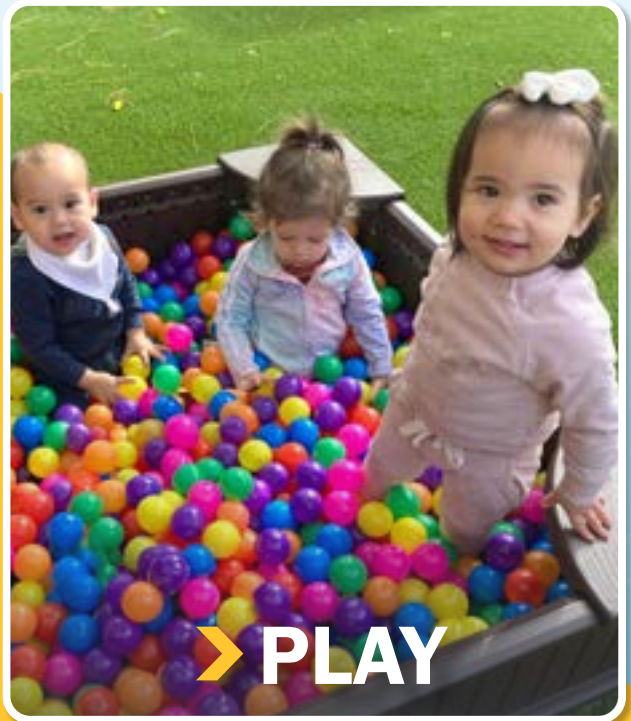




**BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS**  
OF HUNTINGTON VALLEY



# Meet the Club's Youths of the Year



## **Evelyn**

### *ClubHouse Academy*

As a member of ClubHouse Academy for 13 years, Evelyn's dedication and perseverance have stood out and set her on the path to success.

Evelyn's favorite Club memories are of her time in our dance program. There, she developed a real love for dance, found supportive friends, and felt like she became part of the ClubHouse Academy family. Looking towards the future, she aspires to become a physical therapist and is determined to help kids like her achieve their dreams!

## **Eduardo**

### *Oak View Branch*

Eduardo has been a loyal Boys and Girls Club attendee since age seven. His dedication to his academics is evident, reflecting the values instilled in him by his family. Eduardo is a wonderful role model for his peers and he works hard to pave the way for his younger siblings and he hopes to show them the importance of education. Eduardo also loves sports, especially football and soccer and he hopes to excel in football, like his older brother. Club staff share, "We are so proud of Eduardo's accomplishments and can't wait to see what his future holds!"

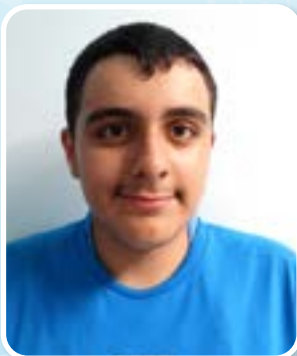


## **Leilani**

### *Kingston Branch*

Leilani has been a member of our Kingston Branch for three years and she was at our Learning Center Preschool before that. She's an amazing example of a Boys & Girls Club member and the staff appreciate her kindness and helpfulness.

She comes to the Club each day with a positive attitude and a good sense of humor. She always works to include other children and loves to make personalized greeting cards for other kids and staff members at the Club. Leilani recently told the staff that she hopes to become a marine biologist when she grows up, caring for the ocean and its organisms.



## **Theo**

### *Haynes Huntington Beach Branch*

Now in 8th grade, Theo has been a member at the Club since he was in kindergarten. Theo is part of our Robotics and Coding Club and has served as Treasurer of our

Torch Club for two years. He is always willing to help and finds ways to get involved at the Club. From volunteering in the kinder room to leading 3D printing and coding workshops to running Club store, he is a go to person whenever staff need someone responsible and willing to help. Theo is so involved at the Club that one staff commented, "There are times that he's more like a junior staff than a Club member."

## **Sydney**

### *Pacific Life Foundation Branch*

For the past ten years at our Club, Sydney has shown how kind and compassionate she is. She shows genuine warmth and is always willing to extend a helping hand, whether it's lending a listening ear to a fellow member in need or going above and beyond to ensure that everyone feels welcomed and valued. Sydney is a leader at the Club, offering creative ideas and lending her support to ongoing projects. A staff member shares, "We love having Sydney at the Club - she brightens everyone's day and loves to take on a project and help her group succeed."



# Youth Development Professionals of the Year

## Club Honors Outstanding Staff Members



**Ms. Rosa**

*Kingston Branch*

"Every day at our Kingston Branch, Rosa makes the Games Room one of the most fun places for kids to spend their after school time," says Unit Director Diana Kacic. "She does an amazing job ensuring that

our members have fun while staying safe and learning good sportsmanship. We appreciate all the hard work and wisdom she brings to the Club."



**Ms. Starla**

*Haynes Huntington Beach Branch*

"We've been so impressed by Starla's work over the last two years that we recently promoted her to Program Coordinator," says Ryan Gassis, the Haynes Family Huntington

Beach Branch Unit Director. "Starla has worked in many of our program areas, like the Art Room, Playground, and field trips and she always does so much to make the kids' time at the Club really special. Starla goes above and beyond and truly embodies our 'Whatever It Takes' motto to help Club members succeed."



**Ms. Cathy**

*Pacific Life Foundation Branch*

Unit Director Alejandra Morales shares, "Ms. Cathy is like the Grandma that you want every child to have. Every day, Cathy walks through our doors with a heart full of

kindness and positive energy. She leads the classes and activities in our teaching kitchen and helps each of the kids build their skills and confidence. She takes the time to get to know each of the kids and she can always tell when one of the kids might need a little extra support. Her encouraging words, supportive gestures, or simply her warm presence make a difference both to our team and to the children we serve."

**Ms. Karina**

*Oak View Branch*

Director of Family Support Programs Michelle Alvarez comments, "Karina is great at planning activities that get our members excited about their time at the Club. She helps create a secure and nurturing environment that always makes kids feel safe and welcome. Her impact on Club members extends from arts and STEM to sports, homework assistance, and recreational activities. We are so thankful for her creativity, dedication, and commitment to giving our Club kids the best experience!"



## Thank you, Golf Tournament Supporters!

More than 250 golfers came out to Mile Square Golf Course to support the kids at our Clubs this May and together they raised \$136,000 at the JMG Security Systems Annual Benefit Golf Tournament! CEO Art Groeneveld says, "It was a beautiful couple of days full of fun on the golf course but it means so much more than that because of the generosity and caring of each of our golfers and sponsors. That's especially true of the leadership of Ken Jacobs, Steve Gardner and the staff at JMG and Pacific Premier Bank, and our volunteer tournament committee including Pete Jacobs, Jill Payne, Brian Bassaline, Ken Little, Sara Claypool, Nick Kline and Juliana Schmid. They give their all each year to make sure this event is the best it can be because they want to support the kids." Thank you to all of our Golf Tournament supporters - you're giving so many children a world of opportunities at the Boys & Girls Club!



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# 700 Youth to Attend Club for Free This Summer

## School District ELOP Partnerships Provide New Opportunities

Thanks to the Club's growing partnerships with local school districts, 700 youth from 18 different schools will have the opportunity to attend the Boys & Girls Club this summer free of charge. The Club will provide afterschool programs for youth in grades K-5 who are part of local summer school programs. When summer school is not in session on Fridays, kids will enjoy a full day of fun at the Boys & Girls Club.

The Club is thrilled to work with Ocean View School District and Huntington Beach City School District to help prevent summer learning loss and give kids a safe place to spend their summer. Chief Operating Officer Ryan Brenes comments, "This partnership helps us reach the kids who need the Club the most. Each participant comes from a low-income household, or is a foster youth, or is homeless, or is learning English as a Second Language. Giving them a summer of fun and learning is going to make a big difference and it is really special that we're able to do that free of charge thanks to our partnership with the school districts."



Ocean View School District



## Thank You, Surf City Rotary!

### \$50,000 Donated to the Club

The Club is proud to have once again been selected as the Premier Charity for Surf City Rotary of Huntington Beach's annual benefit, Splash. More than 200 guests came together at the Waterfront Beach Resort to support Rotary and their charitable projects. **Thanks to the generosity of Splash's supporters, the Club received a \$50,000 contribution from Rotary.** CEO Art Groeneveld comments, "Charitable contributions like this gift from Rotary are so important. Donations make up about one third of the Club's annual budget. They are the key to ensuring that the Club is accessible to every child, including kids whose families may be struggling financially."



# Broadway Class at the Club

## Youth Learn Dance Technique from *Lion King* Cast Member

This spring our ClubHouse Academy members had an amazing opportunity! Thanks to partnership with Stage Door Access, 64 Club members got to work with a cast member



from *The Lion King* Broadway National Tour at a special dance workshop held at our Kingston Branch. They learned dance technique and choreography from one of the best performing arts professionals in the country in order to

take their own performing skills to the next level. The timing worked out perfectly! The kids were able to be part of this workshop right before our ClubHouse Academy production of *The Lion King Jr* began rehearsals. The director of the Club's dance and theatre programs Allison Horner comments, "The most exciting thing for me about the master class was having *The Lion King* cast member comment on our students and their good training with us, their talent, and their promise as performers! Also, it was wonderful to have the kids hear that if being a performer is their dream, they are fully capable of realizing that dream!"



Help make special programs like these possible by donating to the Club today! Use the enclosed envelope, scan the QR code or visit [bgchv.com/donate](http://bgchv.com/donate)

# Club Members Build Resilience Through Equine Therapy

## Free Rein Horse Sanctuary Helps Kids and Horses

This spring, the Club teamed up with Free Rein to offer twelve members of our Oak View Branch an incredible opportunity to participate in Equine-Assisted Learning (EAL) sessions under the expert guidance of trained facilitators and equine specialists. This special opportunity was coordinated by the Huntington Beach Auto Dealers Association. In the course, youth ages 11-13 learned about resilience by working with horses rescued from abuse, now living at Free Rein Sanctuary. Each week, the group explored a new theme: building trust with horses, enhancing communication skills, setting and respecting boundaries, and understanding emotions. Safety was a priority, with each session beginning with a thorough briefing on interacting with the horses. The program also featured special guests - police officers from the Huntington

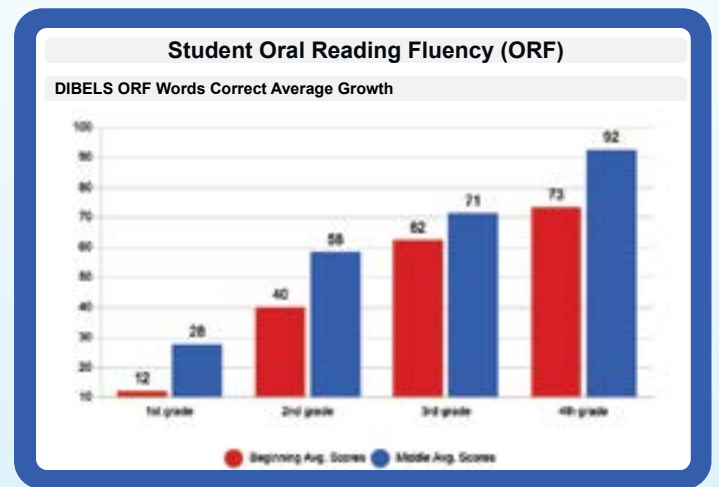


Beach Police Department's equestrian unit. This time together helped foster positive relationships between the children and uniformed officers in the community. Michelle Alvarez, Director of Family Support Programs, shares, "The kids are so engrossed in the experience of being with the horses that the lessons don't feel like 'learning.' They're just having fun interacting with these extraordinary animals. But, as an educator, I love seeing each child build their self-confidence, their communication skills, and the skills needed to support their good mental health and well-being. We're thrilled to continue this empowering program and see the growth, learning, and bonds formed between the kids and their four-legged partners."

# Empowering Young Readers

## A Year of Dedicated Tutoring with the Parentis Foundation and AARP Experience Corps OC

In partnership with the Parentis Foundation and AARP Foundation Experience Corps OC, the Haynes Huntington Beach Branch has welcomed back volunteers for a full school year of reading tutoring. Senior volunteers meet 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. This school year, our dedicated volunteers spent more than 460 hours tutoring students one-on-one, invested over 390 hours in tutor training, and conducted more than 1,100 tutoring sessions. Unit Director Ryan Gassis shares, "We are so thankful for the volunteers from the Parentis Foundation! We received so much positive feedback from parents who saw an improvement in their child's reading fluency and confidence this year. Our members are excited to go to Reading Club, always asking when they get to read with their tutors again. We can't wait to welcome the tutors back in the Fall!"



# Nurturing Tomorrow's Leaders

## Preschools Celebrate the Week of the Young Child

This spring, Learning Center and Robert Mayer Child Development Preschools celebrated Week of The Young Child, emphasizing the importance of early childhood education. This national event puts a focus on how the early childhood years lay the foundation for children's success in school and later life. Through engaging activities like making musical instruments and exploring healthy snacks, our preschoolers are learning critical skills while having fun. Our teachers work hard to make sure every child feels happy and safe while they learn about doing well in school, getting along with others, and always being ready to learn. By investing in their early years, we're investing in building brighter futures for our children and communities.



Rochelle Nguyen, Director of Preschool Programs, shares, "Early childhood education lays the foundation for children in so many ways. In our preschools, kids develop a love for learning, because we make it fun. Preschool is also the first place many young children learn to make friends and build relationships with adults outside of their family - our wonderful staff members. Our preschool staff are dedicated to providing a safe and nurturing environment where children can thrive academically, socially, emotionally, and physically."

# IN MEMORIAM

## A Special Tribute to John Rich

It is with great sadness that we share the news that John Rich has passed away. John was a member of our Board of Governors and a longtime member of the Board of Directors, who served as Board President and member of the Boys & Girls Clubs of America Area Council. His positive impact on the Boys & Girls Club and the children and families we serve will be felt for generations to come.

In John's decades of volunteering with the Boys & Girls Club, he was a leader we all admired and who helped shape our organization. For his incredible dedication the Club awarded him our highest honors, including the From the Heart Award, the Eagle Award, and the Champion of Youth Award. He helped build our strong relationship with Surf City Rotary, which continues today, and co-chaired the capital campaign that led to the creation of the Kingston Technology Family Campus, enjoyed by hundreds



of children every day. John was always ready to share his time, wisdom, and expertise, and we are grateful that our Boys & Girls Club was an organization he cared about so deeply.

Through his dedication, generosity, and unwavering commitment to doing the right thing, he taught us so much. We are thankful for his profound impact on our organization and lives.

## A Special Tribute to Shirley Dettloff

We are deeply saddened by the passing of Shirley Dettloff, a beloved member of our community and advocate for the Boys & Girls Club. She will be sorely missed. As a member of our Board of Directors for over 25 years, she served as Board President and received our Club's most prestigious awards for her dedicated service including the Champion of Youth, the Eagle, the Eddy, and the Woman and Youth Awards. Shirley's determination and leadership were unmatched as she worked tirelessly to ensure our organization and its programs remain affordable for every child who walks through our doors.

As a leader on our Auction Committee for over a decade, Shirley played a pivotal role in securing funds for scholarships and free programs for



at-risk youth in our community. Her unwavering commitment to our community's children, her generosity, and her determination have made a lasting impression on this organization and the people it serves. Shirley's legacy of unwavering support for the children in our community will be remembered and felt for generations to come.



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# Club Wins Addy Award

This fall, the Club partnered with board member Gary Lindman and Steve Shannon, a retired Hyundai marketing executive, who volunteered their time and expertise and assembled an incredible team of volunteers and professionals. This talented crew graciously worked at reduced rates to produce nine videos showcasing our programs. These videos quickly gained momentum on social media, accumulating over 950,000 views so far. Recognizing the campaign's exceptional quality, Mr. Shannon submitted it to the American Advertising Federation of Orange County's awards program and our video campaign promoting school-age programs received a Silver ADDY Award! You can view our award-winning videos on our YouTube channel at [bgchv.com/videoplaylist](http://bgchv.com/videoplaylist).



# Save the Date

Join us at these  
Community Events



**GIFT GIVING PARTY AT THE HUNTINGTON HARBOUR YACHT CLUB** July 31, 2024

Enjoy a fun night with appetizers and drinks at the Huntington Harbour Yacht Club and bring a gift valued at \$50+ for the Club's November auction.

**PINS FOR KIDS** August 17, 2024

Save the date! Bowl with us at the Fountain Valley Bowling Center to raise money for the Boys & Girls Club and the Kiwanis Club.

**GREATNESS AMPLIFIED** August 21, 2024

Join in the exciting one day giving challenge this summer and help the Club raise \$100,000!



**GREAT FUTURES START HERE. ED ARNOLD ANNUAL BENEFIT DINNER AND AUCTION**

November 2, 2024

Presented by the ROBERT L. MAYER FAMILY FUND  
Join 650 community leaders

for our signature event at the Hyatt Regency to help raise \$650,000 for scholarships and free programs for our community's youth. Enjoy dinner, a live auction, and entertainment by our talented ClubHouse Academy performers.



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