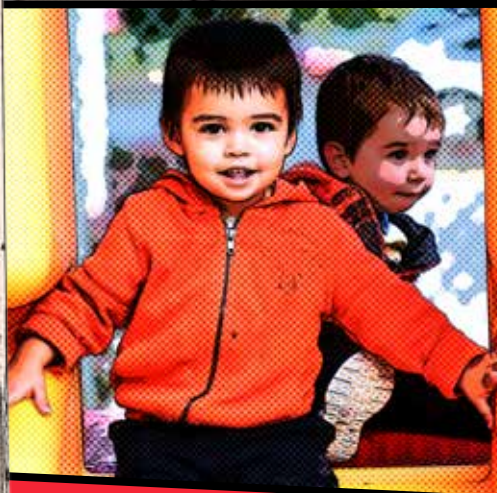




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Record-Breaking Turnout at JMG Annual Benefit Golf Tournament

Thank you to all 304 golfers who supported the kids at the Club

Every May, for the last 22 years, JMG Security Systems has stepped up to help the kids at the Club in a big way by organizing their annual benefit golf tournament. And, for the past few years, Pacific Premier Bank has been the generous host of the tournament, with a \$20,000 sponsorship. We can't thank JMG and Pacific Premier Bank enough!

The golf tournament is one important way that the Club works toward raising more than \$1,000,000 each year to make sure that EVERY child who needs the Club in their lives has access to it. The Club's fundraising allows the organization to offer free programs, sliding scale scholarships so families pay only what they can afford, and

program fees that are kept at less than half the cost of the County's average for comparable youth programs. The only way the Club can make its programs so accessible is through the generosity of community members like you.

If you supported the golf tournament, THANK YOU! If you missed it, but you'd still like to make Boys & Girls Club programs available to the kids who need

them most, use the enclosed yellow envelope to make your gift today. Your support makes you a hero to families who need you.

One mom named Daisy says, "I'm a single mother of two. The Club's affordable programs allow me to work to be able to provide for myself and my two children so I can give my children the life they deserve." Thank you for helping give all the kids at the Club the life they deserve!



The Club is proud to report that the tournament had a record-breaking turnout! Held at Mile Square Golf Course, this tournament completely sold out every hole on both of Mile Square's golf courses with more than 300 golfers. The Club appreciates everyone who golfed, volunteered, donated raffle items, or helped out in any other way! Your support changes children's lives for the better. With your help, the tournament raised \$115,000 to help the kids!

The Club Gives Pre-Teens a Positive Environment

Your Support Helps Youth Stay Safe and Helps Families Thrive

A parent named Aracely recently wrote to the Club about why the Boys & Girls Club is important for her pre-teen son, who loves the Club's after school program and fun field trips. We'd like to share her story with you so you can see what a big difference your support of the Boys & Girls Club makes for her family.

She said, "Before we found the Boys & Girls Club, it was very difficult to work with peace of mind because the area that we live in isn't very safe. My oldest was approached by a homeless man, asking if he sold crack and there have been several break-ins at our home. Though I know my son is old enough to be home alone, after raising his two older siblings, I know that this is the age when kids shouldn't be left home alone. With the cost of health insurance, rent, just living is getting hard. But, **thanks to the Club, I can afford to work to provide for my family and, most important, I can afford to make sure that my son is safe.**"

Thank you for helping families like this one by supporting the Boys & Girls Club!



What Will Your Legacy Be?

Let's Work Together to Change Children's Lives for the Better

This year, Boys & Girls Clubs of Huntington Valley is celebrating 50 years of helping kids reach their full potential. As we've reached this major milestone, we're thinking about our long-term impact and legacy in the community, looking back over the last 50 years and planning for the next 50. We know that many supporters like you are thinking about the ways that you can leave your own legacy in our community. Let's do it together! What a great legacy to give to our community - changing children's lives for the better! It's easy to make that goal a reality. **You can include the Club in your estate plans using this simple language.**

"I hereby give, devise and bequeath the following to Boys & Girls Clubs of Huntington Valley, a nonprofit organization located at 16582 Brookhurst Street, Fountain Valley, CA 92708, Federal Tax ID 95-6192466, for Boys & Girls Clubs of Huntington Valley's general use and purpose."



Then choose the option that works best for you:

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If you add the Club to your estate plans, we'd love to recognize you in Boys & Girls Clubs of America's Heritage Club! Heritage Club is a group of supporters who have committed to helping the Club through this special method of giving. To learn more or notify the Club of your estate plans, please contact the Club's Development Director at laura@bgchv.com or 714-309-4962.

Kingston Branch Gets a New Playground

200 Volunteers Helped Build a Playground in One Day

In April, 200 community volunteers came together to do something amazing for the kids! In one single day, they built a brand new playground for the kids at the Club's Kingston Branch in Fountain Valley. Starting bright and early, team leaders arrived at 6:30am to get things organized, followed shortly thereafter by hundreds of eager community members, all ready to do their part to help build a new playground. The volunteer crew assembled and installed playground pieces, moved mountains of mulch, mixed concrete,

the country. Many local companies, community groups, and individuals chipped in to raise the last \$20,000 needed to fully cover the cost of the new playground, to remove the old playground and to make improvements to the overall play space.

Why is the Club's playground so important?

Not every child in our community has a safe place to play outside. A lot of families live in condos or



painted fences and so much more. The team worked tirelessly to complete the whole project in just 6 hours, in time for a ribbon cutting ceremony at 1:30pm. Since playgrounds are all about fun, it wasn't work, work, work all day, though – they had time to throw in a dance party and other fun activities, too!

The new playground was much needed. After 20 years of enthusiastic and energetic use by the kids at the Club, the existing playground at the Kingston Branch was ready to be replaced. That playground was original to the facility, which was built in 1997, and the playground was nearing the end of its useful life. To make this important renovation possible, the Club teamed up with major sponsor Foresters Financial, which covered the majority of the cost of the playground, and KaBOOM!, a national nonprofit that builds playgrounds all around



apartments without a back yard or any outdoor play space at all. **In fact, 49% of Club members say that the Club is the only place that they exercise or play outside when they aren't at school.** That's why the Club is so committed to giving kids a fantastic play space that helps them be active and healthy.

Of course, it's not just about health and wellness. It's just as important for kids to have a place where they

can use their imaginations, play with their friends, and have FUN! Executive Director Art Groeneveld comments, "Many of the kids at the Boys & Girls Club come from families that are struggling financially. That often means that kids have some very grown up worries on their minds. It's important for the kids to have a place where they can let go of all that and play - a place where they can just be kids."

He went on to say, **"It was amazing to see so many people from the**



community all taking time out of their busy schedules to come together for the kids. When the kids are climbing, sliding, and jumping around on the new playground, we see a lot of smiles and we hear a lot of laughter. That makes all the hours of planning and all the hard work from our volunteers so worth it – those happy kids are what it's all about."



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Your Support of the Club's Scholarship Program Changes Lives

Thanks for helping Ashley's family get back on their feet after homelessness

This year, the Club will give nearly \$800,000 in scholarships to families in need so that every family can afford to have access to quality care they can count on at the Boys & Girls Club. Contributors like you are what makes it possible for the Club to give kids from all backgrounds award-winning programs to help them reach their full potential. Your support

ensures that every family pays only what they can afford, even if that's nothing at all.

A mom named Ashley says, "I am barely making enough money to pay my bills and I am getting back on my feet from being homeless. Without the Club's scholarship program, I wouldn't earn enough at my job to pay for childcare. This scholarship means the world to me – giving me peace of mind, knowing my son won't be alone after school."

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Rebuilding after homelessness is not easy. But thanks to your support, Ashley's child is in the Club's safe environment instead of out on the streets. The reliable, affordable care her child gets thanks to the Club's scholarship program means Ashley can go to work every day and provide for her family. That's because of you. Instead of being a hand out, your contribution gives her the helping hand up that she needs to make a better life for her kids.

Please consider making a gift in the enclosed yellow envelope. Today is the day you can change a life for the better!

Are You the Volunteer We're Looking For?

Did you know the Boys & Girls Clubs of Huntington Valley maintains 8 separate stand-alone facilities totaling nearly 100,000 square feet of building space? Organizationally, we have very high standards and our Property Committee provides the guidance needed to be successful. This committee is searching for new members with a **general contracting or facilities management background** to provide leadership and

insight. If you're an expert in this area and would like to get involved, your knowledge, expertise, and ideas could make a big difference to the kids at the Club

The committee meets quarterly. If you are interested and have the right skills and experience, please email jpham@bgchv.com and the chairman of the Property Committee will contact you.

Community Rallies to Make Sure Club Kids Don't Go Hungry

Generous Supporters Filled the Funding Gap to Help Feed Twilight Members

Just before the 2016-2017 school year started, the Club got some bad news. Our partner in providing meals for the kids in our Twilight Education Project was no longer able to give free meals to the kids every night. CEO Tanya Hoxsie says, "This is an evening tutoring and family support program that runs right through



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the dinner hour. The kids and their parents are on our buses or at the Club from 5:30pm – 9:00pm. If we don't feed the kids dinner, they don't get dinner on those three evenings each week that they're in Twilight. And, all of the kids in this program are from very low-income families. **For a lot of these kids, there isn't food at home. For us, letting kids going hungry just isn't a choice we can make.** We felt like we had to make it our top priority to find the money somewhere so that these kids could get a good meal and focus on learning, not their stomachs growling. So we asked the community for help and they came through in a big way."

Mangiamo Gelato stepped up and prepared sandwiches in their commercial kitchen. **Assistance League of Huntington Beach** sponsored hot pasta meals for more than a month. **AHA Living Resources** increased their grant support of the Twilight Education Project by \$5,000 to help cover the cost of food. Individual donors who read about it in our newsletter or heard about the problem at our annual benefit sent contributions to help, too.

One of the people who heard our plea for help with Twilight's food situation at our annual benefit was State Senator Janet Nguyen. She had her staff work with the Club to find a government program that provides a long-term solution. Now, the Club is able to partner with **Second Harvest Food Bank** and the Department of Education to provide free meals for the kids in the Twilight program each night.

Hoxsie comments, "The kids in Twilight don't always know where their next meal is coming from. But, now, we're

able to provide that security three nights a week in our program. The kids know they won't go hungry when they're at the Club. For us, it's about more than just making sure kids get enough to eat. Our goal is to help every child reach their potential. When kids don't have to fight their hunger or worry about when they are going to eat again, then they can focus on learning. **We're so grateful to everyone in the community for recognizing how important it is for the kids to have that food security, for helping us fill the funding gap, and for helping us find a long-term solution."**

Club Introduces Kids to Basketball through Sports Clinics

Kids Learn Fundamentals and Have FUN

Our Boys & Girls Club runs top quality sports leagues all year long, teaching kids to play basketball and arena soccer. Our focus is on teaching kids the fundamentals and giving ALL kids a chance to play and grow their skills. This year, some of our sports league volunteers are stepping up their game by offering free sports clinics at all four of our school age Clubs for any child interested in learning more about the game. The clinics are for groups of 15-30 kids. While some kids have played before, many are brand new to the sport. The kids love the skills coaching in the one hour clinics and our volunteers are having a great time interacting with the kids and sharing their love of the game with the next generation.

Volunteer coach John Bishop is leading the clinics at the Clubs. He explained, “I start every clinic with two rules. First, I ask all the kids who have played before to really listen to what I’m teaching them rather than relying on what they already know. They might know how to pass or how to dribble, but I want to make sure that they know the right way to do it. My second rule is this. If what I’m teaching feels too easy, the kids should yell, ‘Make it harder, Coach!’ as loud as they can. We start off extremely easy. Within three minutes, the kids are yelling ‘Make it harder!’ With dribbling, we start slow and simple, with one hand. By the end, they’re trying to dribble between their legs, behind their backs, with their left hand and so on. When balls are flying and there’s complete chaos, I blow the whistle and we stop and move on to the next drill.” The kids love this style of learning that

puts them in control of the pace and also lets things get a little wild and crazy.

John says, “There are two types of kids that I especially love seeing in these clinics. First is the athletic kid who has never really had exposure to basketball. Watching them really think about and try to do what I’m teaching them, then have that moment when it clicks



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for them. I love that. **It lights the spark for them that I think will turn into a love for basketball.**

“The other is the 12 or 13 year old who comes in a little too cool for school, but they have a real conversion during the clinic. They might have a little bit of an attitude during the first drill. Maybe they

think they already know all this stuff or they just don’t care. By the end, their competitive juices have kicked in, they are running, they are dripping sweat and they are totally into it. It’s not just that they’ve learned basketball skills, but in that hour, they’ve given something a try and changed from that ‘too cool’ attitude to giving it their all.”