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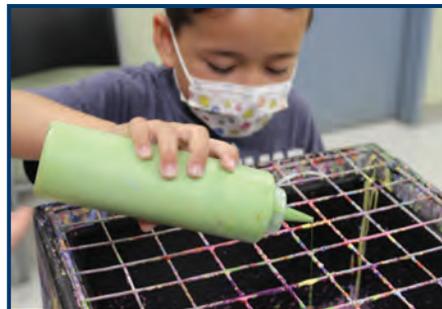
# Celebrating a Summer of Fun & Learning

## Helping Kids Thrive in Their Second COVID Summer

Every summer before COVID, the Boys & Girls Club ran a field trip every single day of the summer. Kids got to go to science centers, to the beach, to rock climbing, to the movies, to amusement parks, and so much more. With another summer of COVID restrictions making field trips impossible, **the Club decided that if the kids couldn't go on field trips, we'd get creative and bring the field trips to the kids.** Each week of summer, a fun new activity came to the Club. Mobile Ed Productions brought hands-on science activities to the Clubs. A giant inflatable obstacle course and a giant climbing structure visited each Club location. Duck Donuts came and let the kids design and decorate their own donuts. Kids got to watch the latest Pixar movie, *Luca*, and each received a book donated by Disney. We are looking forward to the day when we can take the kids on field trips again, but we are so proud of the way our staff gave the kids **a summer of amazing activities, all right at the Club.**

While a big focus was on making this summer as fun as it could possibly be, **the Club also made sure that kids had all the help they needed to be ready for a successful return to in-person school.** We introduced a new STEM program called Data Detectives and a new Boys & Girls

Clubs of America academic support program called MyFuture. The kids learned so much through exploration, group work and the use of technology. A financial literacy program taught our members about investing and money management. Summer reading programs helped struggling kids catch up to grade level. Those are just a few of the ways the Club supported children's learning this summer. Our goal is to make sure that every child is ready to succeed this school year!



## Finally Back to School

### Successful Start to the New School Year

**After 545 days**, on September 9th, all of the Club's school age members were **finally able to go back to school in person**, with no children learning remotely at the Club! Director of Operations Grisel Voigt says, "When schools first closed on March 13, 2020, we had no idea

that we'd be running full day programs for the next year and a half to give kids a safe place to spend each day. We are so excited for the kids that they finally all get to go back to school in person!!"

After two school years full of disruptions and transitions, the kids at the Club will need extra support to succeed in school. The Club is here for it! We've revamped our technology labs thanks to generous donations and introduced new academic support programming. Our staff are focusing on providing **homework help**, being resources for extended **learning outside the classroom**, and helping kids with their **social-emotional development** as they transition back to in-person experiences this year. The Club is ready to do whatever it takes to partner with kids on their learning journey this school year!



To learn more about our programs for school age youth or to register for afterschool programs, visit [bgchv.com/afterschool](https://bgchv.com/afterschool)

# Honoring Staff for Their Dedicated Service to Youth

## Preschool Teachers and Bus Driver of the Year

Over the last 18 months, the Boys & Girls Club's staff have continued to go above and beyond for the children and families that the Club serves. The Club is celebrating some of its hardest working, most dedicated staff members with Teacher of the Year and Bus Driver of the Year awards. Each of these team members exemplifies dedication to the children we serve, motivates others, and serves as a role model for both children and staff members. They are each a true asset to the organization and the kids at the Boys & Girls Club.

### DELPHINE TOM

Robert Mayer Child Development Preschool  
Teacher of the Year

"Delphine has been with the organization since 2017 and is a great asset to the team," says Site Director Sharanjit Dhaliwal. "She is a quick learner and has a very positive outlook on things. She is a team player who is able to adapt to any changes in program needs. Throughout this past year, Delphine went above and beyond her job responsibilities. Delphine comes to work with a smile on her face and is ever ready to help where needed. Besides being in the classroom teaching children, Delphine also took on administrative jobs helping us with program operations."



### MICHELLE VU

Learning Center Child Development Preschool  
Teacher of the Year

Site Director Susan Bixler comments, "Michelle began working for the organization in March 2017 as a part-time Preppy-K teacher and became a full-time lead teacher in 2019. As our needs at the Learning Center changed,



Kindergarten students. In each of these roles, Michelle creates amazing curriculum that promotes learning in a fun, engaging environment. You will see her not only teaching and guiding the children, but also dancing and being silly with the children. Michelle has built trusting relationships with her students and they all genuinely love Ms. Michelle. While COVID put many restrictions on the way we operate, Michelle found creative ways to promote learning in a safe environment. She was a constant during the tough times at the beginning of COVID. After pushing aside the fear of the unknown, she quickly realized we needed to continue the Boys & Girls Club way, which is doing whatever it takes and making a positive impact on those who need us the most!"

### JACK DORSEY Driver of the Year

This year, the Ted Terrones Driver of the Year Award goes to Jack Dorsey.

Transportation Director Vicki Bansberg says, "Jack started with BGCHV in 2018 as a Bus Driver and has proven himself to be a stellar employee. Jack is always happy and always goes above and beyond the call of duty. He is kind and friendly to all the staff and the students love him. Jack is diligent and does whatever it takes to make the Transportation Department a positive place. He has a way of seeing things before they become a problem and helping to resolve any situations that might arise. He not only transports students with a contagious smile, he also fuels buses, changes light bulbs, cleans up oil spots, assists with training new drivers, and helps with bus washing. Meanwhile you can hear him singing-and he can carry a tune! It's an honor to have him on our staff."



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# Great Futures Start Here Annual Benefit Dinner & Auction

Join in the Fun and Excitement of This Year's Gala on October 16th

The Club's Great Futures Start Here Annual Benefit Dinner & Auction is just around the corner on October 16th! This year's hybrid event will allow guests to join us in-person at the Hyatt Regency Huntington Beach Resort & Spa or at home for watch parties. **The goal of this year's event is to raise \$500,000** to support the Club's programs for low-income youth.

The Club will also be honoring Champion of Youth Resa Evans. Her volunteer service and generosity have made it possible for the Boys & Girls Club to change generations of children's lives for the better.

A fantastic online auction is one of the important ways you can help make this event a big success, raising much needed funds for the kids at the Club. **Online bidding is open to everyone starting October 8th at [greatfutures2021.com](https://greatfutures2021.com).**

**To Bid, Donate or Attend the Event**  
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Just a few of the hundreds of items you won't want to miss are:

- VIP Premier Club table for 10 at the 2022 Pacific Airshow
- Yamaha TT-R230 Trail Motorcycle
- Ride-along in the Huntington Beach Police Department's helicopter
- Kobe Beef barbecue for 10, catered by Beef Palace
- Custom tattoo by Luke Wessman of TLC's Miami Ink
- Thanksgiving 2021 Las Vegas getaway for two
- Family vacation in Maui for Thanksgiving 2022
- Private tour of the Reagan Presidential Museum with Ronald Reagan's son Mike Reagan

With hundreds of items in the auction, there is something for everyone, with perfect timing to get a jumpstart on your holiday shopping.

Thanks to guests at Gift Giving Parties throughout the year, the Club has hundreds of amazing items for you to bid on in our online auction. Special thanks go to our hosts and venues for these parties: Pam & Calvin Free, Rob & Jennifer Handy, Huntington Harbour Yacht Club, Bob & Tanya Hoxsie, Steve & Nina Nagel, Sandy's Beach Shack and Lyn & Rich Semeta.



With help from more than 200 supporters who attended these gift parties throughout the year, the Club's silent auction is fantastic this year! There are dinners at your favorite restaurants, gift cards for places you love to shop, one of a kind items, sports tickets and memorabilia and lots more. You can bid online starting October 8th at [greatfutures2021.com](https://greatfutures2021.com).

# Greatness Amplified - We Did It!!!

## Thank You for Helping the Club Raise \$230,000

Thank you to everyone who helped make this year's Greatness Amplified one-day giving challenge the most successful ever! Hoag Hospital kicked off the challenge by offering to match every dollar raised, up to \$50,000. An anonymous supporter then offered to match every dollar donated two more times. With a 3 to 1 match opportunity, supporters like you were eager to help! The Club's community of supporters met the challenge on the morning of August 18th and earned the \$150,000 in matching funds. Keeping the excitement and community support rolling, a final \$10,000 matching challenge was made just after we reached our original \$200,000 goal. This challenge, designated to support the Club's Oak View Branch, was met within a few hours. Thanks to this series of matching gifts and the large outpouring of support from the community, the Club was able to raise \$230,000!

CEO Art Groeneveld says, "This amazing one-day total is extraordinary. This year's Greatness Amplified campaign **raised nearly five times as much as any of our previous one-day campaigns!** This support is very needed this year, as **we face a \$650,000 funding deficit.** We're so grateful that the whole community stepped up to make this year's campaign a special one in support of the kids."

We send a huge thank you to each of our matching gift sponsors and all 165 Greatness Amplified donors! Your support helps the Club make a difference to families like Jamie's. She says, "Without the Club, my child would have nowhere to go afterschool and I wouldn't be able to keep my job." Thanks for helping the Club be there for her!



## Your Support Helps Families When They Need Us Most

### Words from a Parent in the Scholarship Program

Your donations to the Boys & Girls Club make it possible for the Club to keep fees affordable for all families and to provide scholarships so that every family pays only what they can afford. A mom recently shared with one of our board members, "My son has been a member of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Huntington Valley for the last 5 years. We have been recipients of your **scholarship program, school clothes and supplies, and**



**educational and fun experiences** within the program. I am **incredibly grateful for the assistance we received when it was needed most.** You have an outstanding program that gives working families peace of mind that their children are in excellent care at your facility. Thank you for all that you do!"

**That "thank you" is for you** because the Boys & Girls Clubs couldn't do all those things for her son without help from supporters like you!



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# ClubHouse Academy Members Win College Scholarships

## College Dreams Come True for Club Members

Thanks to the generosity of the Kelly Osborn Memorial Scholarship Fund, two longtime members of the ClubHouse Academy were each awarded a scholarship of \$1,000 to help them make their college dreams come true.

### About the Winners

#### ERIN WITECKI

Erin Witecki started at the Clubhouse Academy in 2008, when she was just 6 years old. Her first performance was in the ClubHouse Theatre production of *Willy Wonka* and she discovered her love for theatre. Since then, Erin has participated in countless rehearsals and shows in various capacities such as acting and being a part of our theatre crew. She is a strong leader, a problem solver, a mentor, a great motivator, and a positive role model to others. She was the ClubHouse Academy's Youth of the Year in 2019, exemplifying the traits that the Boys & Girls Club hopes to instill in all its members. Erin will use her scholarship to attend Orange Coast College and hopes to become a teacher.



#### ELENA VANDERVEEN

Elena VanderVeen has danced at the Boys & Girls Club's ClubHouse Academy for more a decade. She is a multi-year winner of the Hank Aaron Chasing the Dream Scholarship, which enabled her to pursue her passion for dance through classes at the ClubHouse Academy, at the Huntington Beach Academy for the Performing Arts and more. Elena has been an assistant teacher in our dance classes, sharing her love for dance with younger members. She is a great role model for them, and is always helpful and caring. She is dedicated to helping new members feel safe and welcome. Now in her senior year of high school, Elena is excited to make plans for college next year.



### Congratulations, Erin and Elena!

Winners pictured with Kelly Osborn Memorial Scholarship Fund Founders Dave & Mona Osborn and Gary Forman



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