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# How You Change Lives Through the Boys & Girls Club

We want you to know that YOU have made a difference this year. Every time you made a donation to the Boys & Girls Club, gave a little of your time, came to one of our events, or spread the word about our programs, you changed someone's life for the better. Parents of the families you are helping say it best. So, we want to share with you what moms have said in their own words about how you are changing their families' lives for the better.

**“Being a part of Boys & Girls Club has been a blessing.** As a single mother of two, things can become very stressful and overwhelming. The financial burden can become debilitating. This scholarship from the Club helps me continue to work and provide for both my children. Seeing the joy my son gets from being a part of the Boys & Girls Club is heart-warming. He loves the staff. Thank you for providing a fun and safe environment for my son.”

*Ashley, FOUNTAIN VALLEY*

**“By Chandler attending the Boys & Girls Club, I know he is in great hands while I’m at work.** I know he is in the best possible place he can be besides home with his family. I know that by having Chandler at the Club, he has grown so much in character and spirit. His life has balance and support and his outlook is so positive. I have peace of mind knowing he is so well taken care of while I’m at work.”

*Marianne, HUNTINGTON BEACH*

**“With the Boys & Girls Club’s sliding scale scholarship program, I am able to work full time to support my family.** I am also able to attend school at night to better my pay in the future. I just completed my Associate in Science and I am applying for private funding to pursue my BS. Knowing that my daughter is safe and loved means more to me than anything. Thank you for everything!”

*Jessica, HUNTINGTON BEACH*



## To thank you

for making such a big difference to all the kids and families in our community that depend on the Boys & Girls Club, we've enclosed a special gift, just for you. We hope you will hang the gingerbread ClubHouse ornament in your home as a reminder of all the boys and girls you have helped this year. Know that you are in the hearts of parents throughout this community for changing their children's lives for the better. Thank you.

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# Making Sure No Child Goes Hungry at the Huntington Beach Branch

At our Huntington Beach Branch, we've teamed up with the Woman's Club of Huntington Beach to make sure that no child goes hungry this year.

At the Huntington Beach Branch, about 75% of the kids we serve are from low to moderate income households, earning less than Orange County's median income. You might wonder what that really means, though. It means that we're serving a lot of the families that fall through the cracks. They don't qualify for government assistance, but they don't earn enough to live comfortably either.

In Orange County, Feeding America reports that 1 in 4 children is dealing with food insecurity. That means they don't know where their next meal is coming from. They don't know whether the cupboards will be empty at home or if their family can afford to grocery shop that week. And, for the kids that we serve, many of them aren't getting a free meal at school because their parents earn just a little too much for their family to qualify for free school lunches.

This struggle touched the hearts of the generous group of ladies that make up the Woman's Club of Huntington Beach. They wanted to make sure that no child at the Club had to go hungry this year, so

they donated \$20,000 to fund a daily snack program. Now, thanks to their generosity, the kids get healthy snacks every day. The Club's Development Director Laura Portier says, "I stopped by the Huntington

Beach Branch and heard a little girl singing to herself, 'I love broccoli!' as she rushed to the snack area when snacktime was announced. It was adorable!" A Club member named Vanessa says, "I look forward to each and every snack. I can't wait for what's next! My personal favorites are the

apples and bananas and the good veggies like broccoli and carrots."

Want to help support the food program? You can help make sure no child goes hungry by making a donation in the [enclosed blue envelope](#). You'll help kids like Vanessa get enough to eat each day.

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# Our Community Comes Together to Raise \$450,000 for the Kids

## Behind the Scenes at the Club's Annual Benefit

Every October, the Club pulls off a pretty special Annual Benefit – one that's become known in our town as one of the community's best charity events. It takes a full year of planning to make it possible. Monthly meetings, countless phone calls and emails, and lots of visits between fundraising volunteers and donors. But this special night is worth all that effort.

This year, it raised about \$450,000 for the kids! When we say it's all for the kids, we mean it. We don't pay outside companies to manage our event, we do it all through the time, talent, and expertise of our staff and volunteers. That lets every dollar you donate make the biggest impact possible. So, what makes this event into a night to remember for each of our 550 guests?



- 1,080 items were donated for the auctions. Together they made: 252 silent auction gift baskets, 61 super silent auction items, and 10 live auction items.
- More than 6,000 volunteer and staff hours go into the event. We're especially thankful for the dedicated volunteers who work all year long to educate the community about the Boys & Girls Club and encourage people and businesses to help the kids at the Club.
- The crowd of more than 550 guests included 16 elected officials, ranging from city council members to a state senator. We're so grateful to have such strong community support!



Kids from our ClubHouse Theatre program who performed that night did 35 hours of rehearsals to make sure their performance was perfect.



State Senator Janet Nguyen recognizes Bob Hoxsie as the Club's 2015 Champion of Youth.

## How your support made a difference this year:

- 9,550 children's fees were subsidized to make the Club affordable for all families.
- 528 kids received 50% scholarships.
- 725 children received 100% scholarships and attended the Club for free.



The Club subsidizes every single child's participation in our programs. That's thanks to your support of the Club's Annual Benefit and thanks to gifts to the scholarship program made in the enclosed blue envelope. Because of you, the Club keeps its fees at less than half the County average of comparable after school programs. But, for many families, even those modest fees would be a hardship. That's why the Club offers a sliding scale program. Every family pays only what they can afford and no child is ever turned away for inability to pay. That's especially important at the Club's Oak View Branch, where every single child is from a family living in poverty, and every single child

is given a 100% scholarship to the Boys & Girls Club. Tanya Hoxsie, CEO, says, "For me, one of the most heart-warming moments of our Annual Benefit was seeing the tremendous community support for the kids at our Oak View Branch. We asked guests if they would sponsor a child at the Oak View Branch. More than 100 people answered that call for help. Together, they committed more than \$96,000 right on the spot. That's a record breaking show of support for the kids and it's going to change hundreds of lives for the better."

**Thank you for giving kids in Oak View and at all of our branches the gift of a great future.**



**Save the date for next year's Annual Benefit: October 15, 2016. We hope to see you there!**

# Pacific Life Foundation Makes \$1 Million Capital Campaign Pledge

The Pacific Life Foundation has made a major investment in our community's kids. They've pledged to give \$1,000,000 to help build the new Boys & Girls Club at Golden West College. This gift is going to change the lives of generations of Huntington Beach area families. In gratitude for this special gift, the new Club will be named the Pacific Life Foundation Branch.

The Pacific Life Foundation has been a key part of the Family Campus project from start to finish. In the first phase of the campaign, the Foundation donated \$100,000 to help build the Robert Mayer Child Development Preschool. This past summer, they teamed up with the Club once again to build the

playground for the new school age Club. More than 125 Pacific Life staff members pitched in to build a new playground. And, they all got to see first-hand the construction of the new Club and they learned more about the good that it will do for our community's kids. Tanya Hoxsie, the Club's CEO says, "Tennyson Oyler, President of the Foundation, told me that the Pacific Life Foundation has never made an investment of this kind before. But, they want to make a difference to the kids. This grant will be truly transformational for our organization. We're so grateful to have Pacific Life Foundation as a proud partner that believes in the Boys & Girls Club and thinks the Club is the best way to change kids' lives for the better."



Thanks a  
**MILLION,**  
Pacific Life  
Foundation!



## Dear Santa,

We've been really good this year and we're really excited that a new Boys & Girls Club is going to be opening soon at Golden West College. Will you help us check off our Christmas list for the new Club?

- \$10 for a new book for the library
- \$20 for a basketball for the gym
- \$45 for a chair for the education center
- \$130 for a table for the art room
- \$270 for a learning center for the kindergarten room, like science, dramatic play, art, writing, and reading
- \$600 for a computer for the technology lab

The new Club needs lots of each of those items and more! A little help from Santa in the enclosed blue envelope would go a long way toward getting the new Club ready for us.

Love, The Kids at the Boys & Girls Club



# 62% of Twilight Program Parents Earn More Thanks to Your Support

A dad named Victor just got a promotion thanks to you. Victor comes rain or shine to every night of the Club's Twilight Education Project. A few years ago, he spoke hardly any English. But, after three years of working hard in Twilight to learn English, he has made amazing progress. Especially in his ability to communicate in the workplace.

His English improved so much that his boss noticed it and decided that Victor was ready to become a supervisor. By becoming bilingual, Victor put himself in an excellent position to be the bridge between his Spanish speaking team and his English speaking managers. Now, instead of being just one of the crew on a team, he's leading the team, supervising three other employees. This promotion comes with a significant pay raise and that's really good news for his family, including his son, an 8th grader who comes with him to the Twilight program.

You might wonder why a Boys & Girls Club is focusing some of its efforts on helping adults get jobs or raises. They're not just adults. They're the parents of the kids we serve. Without a parent who can earn enough money to pay the bills for food, rent and more, our community's kids are in trouble. In our community, some of our most at-risk kids come from

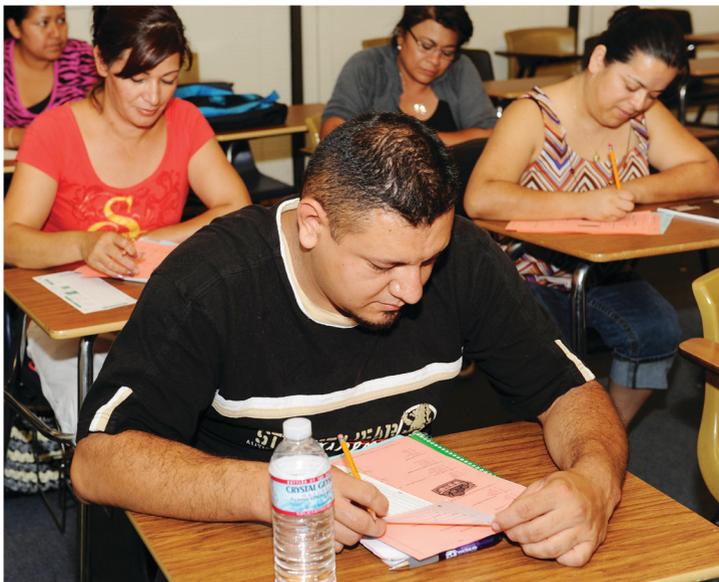
low-income families where their moms and dads don't speak English. So, the goal of the Twilight Education Program is to reach out to that part of the community and teach whole families. Three nights per week, this special program helps kids with academic support, free nutritious meals, mentoring programs, enrichment

activities, and even preschool instruction. But we go a step beyond all that and include parents, too. Every week, parents can learn English as a Second Language, computer skills, childcare skills, and much more. This multi-faceted program hits the problem of poverty from all sides. Rather than a temporary band-aid fix, we give

families the resources they need to break the cycle of poverty and build a better life for themselves.

It's working! In the last year, 62% of parents in the program got a job or a raise. And, 92% of kids are doing better in school. Your support is what makes it all possible. This program is 100% free for participants. From bus rides, to meals, to tutoring, and ESL classes – everything is free. That's because of generous donors like you. If you'd like to help Victor and his son and the 425 other children and parents in the Twilight program, please make a gift in the enclosed blue envelope today.

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# The Magic of the Season Comes to Life at the Kingston Branch

Kids in the kindergarten program at the Kingston Branch have a magical holiday experience thanks to hard-core holiday lover Gricel Voigt, who is the Unit Director at Kingston. Starting with special paper that we're told is sent directly from Santa, kids write their letters to Santa, which then get mailed via special delivery to the man himself. Santa at South Coast Plaza sends the kids a photo of himself with the letters in his hand so every child can be sure that that he received their mail.

That's not the end of the holiday excitement! The kids also prepare reindeer food – a special blend of oatmeal and carrots that they sprinkle on the playground to encourage Santa's reindeer to come by for a pre-holiday visit. And that reindeer food works! Every year, the kids hear reindeer pawing and jingling their bells on the roof. Magically, when the kids rush out to see if they can spot the reindeer, the children's stockings are all filled with sweet treats. Santa also leaves a letter for the kids, stamped from the North Pole, talking to the kids about what they've been doing at the Club this year.

Gricel is a credentialed teacher. She chose working at the Boys & Girls Club over teaching in a classroom because she says it allows her to teach creatively and reach so many more children than she could in a school. She says, "What I love about our kinder program at the holidays is that we're not only giving the kids a magical holiday they'll always remember, we're also teaching them. Every part of our

holiday celebration gives kids a chance to learn. With the letters to Santa, the kids practice their writing and spelling, they learn how to write a letter, and how to address an envelope. We also teach them about how the postal system works, so they know where their letters go and how they get delivered. When we make reindeer food, kids are learning about measuring and recipes, which are also really important skills. For kindergarteners, all of this is new information and

it's important for them to learn. The best part is that they don't even realize they're learning. The kids are just having fun. So, while we as staff are working on teaching the kids, they don't feel like they're stuck in extra hours of school. Instead, they're learning through play."

