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The SPIRIT of Halloween

Kids of all ages got into the spirit of the year's spookiest holiday...

The HAUNTED ClubHouse

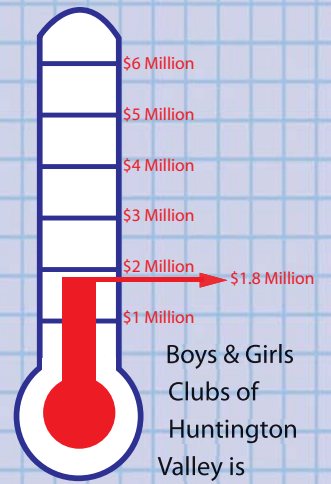


The Advanced Cast of the ClubHouse Theatre program gave a heart-pounding performance of "The Axe of Murder" to help get the kids at the Kingston branch into the spooky spirit. The play had kids on the edges of their seats, delighted to be just a little bit scared! Continuing the Halloween fun, the Advanced Cast also put on "The Haunted ClubHouse" tour early on Halloween night. Teen ClubHouse Theatre members practiced their improv skills as they performed as scary monsters and ghosts for thrill seekers. Kids worked on the sets, helped create their own costumes and characters, and did their own makeup, making this event "by the kids, for the kids." To go along with the Haunted ClubHouse tours, the Hyatt Regency Huntington Beach Resort sent 10 of their managers to help Club staff put on a special Halloween carnival. Kids had a fantastic time with a bounce house, face painting and tons of Halloween themed games like a candy-corn relay, an eye-ball hunt, pin the stem on the pumpkin, an icky guessing game and more.



Future Home on the Golden West College Campus

Here is a sneak peak at the Club's dream.



Boys & Girls Clubs of Huntington Valley is teaming up with Golden West College to build a new Boys & Girls Club on the college's campus! This will allow the Club to target families from northwest Huntington Beach, where more than 30% of families are economically disadvantaged and in need of affordable, high quality child care. The new facility will help families build their dreams of a better future by enabling

parents to work or go to school full time while their children are well cared for by the Club's dedicated staff. Eight preschool classrooms will accommodate children ages 6 weeks to 5 years and a before and after school center with an adjacent gymnasium will give 2500 children a safe place to learn and play every year. To date, our generous family of donors has pledged approximately \$1.8 million of the \$6 million needed to complete the project. If you would like to learn more about the Club's dream for bright futures for our community's children and families or find out how you can become a dream builder, call Laura at 714-309-4962.

On The Road to Success



Preschoolers are taking their first steps on the road to academic success through "Readiness on the Road," a free program funded through the Orange County Children & Families Commission and the Boys & Girls Clubs of Orange County Alliance. While kids are at school and our Clubs would normally be unoccupied, the Kingston and Huntington Beach Branches have become a host site for this exciting program offering preschool instruction and parent education to 45 economically disadvantaged families with children ages 2 ½ -5. In classes offered one day each week, children learn the fundamentals that will prepare them for Kindergarten and parents learn what their children need to be healthy and academically ready for school. In a "We Learn Together" segment of the program, parents have the chance to become the teacher and gain confidence in practicing school readiness activities that they can do with their children at home. Because healthy kids are better able to learn, the program offers free dental, hearing and vision screening from school readiness and public health nurses and referrals to free and low-cost healthcare resources in the community. The Club is thrilled to partner with the Boys & Girls Clubs of Orange County Alliance to help our community's youngest members get ready for success!

I Believe...



The Boys & Girls Clubs of Huntington Valley gives a special thanks to all the generous donors who helped make our 29th Annual Benefit Dinner & Auction, "I Believe," a huge success! Together, these community members raised more than \$430,000 for programs and scholarships for disadvantaged youth.

Thank you for believing you can make a difference!

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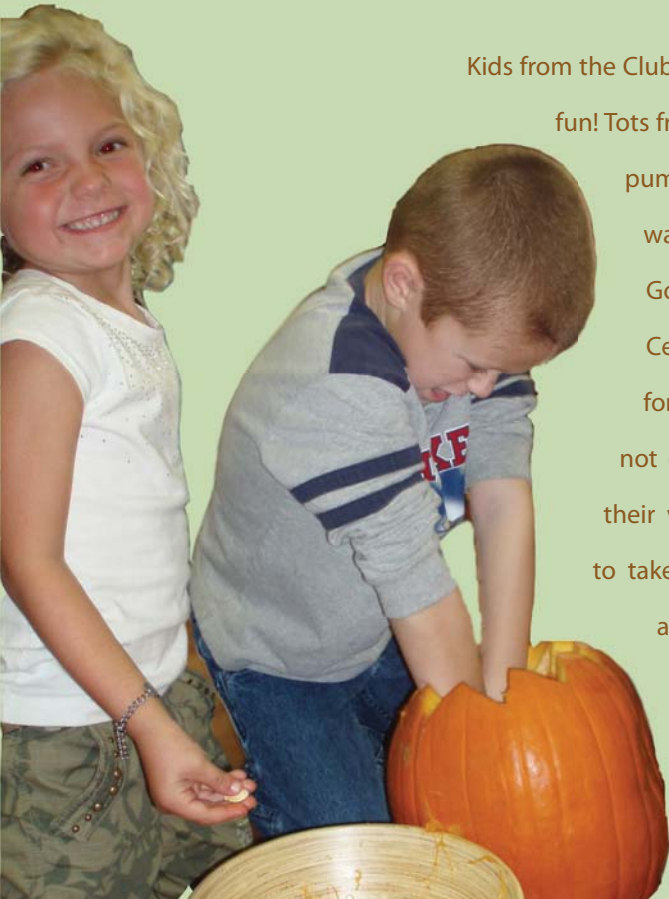
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Preschool PUMPKIN Play



Kids from the Club's two preschools had lots of Halloween fun! Tots from the Learning Center grew their own pumpkins this year in a garden that they water and weed each day. Children from the Golden West College Child Development Center went to the pumpkin patch, many for the very first time. While there, they not only got to explore the patch and get their very own toddler-sized mini-pumpkins to take home, they also got to meet all the animals in the pumpkin patch's petting zoo. Classrooms at both preschools carved jack-o-lanterns and used pumpkin "guts" as an exciting new sensory experience.

worldwide DAY OF PLAY

The Club joined in Boys & Girls Clubs of America's and Nickelodeon's efforts to remind kids about other ways to play besides video games, TV, computers and other electronics by participating in the Worldwide Day of Play. Each room of the Club featured organized games throughout the day. Kids played games like "Capture the Flag" and participated in game tournaments like pool and Jenga. Unit Director Shannon Roache said "About 250 of our members participated. It was awesome to see boys and girls interacting in games that they would not normally play—we even had boys playing freeze dance! The kids loved it and our parents were very appreciative! Overall, it was a wonderful day that I want to consider having once a month due to the amazing outcome!"

Make the Holidays special for kids in Need



You can help make a Boys & Girls Club member's holidays special days this year. By making a contribution in the enclosed envelope, you can help the Club create baskets of all the makings of Thanksgiving dinner, which will be given to low-income immigrant families in our Twilight Education Project family literacy program who are getting into the spirit of their new country's special holiday. Or, your gift could help make sure that every kid at the Club has a Christmas this year by supporting our annual Toys for Tots party for children whose families are struggling financially. By giving as little as \$25, you can help give the kids at the Club a holiday season to remember.

