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**A PLACE TO
BECOME INSPIRED**



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A PLACE TO BECOME LOVED

Club Preschools Make Kids Feel Loved and Cared For

When you think of Boys & Girls Clubs, you probably think of a place for bigger kids. But, Boys & Girls Clubs of Huntington Valley operates not one but two preschools: the Learning Center Child Development Preschool in Fountain Valley and the Robert Mayer Child Development Preschool in Huntington Beach. At these locations, the Club cares for about 300 children per day, starting with babies as young as six weeks old. Thanks to donors like you, the Club keeps its childcare fees at 10-15% less than the average cost of care in Orange County so that families can afford top quality childcare and moms

kids wish they could just stay home with mom. One of our staff members named Emily would like to tell you about how she helped a little boy through the tough transition time of his first days of school.

“Noah was very new to preschool and had a hard time adjusting. I remember he would often cry, even silent cry, during nap time. I would just sit next to him and rub his back and that calmed him. Slowly and surely, I noticed he stopped crying as often. He was excited to see me and even started to greet me first. Noah began to be more open and ready to play with me and other friends.

I am super happy that I was able to help him feel more comfortable.”



Kids at our preschools are getting outstanding curriculum that prepares them for success in life and **the Club is proud to have earned NAEYC accreditation, the gold standard in early childhood education.**

But, this kind of loving care is what makes our preschools special. Those little moments, like rubbing a crying child's back to help them feel

and dads can go to work knowing that their children are safe and well cared for.

All kids deserve loving care that makes them feel safe and comfortable. For some kids, going to preschool for the first time instead of being home with mom or another caregiver can be a big adjustment. Some kids might bounce in to school like this is what they've been waiting for their entire lives, while other

comfortable enough to fall asleep, are just as important as all the big ideas that kids are learning throughout their time at the Club. These are the moments that make parents feel good about trusting the Club with their kids and that make kids smile when they walk through our doors. When kids come to the Club, they know that there are adults who care about them, who are happy to see them, and who they can count on.

A PLACE TO BECOME CREATIVE

Arts Programs Receive Honor Award for Program Excellence

The Club's arts programs have once again been named #1 in the country by Boys & Girls Clubs of America! Each year, Boys & Girls Clubs of America evaluates programming from Clubs across the country and chooses one Club for the Honor Award for Program Excellence for each of Boys & Girls Clubs five core areas of programming. This year, Boys & Girls Clubs of Huntington Valley was selected from among 4,000 Club sites nationwide as the winner of the Honor Award for Program Excellence in the Arts. The Club offers more than 100 performing arts classes every week in theatre, dance, music, and more. The Club is so proud to offer kids in our local community programming that is not only the best in town, but the best in the nation!

Our commitment to giving kids an opportunity to be creative extends beyond our performing arts programs, too. The Club's school age branches offer art programs every single weekday. A Club staff named Rebecca talks about her experience helping a child named Max fulfill his potential as an artist:

"The most important thing in a kid's life is to be acknowledged and heard. My main goal is to inspire and motivate kids to become expressive and creative whenever possible! So, it always tugs at my heartstrings to have kids ask me how to draw a certain way or how to get better. Max was already a pretty creative kid, but he asked me if there was 'a way to get even better.'"



I shared three important mottos with him:

1. Practice makes perfect.
2. Believe in yourself that you can do anything you put your mind to.
3. If you don't believe in yourself, then believe in me to believe in you that you can do anything.

That last one got a chuckle out of him and to this day he still pops in to see me to show off his latest work. This is why I work here. **When I was small, about 9 or 10, I went to the Boys & Girls Club and those staff were the only ones to acknowledge and inspire me to continue doing something I loved doing. And that's all I want to be to others since every kid deserves to be acknowledged, heard, and appreciated."**

Our staff members like Rebecca do believe in the kids, every step of the way.

When kids know that they've got Boys & Girls Club staff believing in them and supporting all their hopes and dreams, it goes a long way toward helping kids believe in themselves.



A PLACE TO BECOME INSPIRED

50 Year Volunteer Ed Arnold Inducted into Boys & Girls Clubs of America Hall of Fame

Ed Arnold says, “Growing up, I didn’t have a dad around. My mother and father were divorced when I was just a youngster. But I knew that I could go to the Boys Club. And that, to me, was very special. I had people that cared about me. And then as my career grew, I knew that I had to stay involved, because it was about the kids.”

His career did indeed grow and grow. Ed Arnold is an Emmy Award winner and a Golden Mike Award winner who has made exceptional contributions in the field of broadcasting. You may remember him as a sportscaster/anchor for KTLA and KABC, as co-host and managing editor of PBS So-Cal’s nightly news magazine Real Orange, or as the announcer for Hour of Power.

As emcee at the Club’s fundraising events, he put his broadcast experience to work by interviewing boys and girls from the Club and helping them share their story with Club supporters. His dedication to the kids always showed through. He gave the same care and attention to their stories as he did to the stories of sports superstars that he interviewed on camera, like Reggie Jackson or Shaquille O’Neal.

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During this extraordinarily successful career, Ed Arnold, that Club kid who found people to care about him at the Boys Club, has paid it forward for 50 years. He has helped make sure that generations of young people have someone to care about them at the Boys & Girls Club.

Not only was he a founding board member of Boys Club of Fountain Valley, which grew to be Boys & Girls Clubs of Huntington Valley, he stayed involved for 50 years as one of our organization’s most dedicated volunteers. Each year, he chairs the Club’s Great Futures Start Here Annual Benefit Dinner & Auction, which will be held on October 6 this year. With his help, this event raised more than \$500,000 last year, and over the last 15 years, has generated nearly \$6.5 million for the kids.



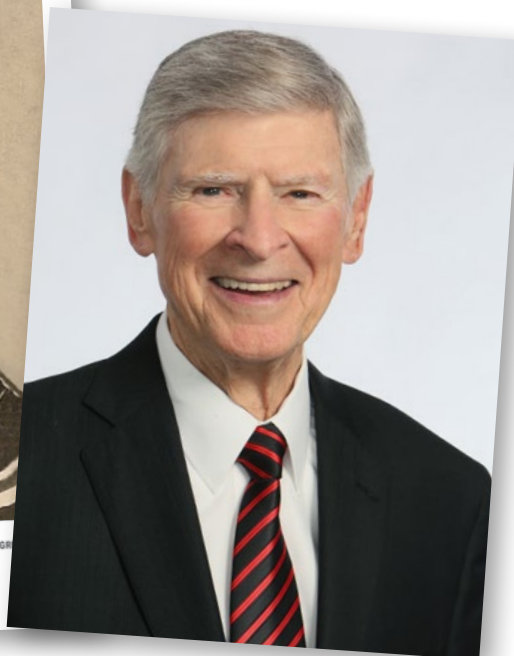
This May, at the Boys & Girls Clubs of America national conference, **Ed was inducted into the Boys & Girls Clubs of America Hall of Fame. This is the highest honor given by Boys & Girls Clubs of America.**

Ed has earned this special recognition for both his outstanding professional achievements and his lifetime of commitment to helping give young people a place to be safe, a place to be cared for, and a place to become whatever they can dream of.

As a Hall of Fame member, Ed Arnold will join an elite group of fewer than 200 Boys & Girls Club alumni from around the country who have been both extraordinarily successful in their fields and extraordinarily committed to giving back to their communities. Fellow Hall of



Help another child BE GREAT



BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
OF AMERICA

The Alumni Hall of Fame



Famers include Denzel Washington, Jennifer Lopez, Shaq, Michael Jordan, Sugar Ray Leonard, Bill Walton, Kerry Washington, and our own Huntington Beach Branch alumni and NFL great Tony Gonzalez.

CEO Tanya Hoxsie says, "If there's one person who deserves to be in the Boys & Girls Club Hall of Fame, it's Ed Arnold. Ed committed himself to a lifetime of helping the children in our community. We are so proud and so grateful to have him on our team. He inspires all of us who work with him to keep doing our best for the kids. It is my hope that the kids at the Club today will grow up to be the Ed Arnolds of their generation, becoming just as inspired to give back as Ed was inspired by the Boys Club where he grew up."



A PLACE TO BECOME PLAYFUL

You Can Help the Club Build a Brand New Playground

You can help the Club build a new playground for the kids at the Huntington Beach Branch! On Saturday, October 27, 2018, the Club is teaming up with KaBOOM! and Pacific Life's subsidiary PARS to bring together 200 volunteers who will build a playground in one day. It's a big job, but with your help, we can do it!

Each year, 2,900 kids play at the Huntington Beach Branch, and the Club is open more than 300 days each year. That's a lot of kids spending a lot of time on the playground! And that's important because about 50% of Club members say that their time at the Club is the only time that they play outside besides school recess. But, the current playground at the Huntington Beach Branch is nearly 20 years old and it's on its last legs.

The kids deserve a beautiful new play space and the Club is excited to be able to give it to them! While the bulk of the costs for the new playground will be covered by KaBOOM! and Pacific Life - PARS, the Club is responsible for raising \$35,000 to remove the old playground and cover a portion of the cost of the new playground. The Board Family Foundation and McKenna Subaru of Huntington Beach have each stepped up with a \$10,000 gift. **That means there is just \$15,000 left to raise to give the kids a fantastic new play area. Will you help?** You can use the enclosed envelope to make your gift today!

The Club partnered with KaBOOM! in 2016 to build a playground at our Pacific Life Foundation Branch on the Golden West College campus and again in 2017 to build a new playground at our Kingston Fountain Valley Branch. Volunteer Kathleen raved about the experience: **"This was one of the most amazing experiences that I have had in life.** Participating in such a constructive, meaningful, massive action event with so

many wonderful people was phenomenal. There were 16 construction teams. Together, we erected an extreme park makeover in less than 6 hours. You have to see it to believe it! The day was incredibly organized and fun with food, a warm up dance, and music while we worked. Every time I drive by this playground, I will cherish the thought of being part of this community!" Sounds amazing, right? **Don't miss your chance to be part of the playground build in October.** If you'd like to volunteer for this exciting one-day project, please email laura@bgchv.com to sign up or get more details.



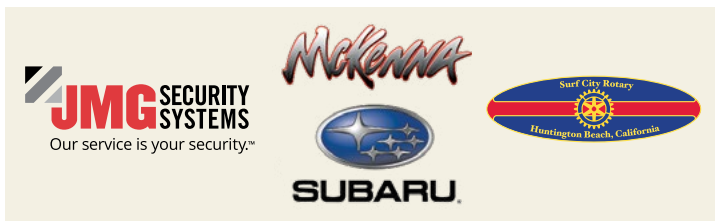
In 2017, our Kingston Fountain Valley Branch playground transformed from dirt to a beautiful new play space in just 6 hours! We can't wait to do it again at the Huntington Beach Branch on **October 27!**



A PLACE TO BECOME INVOLVED

Community Partners Like You Make a Big Difference for the Kids at the Club

The Club sends a great big **THANK YOU** to three special community partners: **JMG Security Systems**, **McKenna Subaru of Huntington Beach**, and **Surf City Rotary Club of Huntington Beach**. Earlier this year, these three groups put together fundraisers on behalf of the Club, raising more than \$200,000: \$100,000 from JMG Security Systems Annual Benefit Golf Tournament, \$44,000 from Surf City Rotary's Surf City Splash event, and \$61,000 from Subaru's Share the Love event. This year, the Club will give \$850,000 in scholarships to ensure that every child who needs the Boys & Girls Club in their life has access to it, regardless of their financial status. The generosity of JMG Security Systems, McKenna Subaru of Huntington Beach and Surf City Rotary Club of Huntington Beach goes a long way toward making sure that no child is turned away for inability to pay. Thank you!



Have you thought about getting more involved at the Club? Now is the perfect time to volunteer or attend one of our upcoming events. A new staff member named Taylor talks about her first weeks working with the kids: "Last week, I overheard a beginner to multiplication complaining that she was never going to be able to multiply. I went and grabbed my scratch paper to sit down and walk her through how multiplication works. By the time ten minutes went by, she was doing it on her own. It was amazing to see what just ten minutes had done to her confidence. I could tell she was initially upset and ten minutes later she was excited to be doing her homework and looking forward to the next new thing. It makes me happy to know she will remember me as someone who didn't give up on her even when she wanted to give up on herself." Caring adults like you and Taylor make all the difference for a child who needs you. You can tutor, coach sports, help in preschool classrooms, and more. To volunteer, visit bgchv.com/volunteer or call 714-899-5900, ext. 206. Keep reading to learn more about how you can get involved in the Club's fundraising events.

NO FRILLS, NO FUSS, JUST GOLF June 4, 2018

Join the Club on June 4 for a chance to play on SeaCliff Country Club's exclusive private golf course for just \$115. Shotgun start at 1pm. Driving range and lunch are included. Call 714-899-5900, ext. 206 to register or visit bgchv.com/justgolf

PINS FOR KIDS August 4, 2018

Join Fountain Valley Kiwanis and the Boys & Girls Club at Fountain Bowl for the 10th Annual Pins for Kids Bowling Tournament. Proceeds are shared between Kiwanis and the Club. Call 714-899-5900, ext. 206 to sign up.



GREAT FUTURES START HERE Annual Benefit Dinner & Auction October 6, 2018

Help the Club raise \$500,000 for programs for low-income families by attending the Club's 40th Annual Benefit Dinner & Auction. To buy tickets or make a donation, call 714-899-5900, ext. 206 or register online at bgchv.com/greatfutures.



A PLACE TO BECOME INVESTED

You Can Help Generations of Kids through the Club's Endowment Program

Last year, the Club celebrated its 50th Anniversary of helping local kids reach their full potential. 50 years has meant lots of lives changed for the better. But, the work isn't done yet. The need for the Club's programs is growing every day. To make sure that the Club is here for the kids who need it most for the next 50 years and beyond, the organization is launching a **new endowment**

campaign, "Celebrating Our Past, Securing Our Future."

Gifts of every size help ensure a great future for generations of kids who will come to the Boys & Girls Club! You can use the enclosed envelope to make your gift. Or if you'd like to set up a recurring gift, make a long-term pledge, or include the endowment in your estate plans, please call 714-309-4962 or email laura@bgchv.com.



Celebrating Our Past Securing Our Future

A generous group of individuals has stepped up to make the first gifts to this campaign, establishing an elite group of supporters called Club 50. Club 50 members have each pledged \$50,000 or more to the campaign. **The Club gives special thanks to John Bishop & Barbara Nieto, Resa Evans & Dave Theil, and Bob & Tanya Hoxsie** for taking the lead as Club 50's first members. These individuals are passionate about the work of the Boys & Girls Club and committed to the promise of a Boys & Girls Club that helps kids not just today, but for generations to come.

If you'd like to make a significant commitment to securing the Club's future, you should think about joining our new group, Club 50. In honor of the Club's

50th Anniversary, community members like you are committing \$50,000 or more to the Club's endowment. These gifts can be pledged over a period of time or given all at once with gifts of cash, stock or property. As a Club 50 member, you'll get special benefits, like a naming opportunity, donor recognition at our Kingston Technology Family Campus, and the opportunity to participate in Club 50 events to share your insights and ideas with the Club's leadership.

To learn more or make your commitment to Club 50, contact the Club's Development Director Laura Portier-LaLumiere at 714-309-4962 or laura@bgchv.com