcare during the summer. I am seeking a better paying job and have an interview lined up, trying to find something better for our family. It would help us tremendously if we could receive a scholarship for the Boys & Girls Club. **This childcare scholarship will save us as we find a solution to our current dilemma."**

This year, the Club will give more than \$600,000 in childcare scholarships. These scholarships help families through their most challenging times and give children and families stability when other areas of their lives are uncertain. Thanks to the Club's scholarship program, kids are able to get academic



support that helps them succeed in school, develop social emotional skills and build great friendships, and participate in activities they love like dance, soccer, theatre, basketball, and more. At the same time, their parents have the reliable care for their kids that is absolutely vital for them to work and build a better future for their family.

All of this is only possible because of donors like you. With your support, the Club can help families through their toughest times by giving kids the care they need and giving moms and dads childcare they know they can always count on. **With your help, the Club can tell moms like Tori, "Don't worry. We know you're working hard to build your family's great future and you can count on the Club to help you get there."**

Will you help by making a gift today? You can use the enclosed envelope, visit [bgchv.com/donate](http://bgchv.com/donate), or scan the QR code to make a donation. Your contribution gives families a helping hand when they need it most.



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## Huntington Beach Hospital Donates AEDs

### Life Saving Devices Installed at Every Club Branch

Thanks to Huntington Beach Hospital and the Huntington Beach Fire Department, the Boys & Girls Clubs 7 locations just got even safer!

Huntington Beach Hospital donated seven brand new AEDs to the Boys & Girls Club. Automated External Defibrillators, commonly known as AEDs, are sophisticated, easy to use medical devices that help those experiencing sudden cardiac arrest by analyzing the heart's rhythm and, if necessary, delivering an electrical shock to help the heart re-establish an effective rhythm.

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While we hope never to have to use them, the Club is so glad to have these important devices on hand at every location in case of emergency.

The Huntington Beach Fire Department's Fire Battalion Chief EMS Jeff Lopez trained staff from every branch on how to use the new AEDs safely and effectively.



The Boys & Girls Club's commitment to safety is unwavering. For more than 20 years, the Club has required that every member of its staff be certified in CPR & First Aid. Now, the Club is able to add another layer of life saving protection for the families we serve, our staff, and our volunteers!



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**Pins for Kids August 13, 2022 at 5:30pm**

**Pins for Kids is back at Fountain Bowl!** Save the date to bowl with us to raise funds for the Boys & Girls Club and the Kiwanis Club. Register to bowl, donate to the online auction, or make a Kiwanis Kares donation at [bgchv.com/pins](http://bgchv.com/pins).

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**You're Invited to a Gift Giving Party on September 12 - Join Us at the Recess Room!**

The Club's Great Futures Start Here Annual Benefit is known for its outstanding auction. With hundreds of items up for bids, there is truly something for everyone to get excited about. One of the special ways that the Club fills up the auction with hundreds of packages is through our Gift Giving Parties, held throughout the year. At each party, every guest brings an item to donate that will be sold in the auction and then has a great time spending an evening with friends and fellow Boys & Girls Club supporters.

We have one Gift Giving Party left this year on September 12, hosted by the Recess Room and Linda and Prem Balani. If you'd like to attend, your gift could be just about anything! A bottle of wine, sports tickets, a birthday gift that wasn't quite your style, a gift card for your favorite restaurant or local business, handmade items, a

service or product from your place of business, sports memorabilia, a getaway or staycation, or anything else you'd love to share. **Your gift will help the auction with packages that get people excited about bidding and you'll help raise more than \$500,000 to make a difference to the kids at the Boys & Girls Club.**

To register and join in on the fun, visit [bgchv.com/recessroom](http://bgchv.com/recessroom)



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**October 8, 2022**

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for our signature event and please spread the word that registration is open, item donations are needed, and volunteers for the committee are welcome!

Register or donate online at [greatfutures2022.com](http://greatfutures2022.com).