



BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
OF HUNTINGTON VALLEY

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Club Welcomes New CEO Art Groeneveld

Longtime Club Leader Promoted in Unanimous Board Decision



In June, the Boys & Girls Club welcomed a new Chief Executive Officer for the first time in more than 40 years. The organization's new CEO is Art Groeneveld, a longtime staff member of the Club. Throughout his 30-year tenure with the

organization, he has served as Athletics Director, Bus Driver, Development Director, and Executive Director, and now CEO. His promotion was a unanimous decision by the Board of Directors. Board President Rob Handy comments, "We knew Art was the right person for the job. No other candidate could know this organization like he does. He's a strong leader, trusted by both our board and our staff. We're excited to see him build on the legacy left by our recently retired CEO."

As our community and the Boys & Girls Club work to recover from the pandemic, Art is ready to build on that legacy, too. He says, "Throughout the COVID pandemic, we never wavered in our commitment to be the best provider of services to youth in our community. When the world shut down, we stayed open. We developed, sustained, and implemented safety protocols that kept our children and staff safe. When schools closed, instead of closing our doors, we opened them wider, expanding our hours. We built new partnerships to reach the families that needed us most in the ways

they needed most, through affordable childcare, food distribution, and even a vaccine clinic. **Partnerships, community support, and donors who believe in our mission have helped us overcome every challenge. We have never been stronger.** Now, as we are moving towards recovery, we are prepared to build on our courage, lessons learned, and creativity to engage more children and their families to meet the community's critical need for childcare.

Our team is moving forward full of optimism.

We are seeing more kids return to our seven buildings every day. Seeing children who are so excited to be part of our programs, eager to develop new friendships, and happy to have special experiences at the Club keeps us motivated to make our programs the best they can be. At the same time, while their children learn and grow at the Club, parents have the opportunity to return to work knowing their children are well cared for. That peace of mind is priceless for parents. As our community recovers, we will continue to expand our services and welcome more families to our programs. **We're here to do Whatever It Takes to help kids, families, and our whole community rebound fully.**



Dates to Remember

August 18, 2021 – Greatness Amplified

Log on to greatnessamplified.com on August 18th to help the Club reach its one-day fundraising goal of \$50,000 to earn a \$50,000 matching gift from Hoag Hospital. Read more details inside!

September 19, 2021 – Festival of Children

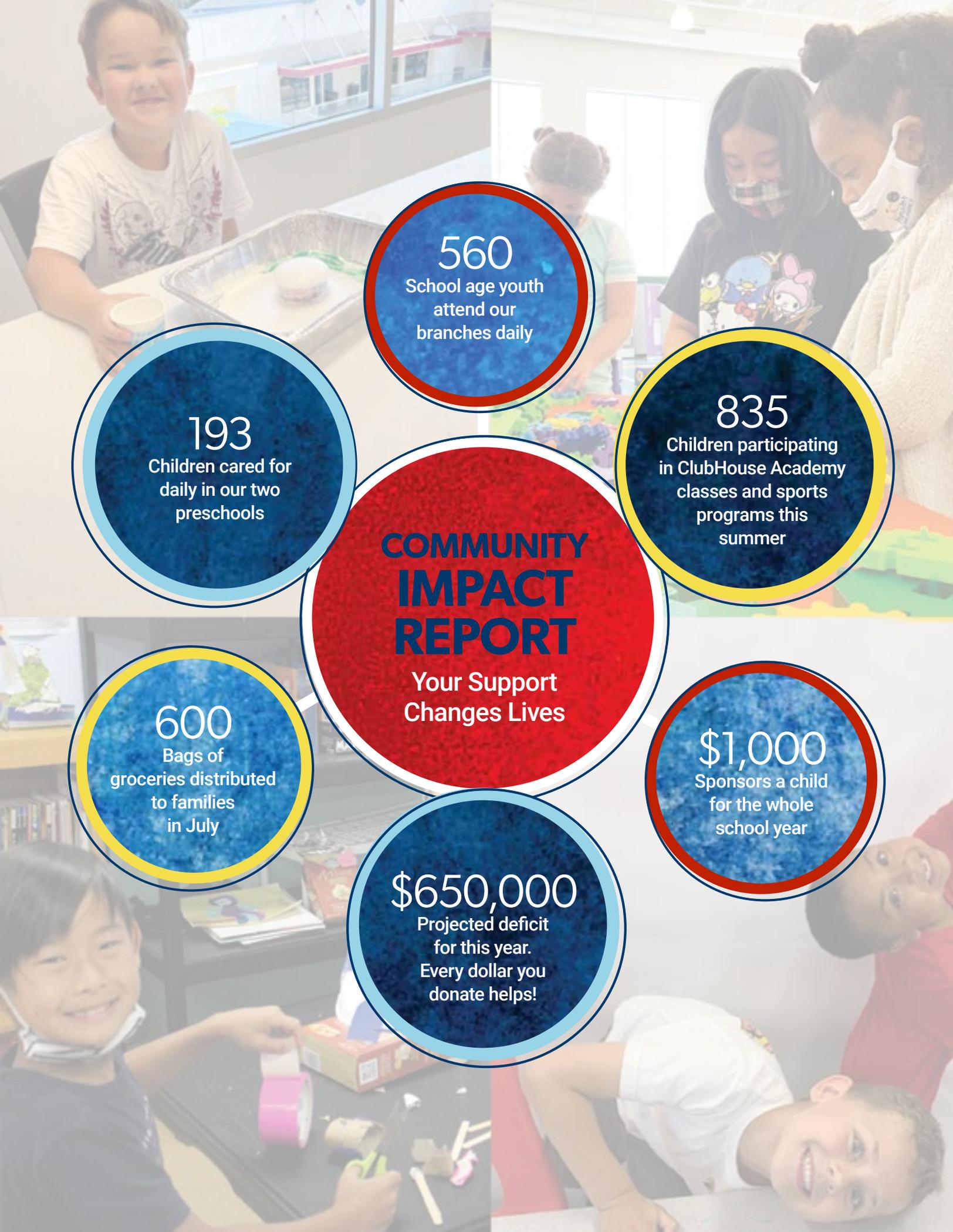
Come see dancers from the ClubHouse Academy perform at South Coast Plaza at noon on September 19th during the annual Festival of Children.

October 16, 2021 – Great Futures Start Here

Join the Club for its Annual Benefit Dinner and Auction. Register online at greatfutures2021.com. Read more inside!



**GREAT FUTURES
START HERE.**



560
School age youth
attend our
branches daily

193
Children cared for
daily in our two
preschools

835
Children participating
in ClubHouse Academy
classes and sports
programs this
summer

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Your Support
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600
Bags of
groceries distributed
to families
in July

\$1,000
Sponsors a child
for the whole
school year

\$650,000
Projected deficit
for this year.
Every dollar you
donate helps!



Greatness Amplified - Help Meet Hoag Hospital's \$50,000 Matching Gift Challenge and Your Gift Will Be Doubled

August 18th – greatnessamplified.com

Boys & Girls Clubs of Huntington Valley is part of a **one day giving challenge** called Greatness Amplified on August 18th. We're asking the whole community to pitch in and ask their friends to do the same.

On August 18th, if Boys & Girls Clubs of Huntington Valley can raise \$50,000, Hoag Hospital will match it dollar for dollar! That means \$50,000 will turn into \$100,000!!



Imagine what \$100,000 would mean to the kids at the Club. It will mean academic support after two tough school years to help get kids back on track. It will mean that kids get a chance to be together, learning, playing, and growing their social skills after too much isolation during the pandemic. It will mean families have the childcare they need and count on in order to help bring our community and its economy back to life after the last year and a half of struggles.

"The Boys & Girls Clubs of Huntington Valley have always been there for the community – and now it's the community's turn to be there for the Club," said Robert T. Braithwaite, President and Chief Executive Officer of Hoag. "As the only Boys & Girls Club in the county that remained open throughout the pandemic, they reassured Hoag parents – and many other families in the county – that they had a safe place to take their children as they continued to serve the community during a very difficult period. The Club's dedicated staff members provide outstanding services and care, including high-quality affordable childcare, that our contribution will help to protect."

Now that we are moving toward recovery, **Hoag is helping make sure that the whole community can count on the Boys & Girls Club by offering this amazing chance for the Club to earn a \$50,000 matching gift.**



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We need your help! There are a few simple ways that you can make a difference.

- 1. Log on to greatnessamplified.com on August 18th and make your gift!**
2. Not comfortable with online donations? No problem. **Make your donation by check** using the enclosed envelope and make a note that it's for Greatness Amplified. Hoag Hospital will still match your gift to the campaign!
- 3. Fundraise for the Club!**

Log on to greatnessamplified.com starting now and make your own personal fundraising page. Share it through your email and social media and ask your friends, family, and colleagues to help.

Remember, every dollar you raise or donate will be doubled thanks to Hoag Hospital!



The Club is here to do whatever it takes for the kids and families that need us most. Always. With your help, we'll make sure that kids at our Clubs who have had two disrupted school years are ready to excel. They'll have access to the academic support they need and they'll be building up their social skills, too, learning to be part of groups and have fun together again.

Please join in and be part of Greatness Amplified as a fundraiser, as a donor, or as both. Thousands of kids are counting on the Boys & Girls Club and the Boys & Girls Club is hoping it can count on you!

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Your Support Gives Families Help When They Need It Most

In Their Own Words

Your support of the scholarship program gives families a helping hand when they need it most. Whether a family is going through a divorce, a parent is training for a new job, or just coping with the challenges of living every

day of a pandemic, the Club provides both kids and parents with the support they need to make it through their own personal challenges. Your support of the Club's sliding scale scholarship program is a big part of what makes that possible.

Thanks to you, the Club can offer discounts of up to 50% off its program fees for families with low incomes as well as free programs for families in the Oak View community, where most families live below the poverty line.

In their own words, here are just a few examples of how your support changes lives for the better.

"I am a newly single mother of two boys. **Going through a separation has not been easy on me financially. I work two part-time jobs but even then, it is not**

enough. I usually rely on family for childcare help but schedules are changing for my family and the strain of the separation has caused tension with in-laws who usually help. **The Boys & Girls Club's scholarship program means I have childcare I can count on.**" - Jamie

"The scholarship program helps us very much in many different ways. Most importantly, **our daughter gets the interaction with others that we believe is very important for her development.** As for us as parents, we get the opportunity to pursue and **complete our studies.** Knowing our daughter is at the Boys & Girls Club, we can continue job searching and I can finish my respiratory therapy license." - Anonymous

If you would like to give a helping hand to hard-working families like these, please take a moment to make a donation online at bgchv.com/donate or use the **enclosed envelope** to make your contribution today. Your support enables the Club to reach the families who need it most.



Disney Donates 1,000+ Books for Club Kids

Every Club Member Gets a New Book

Summer reading is in full swing at the Boys & Girls Club, thanks in part to a big donation from Disney. Disney shipped a truckload of books to Boys & Girls Clubs of Huntington Valley with more than 1,000 books for the Club to share with its members. This donation helped the Club refurbish its libraries at the school age Clubs and its classroom libraries at both preschools. Best of all, the Club also got to hold FREE book fairs at each of the Club's locations where **every Club member got to take home a book** of their choice. With choices ranging from board books for toddlers to adventure stories for teens, there were books for every child's age, interest, and reading level, all filled with kids' favorite characters from Disney, Pixar, Star Wars, and other popular movies. Thank you, Disney, for helping kids build their home libraries with books that they love!



Starting Great Futures at the Boys & Girls Club

Teen Shares Her Experience at ClubHouse Academy



Throughout the pandemic, the Boys & Girls Club's ClubHouse Academy has been a lifeline for many kids, connecting them with friends and helping them have a creative outlet to cope with the challenges of the last year and a half. Teen Club member Jessica Hay shares how the Club has helped her throughout the pandemic, and in fact, for most of her life.

"I have been dancing at ClubHouse Academy for about 11 years now, and **the Club has made a huge impact on my life. Ever since I was small, the Academy has been like a second home to me.**

I know that I belong there, and that there I can be the best version of myself. Dancing is the

way I express emotions, process feelings, and have fun. It helps me get away from everything else going on in

my life, and I wouldn't be able to do that without the Club.

The Club staff are always so kind and helpful, and the teachers help us dance to the best of our abilities.

Dancing at Clubhouse Academy is one of the best parts of my life. Although my favorite dance style is definitely classical ballet, I have also been trained in lyrical, contemporary, jazz, tap, acro, and musical theatre dance, all through the Club!

All this experience in dance has led me to where I am today. I recently made it on the Fountain Valley High School Dance Team and I finished the last school year with a principal's award, a leadership award, an English Language Arts award, a 4.0 GPA, and many other awards from my school teachers and staff. I couldn't have accomplished all these things without the Boys & Girls Club. It has given me so many things, such as **leadership skills, motivation, perseverance, and friendships** to last a lifetime. The other kids at the club have become my family, and I know that we will all be around each other for years to come!

The Clubhouse Academy means so much to me and other kids alike. **We all love being at the Club, and there is no better place to grow into the people we will someday become.** The Boys and Girls Club's motto is "Great Futures Start Here," and I know that they truly do.



Great Futures Start Here-Annual Benefit Dinner & Auction

Celebrate Champion of Youth Resa Evans

The Club's Great Futures Start Here Annual Benefit Dinner and Auction will be held on Saturday, October 16, 2021, bringing you the best of both worlds with both in-person and home watch party options for participation. You can join the festivities at the Hyatt Regency Huntington Beach Resort and Spa or from the comfort of your own living room. We are excited to see the faces of wonderful supporters like you in-person again, and also excited to be able to include people near and far through watch parties and online bidding in the auction. **While our format may have changed from in-person in 2019 to virtual in 2020 to hybrid in 2021, one thing never changes. The reason for this event is always THE KIDS.** With your help, the Great Futures Start Here Annual Benefit will raise more than \$500,000 to provide scholarships, free programs, and support for the children who need the Club the most.

At this event, the Club will celebrate a special person whose level of caring and commitment to the Club and the kids is extraordinary. **Resa Evans will be honored as this year's Champion of Youth.** As a volunteer, board member, and donor, Resa has a tremendous impact on generations of our community's youth. Resa and her family's Boand Family Foundation have donated more than \$1,000,000 in support of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Huntington Valley. Resa has also been a driving force behind the Surf City Rotary Club's Surf City Splash event

that has raised more than \$600,000 for the Boys & Girls Club. She is a volunteer that the Club can always count on. Whether it's taking kids shopping for new shoes, showing up to help build a playground, or helping deliver auction items to supporters after our online events this last year, Resa is always ready to jump in and help, embodying the Club's "Whatever It Takes" motto. Her generosity and commitment to making our community a better place for children are an inspiration to us all!

To join the Club on October 16th in raising funds for the programs that help kids start their great futures and to help honor our Champion of Youth Resa Evans, register online at greatfutures2021.com.



"Independence from Hunger" Food Drive Feeds Club Families

Boys & Girls Club Teams Up with Grocery Outlet

The Club's motto "Whatever It Takes" means that the Club doesn't just do one thing for kids and families. Instead, the Club tries to think about all the things it takes to help a child succeed. One of the most important is **making sure that each child's basic needs are met, like getting enough to eat every day.** The Club offers daily meals to all school age members thanks to partnerships with Second Harvest Food Bank and Caterina's Club. And, this summer, Grocery Outlet Bargain Market in Fountain Valley teamed up with the Club for another special opportunity to make sure kids and their families get enough to eat. Grocery Outlet's annual "Independence from Hunger" food drive helps fight hunger in communities that need it most. The store encourages its customers to help the local community by donating money or purchasing a prepacked bag of food. Grocery Outlet Fountain Valley donates those bags of food to Boys & Girls Clubs of Huntington Valley. Through this campaign, Grocery Outlet

is helping make sure that children at the Boys & Girls Club don't have to go hungry or worry where their next meal is coming from. **Thanks to the generosity of Grocery Outlet and its shoppers, the Club has received hundreds of brown bags filled with nonperishables to be used at the Club**

kitchens and to be given away to Club families to help combat food insecurity. The Club is so thankful to be able to count on the kindness of partners like Grocery Outlet and its owner Michael Hohertz to help us carry out our mission of doing whatever it takes to provide for the kids who need it most.





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25th Annual JMG Golf Tournament

Raises More than \$130,000 for the Club

The Club's 25th Anniversary JMG Security Systems Annual Benefit Golf Tournament was a huge success! After a one-year hiatus due to COVID-19, the tournament committee wasn't sure what to expect with a return to play this year, especially since we had to change the format from a one day tournament on two courses to a two day tournament on one course, with a virtual finale instead of a banquet. The Club's family of supporters put all those worries to rest and came through as strong as ever for the kids at the Club. This year's tournament netted more than \$130,000 and even exceeded our net funds raised in 2019! These funds are much-needed as the organization still has a significant funding gap each month between what families can afford to pay for services and the actual cost of providing great programs for the kids every day. Thank you so much to all those who helped make this event the success we hoped for and needed!



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