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OF HUNTINGTON VALLEY

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Your Award Winning Club

Club Receives Honor Award for Community Collaboration



In October, the Club received the **Roxanne Spillett Honor Award for Community Collaboration** at the Boys & Girls Clubs of America Pacific Region Conference for our Imagine Science collaboration. Along with a \$5,000 prize, this award recognizes the Club for outstanding programming that brings together local organizations to amplify the positive impact of a program on local youth.

240 youth at our Club sites are provided with hands-on learning opportunities to boost their interest in science, technology, engineering, and math through the Imagine Science program. **The Club works closely with another local**

Boys & Girls Club, 4H, and the YMCA to develop shared curriculum, hold group trainings, and raise funds together for our joint efforts. Our collaboration gives kids opportunities to learn about STEM concepts, do hands-on activities, and demonstrate all that they've learned in showcases for the community. Children's interest in STEM careers increased by 16% this year among Imagine Science participants.

Our Imagine Science program continues to grow each session. Our Club was invited to participate in an offshoot program called Data Detectives, which teaches kids about data science using real life examples. Experts in virology and disease spoke with the kids

about health tracking in real world topics, like the spread of diseases during pandemics. They loved getting to talk to real scientists and build connections to topics pertinent to their everyday lives.

The hard work and dedication of our Club staff and our community partners has shown great results. We are ranked as one of the **top five Boys & Girls Club organizations in the country for community collaboration**, and we will go on to compete among those five in May 2024 for the National Honor Award for Community Collaboration.



Helping Families When They Need It Most

Matching Gift Opportunity to Double the Power of Your Contribution



A Fountain Valley mom shares, “I am a single mom of two girls. With the Club’s scholarship, I am able to have my daughters at a safe place after school. I can’t afford any other childcare, and my work does not end when school ends. This scholarship tremendously helps me to stay at my job to make a living and provide for my daughters.”

Because the Club’s affordable programs are so important for working moms and dads, the Club works hard to keep our programs accessible to every family that needs them. We offer some programs completely free of charge, sliding scale scholarships for fee-based programs, and we keep fees as low as possible – typically half the cost of childcare in Orange County. While

keeping our prices low, we also make sure that the quality of our programs and facilities are the best they can be.

To give every child who needs the Club access to our award-winning programs, support from community members like you is vital. With your help, kids get homework help, STEM and reading programs, and all the support they need to succeed in school. They explore their creativity in our arts programs as well as get active, play outside, and enjoy being part of a team in our sports leagues and fitness programs. They also learn leadership and life skills that help kids grow up to be great friends and neighbors. Kids do all of this while having FUN with friends at the Club!



To help the Club continue to make its important programs accessible to the children and families that need them most, **please make your year-end contribution today.** You can make your gift using the enclosed envelope, at bgchv.com/donate or by scanning the QR code. Every dollar makes a difference! And, thanks to donors John Bishop & Barbara Nieto and Debra Schroeder, **up to \$30,000 in gifts made by December 31st will be matched dollar for dollar.** Please give as generously as you can. **Thank you for including the kids at the Club on your holiday gift list!**



A Special Gift Just for You!

We appreciate you! To thank you for all that you have done for the kids at the Boys & Girls Club this year, we have enclosed a special gift just for you. Please hang this ornament to remind you that **your caring, kindness, and generosity have made a world of difference to the kids!**

Thank You!





Ready to Roll with New School Buses

State Grant Helps Fund New School Buses

Last year at this time, we shared the wonderful news that the State of California would help the Club purchase **8 new school buses**. These buses will replace the oldest diesel buses in our fleet with new greener energy school buses that meet the latest clean air regulations. We are excited to report that 6 of the new buses were delivered in October with more to come by the end of the year!

districts in our area. In time, we would have had to retire our oldest buses because they would not be able to meet the latest clean air requirements. Reducing our fleet like that would have meant reducing our services dramatically. So, when Senator Janet Nguyen told us that she'd secured a State Appropriations grant to help us keep our fleet at full capacity, we were overjoyed and so relieved.



CEO Art Groeneveld comments, "School buses are an incredibly important part of our day to day operations at the Boys & Girls Club. **Did you know that we work closely with five districts in order to bus children to and from 40 schools? With 20 buses in our fleet the Club has more buses than most school**

"Working moms and dads count on the Club every day, and that includes getting their kids to school in the morning or bringing them from school to our Clubs for afterschool care. **With these new buses, we can keep being the reliable place that families know they can always count on."**

Making a Big Impact

Donor Advised Funds & Matching Gifts

There are so many ways for you to help the kids at the Boys & Girls Club!

- **Donor Advised Funds**, often called DAFs, allow you to donate cash or stocks to charities like the Boys & Girls Club. Do you already have a DAF through Fidelity, Schwab, or BNY Mellon? If so, you can start your gift at bgchv.com/daf
- **Corporate Matching Gifts** can make a difference if you've already made a gift this year. If you wonder if your company might be able to match it, you can find out and connect to your company's matching gift program right from our website. Visit bgchv.com/match



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Club Facilities Get Upgrades Thanks to State Grants

New Playground, New HVAC & Lots More

The Club's facilities are getting some major upgrades thanks to support from the California Department of Social Services and the California State Parks' Office of Grants and Local Services!

Many of our upgrades are the sort of behind-the-scenes projects that our Club members and their families might never notice. But, each project helps make our facilities better, safer, and more comfortable for our members. With six Club-owned facilities to maintain, the cost of repairs and maintenance can be enormous. With the financial challenges brought on by the pandemic, many of these repairs were simply not possible over the last three years. But, now, thanks to support from these grants, the Club is able to catch up on all the projects that were put on hold. So, we're replacing HVAC units, flooring, countertops, paint, a roof, and much more. One of our Club members' favorite upgrades to our facilities is the installation of turf and a brand new playground at our Robert Mayer Child Development Preschool! Children love the new equipment that makes their outdoor play time even more fun.

Our Club members deserve the best, so our team is working hard to ensure that our facilities are the very best they can be. We are so thankful for the support from the State that makes these upgrades possible!



Help Make the Holidays Magical

Sign up to Volunteer

This holiday season, the Club will have special opportunities for families who could use a little help creating holiday magic! Through our Holly Jolly Holidays program, kids will get new pajamas, toys, and clothes that are just right for them. And, at our holiday parties, kids from each of our locations will meet Santa, enjoy holiday cookies and crafts, and get to pick out a special holiday gift.

If you'd like to be part of making the holidays magical, we'd love to have your help! You can donate toys, volunteer at a party, or sponsor gifts for a child in our Holly Jolly Holidays program. Email events@bgchv.com to get involved.





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Great Futures Start Here Annual Benefit

Nearly 600 Guests Come Together to Raise \$700,000+

The Club's Great Futures Start Here 45th Annual Benefit Dinner and Auction was an incredible success, **raising more than \$700,000!** Funds raised at the annual benefit help the Club provide childcare scholarships to hundreds of families, enable the organization to offer free programs like our Oak View Branch and Twilight Education Project, and help keep the Boys & Girls Club accessible and affordable for all families in our community. Nearly 600 guests were in attendance at the Hyatt Regency Huntington Beach Resort and Spa, coming together to support the children at the Boys & Girls Club by sponsoring tables, purchasing auction items and raffle tickets, and giving generously to sponsor children in the Club's scholarship program.



The Club gives special thanks to our **Title Sponsor Kingston Technology and to the Mayer Family**, who surprised the organization with a **Title Sponsorship** gift two days before the event and by kicking off our **Sponsor a Child** portion of the evening with a **\$50,000** donation! This extraordinary generosity is a wonderful way to honor the legacy of the late Robert Mayer, Sr., who was one of the most generous supporters in the organization's history. Four generations of the Mayer family were there to continue his legacy of changing children's lives for the better through the Boys & Girls Club.



Highlights of the event included a performance of a **special song written for the Club by country music artist and Club alum Timmy McKeever**, **performances by our Club members**, and a **moving speech by a parent named Jari**. She has recovered from drug addiction, grown from the struggles of being a teen mom, and is now a small business owner. She shared that the Club has helped her along the way: "With help from the Club, we can work longer hours and focus more on our business, all the while knowing that our children are being enriched, nurtured, loved, and cared for. Our kids are excited to go to the Club every day and participate in amazing programs that support them academically and enrich their lives. They are getting the guidance and support I never had and that helps us be the great parents we want to be for our kids." We are so thankful for all the Club supporters who help families like hers!



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