

Chief Executive Officer's Report



Monthly Report for our Board, Staff and Friends

November 2007

Tanya Hoxsie

LOCAL HEROES

The 2007 Orange County Neighborhood Excellence Initiative Awards, presented by Bank of America recognized one of our own this month. At a luncheon held at the Diamond Club at Angel Stadium, Bob Hoxsie was saluted for his years of service to this community. Of course the Boys & Girls Clubs of Huntington Valley was there to support his efforts. A check for \$5,000 was given to the charity of his choice. The money will go towards the capital campaign in Bob's name. WAY TO GO, BOB!

UPCOMING EVENTS

The month of December is filled with exciting events for this organization. Following are the dates and how you can help. Please mark your calendars because you won't want to miss the opportunity to see first hand what this organization does for the kids and families in this community. For more information, call Tanya at 357-2582

December 4 (6:30pm) - Fountain Valley Tree Lighting Ceremony at City Hall

...watch our Theatre kids perform show tunes from Bah Humbug, participate in tree lighting events and support John Collins as he takes over as FV Mayor.

December 6 (6:00pm) - Board Holiday Party

...come and celebrate a year well-done!

December 7 (6:30pm) - Staff Holiday Party

...help set-up, check-in, donate raffle prizes, etc.

December 15 & 16 - (7pm) Dance Showcase

...watch our young dancers showcase their talents

December 19 (6pm) Annual "On Dasher, On Dancer" Kids Holiday Party

... help at the event, donate toys, or just stop by and see the smiles on 250 disadvantaged kids.

2007, WHAT A YEAR!

The organization began 2007 not knowing what to expect. The economy was changing, other non-profits in the community were showing signs of struggle, the housing market was falling and business practices in general were slow and cautious. We had a lot at stake after the many changes that happened in 2005-06 (relocating the Learning Center Preschool, opening the ClubHouse Academy, closing Kid Connection, and signing a lease with Golden West College to build a new club on their campus) but overall, we believed we were on the right track!

As the year comes to an end, I am happy to say that we had a GREAT year. Our theme for the year, "I BELIEVE" came true for the thousands of kids and families that benefit from our programs and services. Thank you to everyone that helped make this happen.



CLUB Updates

GWC CHILD DEV. CENTER Susan Bixler -

The month of November we have incorporated "Family and Culture" into our curriculum. Staffs have created activities to bring in each child's family into the classroom through books, art, dictations and much more. Children have shared their favorite things to do with their families. On Friday November 16th we celebrated the families and cultures of the GWCCDC with our annual Multi-Cultural Potluck. Each family brought in a favorite dish from their culture to share. We had many parents participate at this special event and the children enjoyed eating together as a "family" outside on the picnic benches. This special event was a great success and a perfect tie into what the children have been learning about in the classrooms.

GWC staff and administration have been working hard to meet requirements and certain qualifications for the Star Rating system with United Ways Success by 6. Staffs have been going to the Department of Education to apply for a teaching permit and have also been attending specific trainings to help us reach the next star level. 5 stars and NAEYC accreditation is our goal and the highest possible level.

CLUBHOUSE ACADEMY Steve Savage -

Halloween was filled with fun and excitement, thanks to our hardworking Clubhouse Theatre cast and crew, who provided a huge Haunted House event at our Fountain Valley Kingston Branch. This event was available to the community to enjoy a safe and fun night of Halloween entertainment. The Cast also provided community members with the theatrical performance of "Axe of Murder" show. This highly anticipated seasonal show brought many community members into our Kingston Branch who were in the mood for some Halloween fun. Wait...there is more. The Clubhouse Theatre also provided us with a performance of "Don't Say No to the U.S.O." which community members and families clearly enjoyed. We would really like to see you and your families attend these fun events and support these hard working young cast members. While the Theatre is very busy, our Fall Athletic Season is also getting underway with games taking place at both our Fountain Valley and Huntington Beach Branches. After a summer full of exhilarating basketball and soccer games, we are looking forward to a great fall season of sports. Dance, gymnastics, karate, and tae-kwon-dao are still going and growing strong and we are enjoying the increase of membership from our club busing program. Our Dance instructor Tawny is busy preparing our annual Winter Dance Recital that will be held at our Fountain Valley Kingston Branch on Saturday December 15th at 7:00PM and Sunday, December 16th at 2:00PM and 7:00PM. This dance recital is a chance for our young dance members to showcase their talents for their families and the local community, so be sure to come out and support these gifted dance performers. Stop by the Clubhouse Academy today to see our fall class listings for both children and adults!

CLUB Updates Continued...

KINGSTON Shannon Roache - The kids had a great time this summer participating in many special events and activities. August was very busy and included special events like our Summer Luau and Water Carnival. Both events were a huge success with 230+ participants. The Luau included of a steel drum band, dunk tank, snow cone machine and many carnival games and activities. The water carnival included a forty foot water slide on our playground. All participants had a great time and left with many great prizes. After these events were finished, the club switched gears and started to prepare members for the quickly approaching return to school. The Education room was especially helpful in this process starting two new clubs to help members prepare. On Mondays, staff created a math magic club that was open for all ages. The staff taught the kids basic math skills by using materials such as hot sauce packets and dominos to make the learning process more fun. The kids really enjoyed using different and unique props to learn math. The second club was the Life Science Club. The Education room staff started off by having the members discuss what part of science they wanted to focus on. After a brainstorming and planning they decided to build a mold of a volcano and learn the facts as to how it works. Both clubs were so successful that they are being continued throughout the school year.

HB BRANCH Tim Nolan - October has been a great month for us at the club. With huge member numbers and fantastic programs the club is bursting with life. One of our national programs, "Club Tech", is now underway. We have been working on our first project, Photo Illustration, where you make a picture collage around a specific theme. This year's theme is "Our Changing World". Our children put together wonderful works and we have now uploaded them to compete in the national competition.

With Halloween right around the corner we have a few fun projects planned. First, our primary kids will be painting their favorite designs on pumpkins and sharing them with their families. Second, we will have a Halloween Carnival on the 31st. We will transform a part of the club to have mystery rooms and fun activities. The kids are all very excited about it already. Third, a large group of kids will be going over to our Kingston club to take part in a Haunted House. As you can see we have a lot going on. Look forward to talking to you soon.

LEARNING CENTER Chelo Loshak -

**AWAY FOR THE
HOLIDAYS ON VACATION!**