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Challenge Gifts Spur on Building Dreams Campaign

Are YOU Ready to Meet the Challenge for Huntington Beach's Kids?

Boys & Girls Clubs of Huntington Valley's campaign to build a new Boys & Girls Club at Golden West College has received two amazing challenge grants in the last two months. With \$7 million needed to build a new Boys & Girls Club and gymnasium, two donors have come forward to challenge the community members (including you!) who care about local kids to rally support and double the power of your gift.

Longtime supporter, Kingston Technology, is leading the charge to make the dream of a new Boys & Girls Club a reality.

A few years ago, Kingston donated \$1 million to the first phase of the campaign to help build the preschool that the Club has been operating at Golden West College since 2011. In

September of this year, Kingston made another incredibly generous donation. They gave an additional \$1 million to support the new Boys & Girls Club and jumpstart construction. To recognize their amazing kindness, the new three-building complex will be called the Kingston Technology Family Campus.

**We are just
\$26,000 away
from reaching
our \$250,000
challenge goal!
Will you help?**

Along with their gift, Kingston challenged the Club to raise another million dollars. In the very same week that Kingston committed their support, a member of the Club's Board of Directors pledged \$500,000. Even better, the donor promised to give an extra \$250,000 if the Club

could raise another \$250,000 from other sources. Our Board of Directors, our staff, and many others are pitching in to help meet the \$250,000 goal.

Now, we need YOUR help to complete the \$250,000 match! We are just \$26,000 away from reaching our \$250,000 goal. Will you use the enclosed blue envelope to make a gift or pledge today?

What will your important gift make possible? You will help build a new Boys & Girls Club and gymnasium at Golden West College. These two new buildings will join the Club's Robert Mayer Child Development Preschool and complete a "Family Campus" in the heart of the community college's campus. With your help, parents will finally get the support they need to go to work, or go back school. And, you will help kids growing up on a college campus see that their college dreams are attainable. Your gift will help the new Family Campus serve up to 2,500 youth each year!

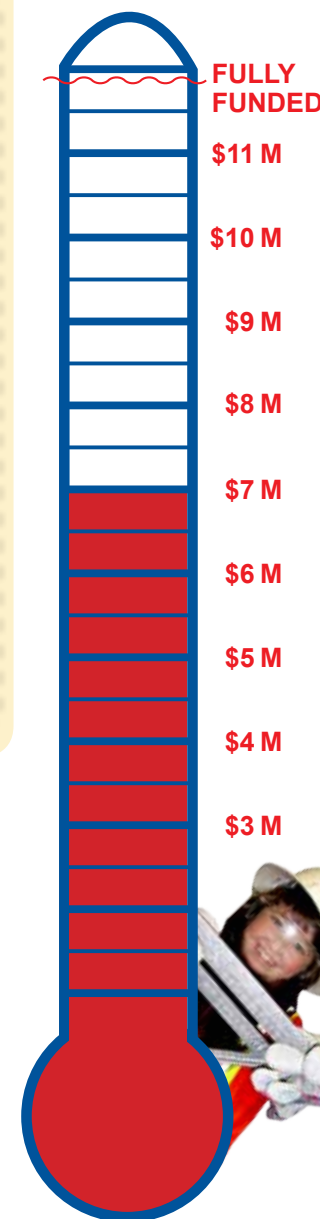
The new Kingston Technology Family Campus is a big project. With one building complete and two to go, **the kids who need the new Boys & Girls Club are counting on you. With your support, we will be open and helping families in the 2015-2016 school year.**

A mom named Marianne will tell you why your support of the Boys & Girls Club is so important. "Last year, I was working two jobs to afford the cost of living. Without the Boys & Girls Club, I wouldn't be able to find such an amazing place for my son, Chandler. He has grown so much in confidence being here. He is safe and learning. I have the security of knowing that he's cared for in the best possible hands while I'm at work. Coming to Boys & Girls Clubs keeps Chandler and our family on the path to success and stability!"

Our community's kids need your help!

\$5 million more is needed to fully fund the Club and gym. Many naming opportunities are still available. Make a gift today and your donation will be doubled. An anonymous donor has pledged to match up to \$250,000! \$1 from you = \$2 for the kids! Use the enclosed blue envelope or call 714-309-4962 to make your gift today.

You can help the new Boys & Girls Club reach up to 2,500 kids like Chandler every year. Your gift will change the lives of every one of their families for the better. Please use the blue envelope to make your gift or pledge today!



FROM DIAPERS TO GRADUATION!

The new Boys & Girls Club will be with families every step of the way!



Your Support Changes Giselle's Life

How You Help a Struggling Youth Become a Star Student

Meet Giselle. She's one of the kids whose life you change by supporting the Boys & Girls Club. Since the Oak View Branch's opening in 2012, Giselle has attended the Club almost every day. As a bright young girl, she always had plenty of questions for our staff. She wanted to know about the big questions facing adolescents. Growing up, her body, changing social dynamics, expectations at school, and lots more. Thanks to your support, the Club's staff was there to try to give her all the answers she needed. But, they also realized

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– Giselle



that if Giselle had so many questions, lots of other girls probably did, too. She was just the only one brave enough to ask.

Inspired by her curiosity, the staff started SMART Girls. The program is designed to help pre-teen and teen girls discuss sensitive issues in a safe environment with other girls their age, led by staff mentors. The program also encourages positive peer pressure to help kids make the right choices about drugs, alcohol, relationships, and more. And, the program helps build kids' self-esteem. With the guidance and mentorship of the Club's staff, Giselle grew from a shy, and reserved child to a confident, and self-assured teen today. Giselle has become a leader among her peers.

Giselle is also a fantastic student. As a Club supporter, you are giving her the resources she needs to live up to her full potential as a true star student. She is

only in 9th grade, but she's already taking Advanced Placement courses! She counts on the Club to get help with her homework and to get the computer access she needs in order to complete homework that requires internet research or typed papers.

Like most of our Oak View Branch members, she doesn't have a home computer or internet access. When she's at the Oak View Branch, she can use the Club's computer lab. Giselle says, "Without the Club, I'd have to drop my AP classes because I wouldn't be able to do my homework." The computer access she gets at the Club helps her stay on par with her more affluent peers in high school. She's a bright girl.

With your support, the Club can give her educational opportunities she can't get at home. Thank you for changing Giselle's life and helping her create a great future for herself.

You can help more kids like Giselle by making a donation in the enclosed blue envelope today.

A Special Thank You Gift, Just for You!

Thank you for helping the kids at Boys & Girls Clubs of Huntington Valley this year.

Every dollar that you invest in the Boys & Girls Club changes children's lives for the better. Thank you.



We have enclosed a special holiday ornament just for you as a sign of our gratitude. We hope you will hang it in your home to remind you of the good you have done this year for kids in need.

When Schools Are Out, Clubs Are In

Parents and Kids Count on the Club During Out of School Time

The Boys & Girls Club is here for kids year round – whenever there's no school, the Club's doors are open to welcome the kids. That's been especially important this school year. In the Ocean View School District, three schools have closed their doors temporarily due to problems with asbestos and fire safety. Oak View, Lake View and Hope View schools are all closed for months as they work hard to repair the problems and make the schools safe for the kids. During that time, kids are being bused to other schools, some as far away as Buena Park. It's hard for kids and parents to handle such a major disruption. Oak View kids are now on a much later bus pick up schedule to go to their new temporary school. That makes it a challenge for moms and dads to get to work on time. So, the Club is extending a helping hand to families by extending its hours. For the duration of the school closures, we're offering a new before school program at our Oak View Branch. Kids now have a safe, supervised place to stay before they catch the bus to their new school. 50 kids are taking advantage of this new service. That means 50 moms and dads can keep their jobs and 50 kids are safe and not hanging out on the street corners in gang territory. When many things are uncertain in their lives, kids know they can count on the Boys & Girls Club to always be there to help.

And, it's not just in special circumstances that we're open when school's out. The Club's doors are open every day after school, during winter break, spring break, most school holidays and all of summer. Families in



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– Oliva

Huntington Beach and Fountain Valley can count on the Boys & Girls Club day in and day out. The Club's long hours mean moms and dads can work to provide for their families while kids can extend their learning or just have some fun. A mom named Oliva says, "I need to

work to support my kids to provide food, clothes, books for school, pay bills, and meet all their needs. But the most important thing is to keep my little daughter in the

best safe place so I can work knowing my kids will be OK studying, doing homework with someone to watch over them. God bless the Boys & Girls Club and its staff." By supporting the Boys & Girls Club, you help keep our doors open when school is closed. You give a great big holiday gift to families like Oliva's. Kids can learn and have fun. And moms and dads can work and have the peace of mind that comes from knowing their kids are safe and learning. That's all because of supporters like you. Thanks for helping Oliva and her kids and thousands of families like theirs.



Club Launches New Math Explorers Program

For many students, math can be a scary subject. In the Fountain Valley School District, most kids start out doing really well in math. In second grade, about 90% of kids are on target in their math skills. But, by the time kids get to the 7th grade, about one out of every three kids is not “proficient” in math, according to annual STAR tests. The Club is working hard to help kids in the middle grades change their attitudes about math and have a chance to practice those important math skills. With help from Time Warner Foundation, we launched the Math Explorers Club this fall at our Kingston Branch to re-engage kids in math.

Using curriculum materials specially designed for kids’ out of school time, the Club’s Math Explorers program is getting kids in grades 4-8 excited about math. Kids in grades 6-8 use the “Math Explorer” curriculum. It makes learning fun with hands on projects. Kids get to use their math skills for challenges like flying planes and launching rockets. Younger kids in grades 4-6 use the KidzMath curriculum.

Valerie, a Club member from Kingston, would like to tell you more about her experience with KidzMath. “Every Friday, I come straight to the Club from school. I get ready to play fun math games,” says Valerie.

“We’ve played three games so far. The first game helped us work on our subtraction, and the second game helped us work on addition. We are also going over



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subtraction and addition in my math class at school right now. So, the math games are helping me do better on my quizzes at school. The third game we played is my favorite. It’s called ‘Guess a Number.’ I got to think of a number, and my partner asked me a bunch of questions to see if she could guess the number I picked. When it was my turn, I asked her questions like, ‘Is this number small or large? Is it even or odd?’

In the end, I guessed the number correctly!” Valerie is a 4th grader. She loves math and looks forward to participating in KidzMath every week.

Number games like “Guess a Number” do more than foster kids’ number sense. They help children make decisions, be responsible for their learning, and work together with their peers. Quality programs like KidzMath and Math Explorer help prepare our kids for success in the future. Closing off math today means closing off many potential career paths in the future. The Club is dedicated to making sure that kids keep the door to their great futures wide open!



Community Raises Record Breaking \$472,343

Ken Jacobs Honored as Champion of Youth at Annual Benefit

On October 4th, the Club hosted its 36th Annual Benefit Dinner & Auction “Great Futures Start Here.” More than 600 community members came out to the beautiful Hyatt Regency in Huntington Beach to show their support. They were treated to fun performances from Disney’s classic “Aladdin” by the ClubHouse Academy Entertainers. The night was filled with laughter and excitement as guests bid on fabulous auction items like fine jewelry and exotic getaways. At the end of the event, the Club raised a record-breaking total of \$472,343! A complete list of donors will be included in the Club’s annual report. Funds raised will support at-risk youth right here in our community. The money raised will provide Club wide scholarship programs. And, it will help the Club run free programs including our Oak View Branch and Twilight Education Project.

At the event this year, the Club honored Ken Jacobs, president of JMG Security, as our 2nd annual “Champion of Youth.” Pictured above, Mr. Jacobs is congratulated by the Club’s inaugural Champion of Youth, Robert Mayer. As the founder and chair of the JMG Security Systems Annual Benefit Golf Tournament, Mr. Jacobs has been an avid supporter of the Boys & Girls Club for 19 years. Jacobs commented, “When I first started the golf tournament, I didn’t expect to be standing here talking about it nearly two decades later. But the Boys & Girls Club does so

much good for the kids in our community that I had to keep it going!” He has helped the Club raise over \$1.2 million to fund operational costs and free programs for deserving children. We thank you Mr. Jacobs and all of our amazing supporters for making the event a night to be remembered!



Save the date for next year’s big events: May 20, 2015 for the JMG Security Systems’ 20th Annual Benefit Golf Tournament and October 17, 2015 for the Great Futures Start Here Annual Benefit Dinner and Auction. We hope to see you there!

You made a big difference by supporting “Great Futures Start Here.” Here’s how:

- Your support gives 600 sliding scale scholarships this year.
- Your support makes our Oak View Branch FREE for more than 400 kids in need. Nearly half come from households with an average annual income of \$10,000 or less.
- Your support means we can continue to offer the FREE award-winning Twilight Education Project for low-income English Language Learner families. More than 400 kids and parents get the language skills, life skills, and academic support they need to succeed.

Did you miss the event but still want to help?

Use the enclosed blue envelope to make a donation. \$250 sponsors one child for a year at our Oak View Branch.



Happy HOLIDAYS

FROM THE BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF HUNTINGTON VALLEY

Bridging the Digital Divide

Surf City Rotary and Boys & Girls Club Team Up to Make Computers and Khan Academy Available for Kids in Need

Did you read about Giselle in our article about how you helped a struggling youth become a star student? If you did, you know that there are lots of kids at the Club who don't have a home computer. Many of us assume that everyone has internet access these days. However, it's just not true. There is still a great "Digital Divide" between the poor and the affluent. With 70% of Club members coming from low-income families, more than 1,000 children at our Clubs have no Internet access at all. Many more only have Internet access on their mom or dad's cell phone. This is a major issue for

This fall, the Club partnered with Surf City Rotary Club and the Brenden Mann Foundation to expand technology access and education for the kids at the Club. Surf City Rotary generously donated

\$10,000 to the Club to purchase 30 laptops for our Huntington Beach and Fountain Valley branches! These brand new laptops are dedicated to linking youth to the Khan Academy. Khan Academy is a website that features thousands of educational tutorials on subjects like math, chemistry, biology, art, and much more! Each tutorial has videos and activities designed to be fun and appealing to kids. A grant from the Brenden Mann Foundation helps fund staff to guide kids through the concepts they're learning online and help youth complete related activities offline. This new program helps kids at all levels. Kids struggling in school get the extra support they need to succeed. Gifted kids can take their learning a step beyond their classroom learning. And, every kid can explore new topics that interest them. Thank you, Surf City Rotary and the Brenden Mann Foundation!



a lot of kids. Many classes require typed homework or Internet research. For more affluent kids, that's no problem. But, imagine what it must be like to be a 9th grader like Giselle trying to do well in school. How do you do it without the Internet or even a keyboard at your fingertips? That's where the Club comes in. We fill an important gap for the 1,000+ kids who need technology access. Kids can use computer labs at all of our branches. Even our preschool classrooms are equipped with computers so that our youngest members gain experience in technology.

