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# A PLACE TO BECOME A GREAT PARENT

## Meet Ruben, a Huntington Beach Branch Dad



**We'd like to introduce you to a single dad named Ruben** whose kids come to the Boys & Girls Club's Huntington Beach Branch and Learning Center every day. His path hasn't been easy, but **he's making a better life for his kids with help from supporters like you.** In his own words, here is Ruben's story:

"My mother and father were gang members. Growing up in that environment, well, that's all you know. I started selling drugs and ended up serving 5 years in prison, then another 6. By the time my daughter was born, I cleaned up. I found a new life, a job, a purpose. Everything was about finding a better life for my family.

After my second child was born, my wife left us. She was drug addicted, young and wanted to live her own life. Being a single dad didn't stop me. I worked long hours because I lived in LA and worked in Huntington Beach. Finally, I found a way to move here to Huntington Beach, but I needed child care. That's when I found the Boys & Girls Club.

The Club is a huge blessing. The Club actually cares about me. They relieve a lot of stress for me and my girls love it. But, I couldn't do it without the scholarship program. **Because of donors like you, the Club gives me 50% off and that's something I can manage.**

When I come to pick up my oldest and say it's time to go...she says, 'Daddy, go get Sophia first - I don't want to go home yet.' That makes my heart so happy to know she's in a place she loves every day.

**Thank you for all that you do to help people like me find a better life."**

Donors like you are the reason that the Club can give a helping hand to the families that need it most - families that are working hard to support their children and give their kids a better life. **This holiday season, will you make a special gift to help another family like Ruben's?** Please use the enclosed yellow envelope today or visit [bgchv.com/give](http://bgchv.com/give) and make a holiday gift that will change a whole family's life for the better!





# A PLACE TO BECOME A CHAMPION

## Club Honors Shirley Dettloff as Champion of Youth

Each year, the Club honors one special person at our “Great Futures Start Here” Annual Benefit as our **“Champion of Youth”** for making a contribution so great that it changes the lives of generations of children. This year, the Club chose longtime volunteer **Shirley Dettloff**. Shirley’s determination and leadership are incomparable. For nearly 20 years, she has worked tirelessly to help the organization raise the much-needed funds that keep the Club’s programs affordable for all 10,800 children we serve, through low program fees, a sliding scale scholarship program, and free programs. She has chaired the table sales committee for the Club’s annual benefit for nearly a decade, making it possible for the Club to provide millions of dollars in scholarships and free programs for at-risk youth over the years. CEO Tanya Hoxsie comments, “Her commitment to our community’s kids, her generosity, and her tenacity are inspiring! We are thrilled to have the opportunity celebrate Shirley

**Dettloff and her unwavering support of the children in our community who need the Club the most.”**



# A PLACE TO BECOME A LIFE CHANGER

## Your Holiday Gift Has a Big Return on Investment



When you make a donation to the Boys & Girls Club, your gift makes a big impact on local families. We’d like to show you the numbers on how you’ve made a difference in 2018.

- **559 scholarships** were given to reduce children’s weekly fees by 50%, making sure families pay only what they can afford.
- **351** extremely low income children attended the **Oak View Branch for free**
- **355** low-income English language learner children and parents attended the **Twilight Education Project for free**

That’s 1,265 children’s lives you changed for the better through the Club’s free programs and scholarships. Just as important to our community, you are helping more than just the kids. 82% of parents in the Club’s scholarship program report that the scholarship program is what makes it possible for them to work at their current job. That makes our whole community stronger by building our workforce, helping families stay off public assistance, and giving parents a hand up when they need it most to lift themselves out of poverty and make a better life for their kids. Thank you!

# A PLACE TO BECOME A HERO

## Donors Like You Make the Club's Annual Benefit a Big Success

More than \$1.3 million of the Club's \$9 million annual budget comes from generous donors like you. One of the Club's most important fundraising days of the year is the **"Great Futures Start Here" Annual Benefit Dinner and Auction** held each October. Thanks to donors like you, this year's event on October 6 was a record breaker. **More than 550 community members came together to raise \$526,000 for the kids!**

The Club was proud to honor longtime volunteer Shirley Dettloff as our Champion of Youth at the event. Winners of the live auction items will be enjoying a trip to Thailand, a new ATV from Yamaha, a Thanksgiving vacation in Hawaii and lots more. The highlight of the evening was hearing from Club parents and Club alumni about how their lives were changed by the Boys & Girls Club. Read our "Meet Ruben" story to find out more about one of those lives changed by your support. Event guests were so moved by their stories that they gave a record breaking \$158,000 when asked to Sponsor a Child at the Club. **A surprise \$25,000 match from the Huntington Beach Auto Dealers Association** for the first 25 \$1,000 gifts helped get the crowd excited and inspired to give.

Funds raised help subsidize EVERY child's participation in Boys & Girls Club

programs so that we can keep our fees at less than half the cost of the County average for after school programs. Not only that, funds raised at the event help give scholarships to low-income families and support free programs like the Oak View Branch and the Twilight Education Project.

**If you missed the event and would still like to help give the gift of the Boys & Girls Club to a child in need this holiday season, please use the enclosed yellow envelope or visit [bgchv.com/give](http://bgchv.com/give) to make your gift today!** Every dollar gives a child caring adults, a positive place to spend their out of school time, and a chance to get on the path to a great future. Those are the best holiday gifts of all!



### A THANK YOU GIFT – JUST FOR YOU!

We've enclosed a special gift, just for you, to say thank you for all you do for kids and families in our community. By supporting the Boys & Girls Club this year as a volunteer, a donor, or even just by telling our story and spreading the word about the Club, you've made a big difference to the families in our community who need your help the most.

We hope you will hang this ornament in your home as a reminder of all the children whose lives you've changed for the better. Thank you!





# A PLACE TO BECOME SAFE

## Hyundai Helps the Boys & Girls Club Buses Get New Safety Features

Every day, about 1,000 children ride the Boys & Girls Club's fleet of buses to and from school. The Club's transportation program is unique among Boys & Girls Clubs in our area and helps the organization reach kids from 45 local elementary and middle schools, as well as bringing whole families from 25 local neighborhoods to the Club's Twilight Education Project in the evenings. Not only that, thanks to our fleet of 18 buses, the Club can take kids on fun and educational field trips every day of our summer program. Carrying kids and families every day is a big responsibility and one that the Club takes very seriously. **Children's safety is always Boys & Girls Clubs of Huntington Valley's #1 priority.** That's why we're so grateful to Hyundai Motor America for helping make our bus fleet even safer.

This fall, Boys & Girls Clubs of Huntington Valley received a \$20,000 sponsorship from Hyundai Motor America to purchase and install a new child safety alert system for every bus. With the new alert system, when the bus has been turned off and a driver is getting ready to exit the vehicle, an alarm at the back of the bus has to be manually turned off by the driver. As the bus driver walks to the back of the bus, he or she checks carefully to make sure that no child is left behind

on the bus. This new safety measure ensures that all kids are safe and supervised and no child is left in a vehicle unattended. Executive Director Art Groeneveld comments, **"This partnership with Hyundai is perfect because we are both committed to keeping families safe in our vehicles.** Hyundai's support has helped the Club take an important step in making sure kids are always safe in our buses. We can't thank them enough."



**Thank you, Hyundai, for going the extra mile to keep Club kids safe!**



# A PLACE TO BECOME SANTA



**You Can Give Kids a Holiday to Remember**

This year, the Club is hosting two Toys for Tots holiday parties for the kids, on December 17 and 18, with gifts, crafts, carols, pictures with Santa, and more. Would you like to help by donating toys, volunteering at one of the parties, or making a donation to help sponsor the parties? To get involved in one of the most heartwarming events of the year, call Eileen at 714-899-5900, ext 206 or email [eluong@bgchv.com](mailto:eluong@bgchv.com)



# A PLACE TO BECOME PLAYFUL

## Huntington Beach Branch Gets a New Playground

This October, the kids at the Boys & Girls Club's Huntington Beach Branch got a fantastic gift from the community – **a brand new playground!** 200 volunteers came together to build the playground in just one day on October 27th. **KaBOOM!, Pacific Life, and PARS** were the Club's lead partners on the project and community support also came from Susan Allen, Resa Evans & Dave Theil, Kiwanis Club of Huntington

Beach, A Little Help Fund, McKenna Subaru, Surf City Rotary Club, Teach a Man to Fish Foundation, Don Willis and dozens of individual donors who agree with the Club that play is one of the most important parts of childhood. Fountain Valley Kiwanis Club provided breakfast and lunch for all 200 volunteers and fresh gelato was donated by Mangiamo Gelato to give the volunteers a sweet reward for all their hard work.



**For more than half our Huntington Beach Branch members, the Club is the only place kids play outside when they're not at school,** according to our member surveys. Since it's the only safe place kids have to play, the Club wants to make sure that the kids are getting the most out of that space. So, when KaBOOM! gave the Club the opportunity to replace the Huntington Beach Branch's worn out playground and give the kids a brand new play space, the Club's leadership team was thrilled!

CEO Tanya Hoxsie comments, "This is our third playground build with KaBOOM! in the last few years. What I love about each of them is **seeing the community come together for our kids.** Seeing this level of teamwork and the tremendous amount of effort and hard labor that people put in, all to do something special for the kids – it's extraordinary. With this being our third build in as many years, the build day ran like clockwork, but I am amazed each time by seeing the playground go up so quickly throughout the day. It completely transformed our space and it looks fantastic. Best of all, the kids love it!"

# A PLACE TO BECOME MORE

## Your Support of the Twilight Education Project Helps Hard-Working Families

In the Club's **Twilight Education Project**, hardworking moms and dads get a chance to gain the English skills that will put them on a **path to a better life**. At the same time, their kids get homework help, tutoring, mentoring, enrichment programs, or preschool instruction. That way, the whole family is getting on the path to success.

**This program is totally FREE thanks to donors like you.** Nancy is a mom who recently graduated from the Twilight Education Project and here's what she had to say about her experience in the program.

"I am thankful for this amazing program because I was able to continue my ESL classes while my two boys were being tutored and looked after at the Boys & Girls Club. Because I had been working and learned some English, I was placed in the Level 3-4 class. During these past 2 years, I know I have progressed a lot. When I started working, I was only a cashier. Now, I am also a waitress. Both of these positions have allowed me to practice my English skills. **Now my English is much better, and I can communicate with others – in ENGLISH!!! Not only that, the best part is that I can help my kids with their homework and I can talk to their teachers without anyone translating for me. I have complete confidence in speaking to people, even if I don't know them.**

My overall experience at Twilight has been amazing. I have had the opportunity to meet many wonderful people – my teachers, my classmates, all of whom are my good friends today. Now my future plans are to get my

GED, then go to college to pursue my career as a medical assistant. I know that graduating from Twilight is only the beginning for me. **I have a long road to success, but I know I can do it!** Thank you for all your support and for always pushing me to be MORE!"

**Thanks to you, Nancy is already earning more at a better job and is on her way to getting the education she needs** to start on a new career path. She is working hard to do more and be more. Thank you for being a Boys &



Girls Club supporter who helps moms like Nancy move forward on their road to success, making a better life for their kids. **If you'd like to give a special holiday gift to help another parent like Nancy start their own success story, please use the enclosed yellow envelope or visit [bgchv.com/give](http://bgchv.com/give) and know that you'll be helping a whole family change their lives for the better.**

### SHOPPING FOR A NEW CAR? CONSIDER A SUBARU!

McKenna Subaru in Huntington Beach will donate \$300 for every car sold during their 2018 "Share the Love" event from now until January 2 when you choose Boys & Girls Clubs of Huntington Valley as your charity. Last year, this event raised more than \$60,000 for the Club, thanks to McKenna Subaru and car buyers like you. Let's make it another great year!



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# A PLACE TO BECOME INVESTED

You Can Change Lives for Generations to Come



The Club has been here for the kids in our community for 50 years, and we want to make sure that the Club is here for the next 50 years for every child that needs it. To do that, **the Club is building an endowment** to keep the organization in a stable financial position no matter what changes may come in the future and to help the organization grow as our community's needs grow.

**Will you invest in the future of the Club for our community's children?** You can use the enclosed yellow envelope to make your gift or go online to [bgchv.com/give](http://bgchv.com/give). Whether you'd like to

give \$10 each month for a \$120 annual gift or join our Club 50 members in giving \$50,000, your gift of any size makes a big difference. If you'd like to set up a recurring gift, make a long-term pledge, or include the Club's endowment in your estate plans, please contact Laura at [laura@bgchv.com](mailto:laura@bgchv.com) or 714-309-4962.



  
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