

Boys & Girls Clubs of Huntington Valley

CEO Report



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OF HUNTINGTON VALLEY

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Frequently Asked Questions

What is Boys & Girls Clubs of Huntington Valley?

Founded in 1967, Boys & Girls Clubs of Huntington Valley is the largest provider of youth services in the Huntington Beach and Fountain Valley communities. The Club is a nonprofit organization and its mission is to inspire and enable the healthy development of all young people, especially those from disadvantaged circumstance to fulfill their potential as caring, responsible, and productive community members. To fulfill this mission, the Club presents a wide array of programs at its five locations, including two licensed daycare and preschool facilities, two school age youth facilities offering before and after school care and sports leagues, and a performing arts academy.

Who does Boys & Girls Clubs of Huntington Valley serve?

The Club serves 8,000 youth from Huntington Beach, Fountain Valley and the surrounding communities. The Club's members range in age from 6 weeks old to high school students. The Club targets working poor families to help at-risk kids succeed and to give parents the opportunity to work or go to school knowing that their children are safe and well-cared for. 71% of the Club's members are from low to moderate income families and 98% come from households where all parents work or go to school full-time. A recent survey of parents showed that 94% of the Club's low-income members' parents could not work at their current jobs or go to school without BGCHV's affordable programs.

What do kids do at the Boys & Girls Club?

The Club has so much to offer! Whether a child is sporty or bookish, every child can find what they need at the Club. Examples of activities include: homework help and tutoring, community service and leadership clubs, cooking and nutrition classes, arts and crafts, basketball, soccer, football, theatre, dance, gymnastics, cheerleading, martial arts, music and art clubs, graphic design, web design, digital photography, pool, foosball, fitness programs, financial literacy, teen programs, field trips, special events and so much more.

What's special about Boys & Girls Clubs of Huntington Valley?

The Club is committed to providing programs of the highest quality that meet the community's needs and the Club makes sure that the families who need its services have access to them. The Club's programs for children of all ages have been recognized nationally for their exceptional quality:

- Boys & Girls Clubs of America ranked Boys & Girls Clubs of Huntington Valley the #1 Boys & Girls Club in the nation in 2003 and in 2008 ranked Huntington Valley the #2 Club in the nation from a field of more than 4,000 for the quality, scope, and effectiveness of the programs offered to school age youth.
- The Club's Learning Center Preschool earned accreditation from the National Association for the Education of Young Children and is 5-Star Quality Rated by United Way's Success by Six program

To make these great programs accessible to the community, the Club keeps its fees below market rate and offers more than \$300,000 in scholarships each year to disadvantaged families. This is made possible by the generosity of community members who support the Club through donations, special event fundraisers and grants.

Do the Boys & Girls Clubs of Huntington Valley's programs make a difference?

Yes! According to a recent member survey: 82% of the Club's members feel better about themselves since they started coming to the Club. 81% say they do better in school because of the homework help they get at the Club. 87% say the Club gives them a place they feel like they belong. 92% say there is an adult at the Club that they could talk to if they had a problem. 86% have learned something new or tried something new at the Club. 83% say they have helped other kids at the Club or been part of a service project to do good for the community. 86% have found a role model or mentor at the Club. With results like these, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Huntington Valley truly is "The Positive Place for Kids"!

The Club's Scholarship Program

How many children do the Club's scholarships help?

600-700 children participate in the Boys & Girls Clubs of Huntington Valley's scholarship program each year. That's nearly 10% of all Club members!

Why do these families need extra help?

- 80% are families led by single moms, trying to provide for their families with just one income.
- 64% of families receiving scholarships have extremely low incomes. That means their annual income is less than 30% of Orange County's median family income.
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- 12% of families receiving scholarships have low to moderate incomes. That means their annual income is between 51-80% of Orange County's Median Family Income.

Is there help for families when a parent loses a job or has another financial emergency?

Yes! When the economy took a turn for the worse, BGCHV started an emergency scholarship program. When a family has a sudden financial hardship like the loss of a job, the Club offers scholarships until the family gets back on their feet.

Is there help for parents who are going back to school?

Through our partnership with Golden West College, BGCHV gives discounted rates and scholarships to families with parents attending the college. They need a helping hand while they try to better themselves and their families' futures.

Does scholarship support really make a difference to families?

Yes! Scholarships help parents be able to go to work knowing their kids are safe and well cared for and keep kids in a positive, supervised environment.

- 84% of parents say they could not work at their current jobs without scholarship help to make after school care or full day childcare accessible for their children.
- 16% of parents say that without scholarship help, their kids would be home alone and unsupervised.



Learning Center Child Development Preschool, HB

The children were busy during the last week of October; on Tuesday, Oct. 25 and Wednesday, Oct. 26 volunteers from the Assistance League of Orange County came to the Learning Center and provided vision screening for 36 children. Mrs. Resa Evans was among them and it was good to see a Board Member visiting our preschool. Thank You, Resa.

The field trip to the Pumpkin Patch was very successful and even though it was hot that day, the children enjoyed riding on the school bus, the child rides, the petting zoo, and the experience of visiting a Pumpkin Patch with their classmates. There were 54 children and 10 volunteers at the event.

The month of November begins with several activities that we had scheduled for the staff and

the children. To start the month, November 3-6 is NAEYC's annual conference that is being held in Anaheim; Administrators and a couple of teachers will attend the conference and on November 9, four teachers will attend a "Math Everywhere" workshop that will be offered by HBSD. These trainings help the Administrators and the teachers stay current and updated in the Early Childhood field. Friday,

November 19 will be our annual "Multicultural Potluck" in which we will celebrate the different cultures that we have at our Learning Center. To end the month, Monday, November 29, the OVSD Nurse will do the first screening on Weight, Height, and Hearing.



ClubHouse Academy, Fountain Valley

November was a great month for the ClubHouse Academy. December promises to be just as busy! The athletic season is halfway through its eight-week fall session, with nearly 60 teams currently in competition at both the Kingston and Huntington Beach Branches. Team pictures will be taking place over the course of the next two weeks.

The martial arts programs, including Tae Kwon Do and Karate, have seen record growth. There has been over a 100% enrollment increase in our karate classes, with winter numbers last year at 27 students and numbers this year at 62 students!

Lastly, the dance program at the ClubHouse Academy is also having a busy month. First, performers from a variety of groups, including the Hip-Hop

Dance Team and Ballet classes, will be performing in the annual Fountain Valley Tree Lighting Ceremony. This is in preparation for the annual ClubHouse Academy Winter Dance Recital. This will be taking place on Sunday, December 12th, at the Kingston-Fountain Valley branch. There will be a total of two acts, with over 90 dancers participating. Jazz, tap, contemporary, hip-hop, pre-school dance, and advanced ballet will be just some of the amazing variety of performances to be seen. If anyone would like to have the opportunity to see this great show, tickets are available through the ClubHouse Academy front office. Please call 714-593-0753 to book your tickets today!

GWC Child Development Preschool, HB

November started with the attendance of the annual NAEYC conference which was held in Anaheim this year. Admin and some staff members attended this amazing 4 day conference which was filled with educational sessions all geared toward Early Childhood Education. The final day was spent shopping the vendors with their hard to pass up 50% discounted rates! Some furniture needed for the new building was purchased which makes it that much more apparent that the move date is getting closer.

Staff has been incorporating family, friends, culture and being thankful as themes to their lesson planning. Children have been learning about the many cultures around the world through books and pictures. They are talking about their family and friends and what being thankful means by sharing traditions around Thanksgiving time. Staff is focusing on the change in color of leaves and incorporating those colors in art work, colorful fall wreaths display

these colors around the classrooms. On November 19th we will be holding our annual "Multi-Cultural Potluck," where families at the center bring in a food from their culture to share. In talking about cultures and families with the children we are excited to share and honor the many cultures at GWC Child Development Center!

The end of November brings further training for staff in our Desired Results Assessment Tool where measures used to track children's development have increased in number. We will be going over the new measures and also be shown how to input the measures on a spreadsheet that calculates strengths and weaknesses for each individual child. Therefore making it visible where lesson plans need to be adjusted to meet the needs of the children in the areas that scored low.

Development Department

We are excited to have received a \$100,000 pledge from the Pacific Life Foundation for the new Robert Mayer Child Development Preschool. This brings the total of grant funds raised for the capital campaign this year to more than \$1.2 million!

In our partnership with Surf City Rotary, we are taking on some of the administrative elements of Surf City Splash and have gotten out the first two mailings for that event – Save the Dates and solicitation letters to all last year's guests and

donors. A prospect mailing will follow soon.

We have also completed reporting for our United Way grant, invoiced Golden West College for scholarship reimbursement, applied for a grant from the City of Fountain Valley, submitted a "pre-grant report" for our JCPenney grant, and completed our first quarter report on the payback of the Children & Families Commission grant. We also received a pledge for a \$30,000 grant from BGCA – OJP for mentoring activities in 2011.

Huntington Beach Branch

October finished with a bang. Our teens put together a wonderful Halloween Dance. Our teens decked out their room with Halloween décor and put on amazing costumes. Fun was had by all and it was a night to remember. We also held a Halloween carnival for all our club members. The teen room was turned into a Halloween mystery maze that had our kids on pins and needles. We also had Halloween games, cupcake decorating, face painting, costume contest and the bounce house. Our children really loved the carnival.

We are in the process of completing the first two categories of Club Tech. They are Music Tech and Photo Tech.

Music Tech teaches the children how to make music/ songs using a computer program. Our kids are having a great time while developing very important computer skills. Photo Tech is the use of pictures to create a variety of themes. The goal is for our artist to show what they feel space means to them. All non copyrighted and personally taken pictures are allowed as entries. On Friday November 19th we will be having our 7th Annual Thanksgiving Feast. Our club will put together a full Thanksgiving meal for the members complete with all the trimmings. This has been a huge hit in the past and we look forward to doing it again.

