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OF HUNTINGTON VALLEY



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New ELOP Partnerships with School Districts

Club Grows through Free After School Programs

Boys & Girls Clubs of Huntington Valley is proud to announce new partnerships with the Huntington Beach City School District and the Ocean View School District to offer afterschool enrichment programs for children in 14 Huntington Beach schools. The Club will provide free after school programs for children in grades TK-6 who qualify for free and reduced price lunches, are homeless, and/or are foster youth.

Through these collaborations, the Club's enrollment will grow significantly. In partnership with the Ocean View School District, the Club opened a **new location at the Oak View Elementary School campus last school year** and a brand **new location on the campus of Westmont Elementary School this summer**. Students from four other Ocean View schools will be bused to our Clubs for afterschool



programs this fall. And, children from all eight schools in the Huntington Beach City School District will be part of the afterschool program at our Haynes Huntington Beach Branch. **In all, the Club expects to reach more than 600 children free of charge thanks to funding from the State of California's Expanded Learning Opportunities Program (ELOP).**

We are **GROWING**
with **ELOP**



**2 New Sites
on School
Campuses**

600+ Kids

**14 Partner
Schools**



Whether kids are at our new sites on their school campuses, or being bused to one of our dedicated youth facilities, kids will have access to the Club's wide variety of programs including homework help, STEM and reading programs, sports activities, arts and crafts, leadership development, and social emotional learning. The program will be offered every school day, as well as during school breaks and holidays to maximize children's opportunities for growth and learning.

"The Club is very proud to partner with both school districts for the Expanded Learning Opportunities Program. The school districts and the Club have a common goal – we want every child to be able to succeed both in the classroom and in the community," said CEO Art Groeneveld. "Our afterschool program will build on what kids are being taught at school so that every child has the support they need to succeed. And, at the Boys & Girls Club, fun is always one of our top priorities. Our goal for each of the kids in the Expanded Learning Opportunities Program is for them to be excited to come to the Club and learn something new each day."

Summer Fun at the Club

An Inside Look at Summer Day Camp

The past weeks have been filled with laughter, creativity, and exploration at our school age Clubs. Program Director Shoshanah Katz shared what the summer has been like for the kids at the Pacific Life Foundation Branch: “We hosted a **vibrant Hula Carnival** that transported our campers to a tropical paradise. Kids enjoyed ukulele music as they donned colorful leis and grass skirts. They delighted in **lively hula dances**, showcasing their newfound skills in the spirit of aloha while enjoying **handmade snow cones**.

Thanks to Duck Donuts, we engaged our budding artists in a delicious and artistic adventure by decorating donuts. The sweet aroma of freshly baked donuts filled the air as the children unleashed their imaginations to transform plain donuts into edible masterpieces using an array of colorful frostings, sprinkles, and edible

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glitter. The room buzzed with excitement and sugar-fueled creativity as each camper proudly showcased their uniquely designed treats.

Curious minds embarked on a journey through space and the galaxy with engaging STEM activities. Club members delved into the mysteries of the cosmos, discovering the wonders that lie beyond our planet. They built and launched paper rockets. With hands-on experiments and simulations, our young scientists explored the mysteries of the universe, fostering a deep appreciation for the wonders of space.

We're only scratching the surface of the **incredible experiences children are enjoying at camp.** From thrilling outdoor adventures to creative arts and crafts, we're dedicated to providing an enriching and unforgettable summer for the kids at our Club!”



Fighting Food Insecurity

Community Partners Provide Food at the Club and for Home

48% of kids in Orange County count on free and reduced price lunches at school to make sure that they get enough to eat. However, during the summer, kids don't have access to those resources and **one out of every eight kids doesn't always know where their next meal is coming from.**

At our Clubs, **we are committed to making sure that no child ever goes hungry. We are so thankful to our many community partners who help us honor that commitment.**



- Target – Twice each week, all year long, the Club picks up groceries to share with our Club members' families and to use in our teaching kitchens.
- Grocery Outlet – Throughout the month of July, Grocery Outlet – Fountain Valley donates thousands of dollars of food through the Independence from Hunger campaign. Food is used in our teaching kitchens to provide snacks and meals for kids as well as handed out directly by the Club to families.
- Caterina's Club – The charitable arm of Bruno Serato's Anaheim White House Restaurant provides a pasta meal for every child who wants it at our Kingston, Haynes HB, and Pacific Life Foundation Branches every day we operate.
- Second Harvest Food Bank – The food bank provides daily meals and snacks all school year and all summer long for kids at our Oak View Branch.

Thank you to each of these special community partners for stepping up to make sure that every child at the Boys & Girls Club has enough to eat at the Club and at home!

Helping Kids Become Fluent Readers

Intergenerational Reading Program Comes to Haynes HB Branch

The Haynes Huntington Beach Branch is welcoming back volunteers from the Parentis Foundation and the AARP Foundation Experience Corps OC for a full school year of reading tutoring. Every week throughout the school year, **seniors will volunteer as reading tutors, meeting with students in grades K-3 twice a week** to provide consistent reading support. The goal of the program is to help children who are not reading at grade level become fluent readers by the end of third grade. Unit Director Ryan Gassis shares, "We're so excited to welcome back the volunteers from Parentis Foundation. They are so dedicated and supportive of our kids, and we are really glad they will be here to give our Club members the help they need to get on track with reading. Teachers tell us that that **third grade is a critical**

year for developing reading fluency. Up to that point, kids are learning to read, but **in 4th grade and beyond, kids are reading to learn.**"



Greatness Amplified – One Day Giving Challenge

August 30, 2023



Save the date for the Club's annual one day giving challenge - **Greatness Amplified!** On August 30th, we are once again teaming up with the Orange County Community Foundation and all the Boys & Girls Clubs in Orange County for one amazing day to make a difference to local kids. Our Club's goal is to raise **\$200,000!** Hoag Hospital and our anonymous donor are back again this year to match every dollar that you donate. And, new this year, we are excited to share that our Board of Directors is going to match your gifts, too! That means **when you donate \$1, it will earn another \$3 for the Club,** truly amplifying your generous gift.

We hope you'll join in this fun and exciting campaign by:

- Visiting greatnessamplified.com on August 30th to make your gift
- Mailing a check in the enclosed envelope, designating your gift for "Greatness Amplified"
- Joining the campaign as a fundraiser by making your own fundraising page
- Sharing greatnessamplified.com in social media posts or by email on August 30th

On behalf of all the kids at the Club, we hope you'll be part of this special giving day, which makes it possible for the Club to do so much for the kids who need us most.

Kids Included Together

Supporting Children with Disabilities

At the Club, we strive to help every child fulfill their potential and to help every child feel welcome and included. The State of California has provided funding to help our Club get even better at reaching those goals. Thanks to a grant from the Department of Developmental Services, all of our program staff have the opportunity to participate in fantastic educational opportunities that will help our staff support children with intellectual and development disabilities. Our **staff are participating in a series of trainings** from the disability inclusion experts at Kids Included Together. **Trainings focus on disability inclusion, behavior support, social emotional learning, best practices for working with children with autism spectrum disorder and ADHD, improving communication with families and much more.** Our goal with this series of



trainings is to create an inclusive environment for all kids that helps promote positive relationships between kids with and without disabilities. When kids are included together, every child can feel engaged, inspired, and empowered in our programs.



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Working, Going Back to School & Raising a Family

Your Support Helps Hard-Working Parents Do It All

At the Boys & Girls Club, we are proud to give kids and parents in our community the very best in youth development programs and childcare. One of our priorities is ensuring families from all backgrounds can benefit from the Club, including families who are struggling financially. **We want every child to have the resources they need to thrive.** And, we also want every mom and dad to be able to work knowing their kids are safe and well cared for.

As a nonprofit, **we rely on the generosity of donors like you to reach the families who need us most. With your help, the Club will provide more than \$800,000 in childcare scholarships this year.** One of the families we serve is led by a hardworking mom named Tramy.

Tramy shared, "I am a single mom going to nursing school and working as well. **Being part of the Boys & Girls Club's scholarship program**

greatly reduces the financial stress and pressure on me. And, I know the Club will help my daughter's development and growth."



Thanks to donors like you, the Club is able to help Tramy's family while she is working toward a brighter future by going back to school. We do the same for thousands more local families. We know that you share our commitment to make a difference to families in our community. **Please make your gift today to help families like Tramy's build their great future!**

Celebrate with the Club!

Great Futures Start Here Annual Benefit & Four Sons Party



October 14 – Great Futures Start Here Annual Benefit Dinner & Auction at the Hyatt Regency in Huntington Beach.

Sponsored by Kingston Technology, this event brings together more than 600 of our community's business and civic leaders in support of the Club. You'll enjoy performances by our award-winning musical

theatre group, an online auction, a wonderful meal, and a chance to see and be seen at the biggest fundraiser in town. We hope to see you there! You can register online at greatfutures2023.com

September 14 – Gift Giving Party at Four Sons Brewery!

Join hosts John & Karla Etheridge, Prem & Linda Balani, Michael & Debi Luther, and Steve & Nina Nagel to sample local brews, enjoy great food and help the Club. Your \$10 ticket covers drinks and appetizers. Bring a gift valued at \$50 or more to help fill up the Club's silent auction at the Annual Benefit. Register online at bgchv.com/giftparties.

