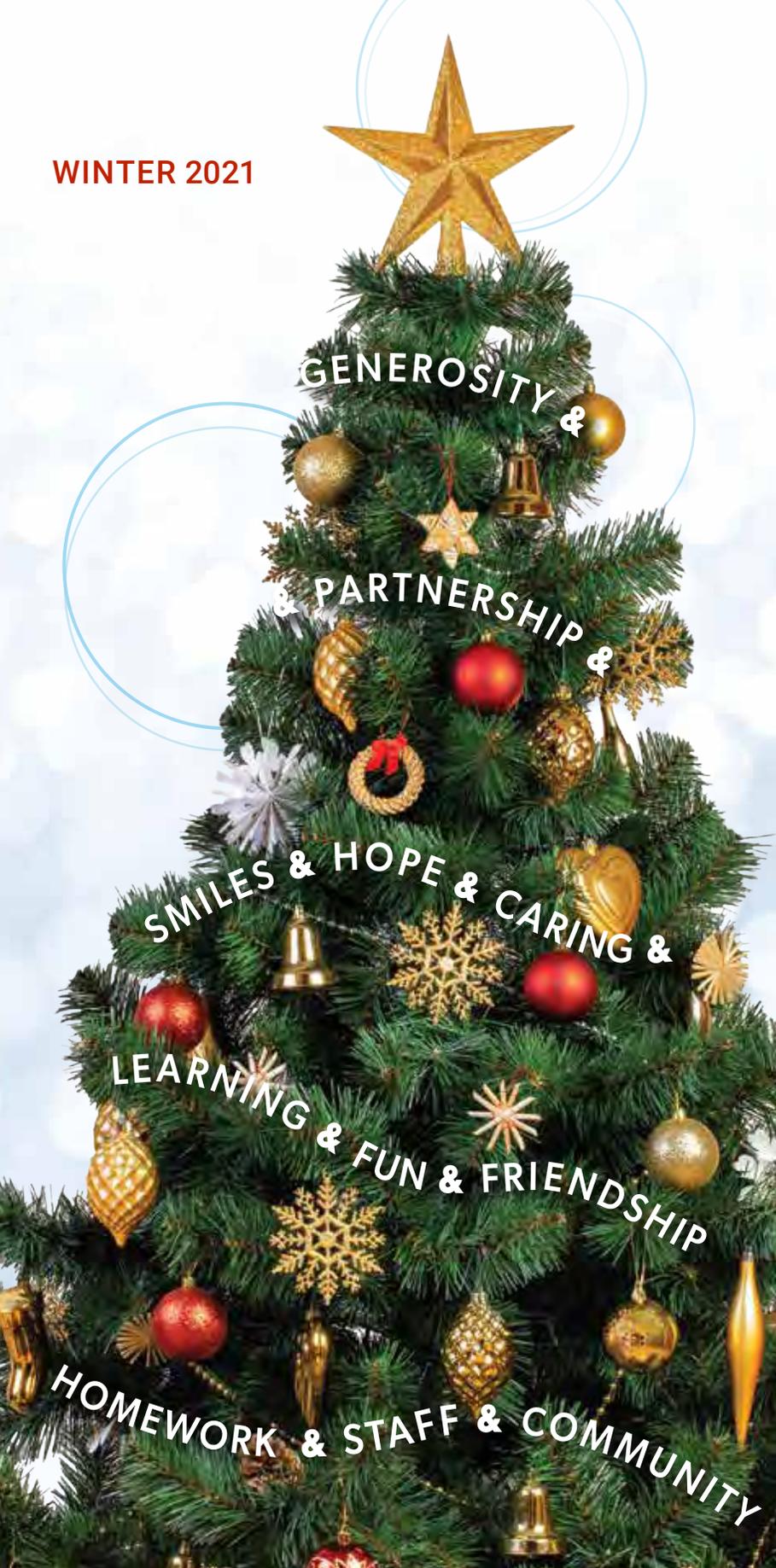


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**Whatever
It Takes to
Build Great
Futures.**

New STEM Labs Installed at Each School Age Branch

Kids Learn Coding and More Thanks to Generous Donation

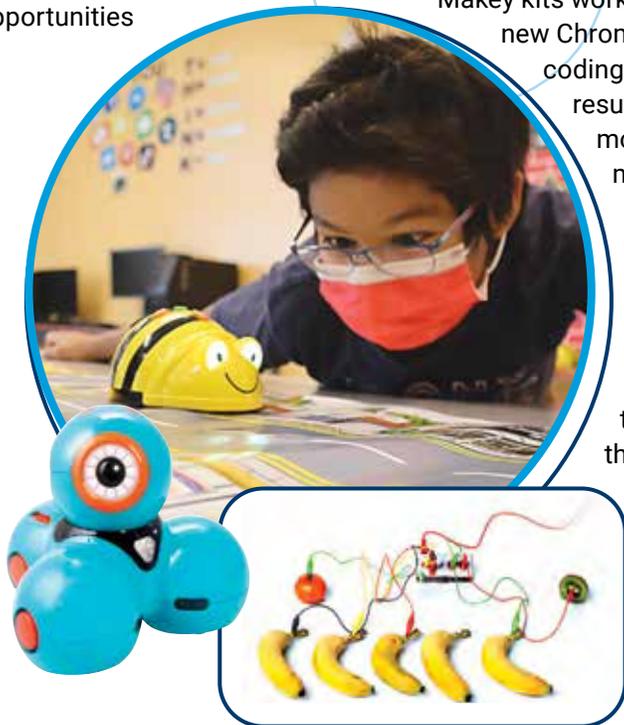
Thanks to a generous \$20,000 donation, all four of the Club's school age branches have **newly equipped STEM labs to get kids engaged and excited about learning science, technology, engineering, and math concepts.** Through the donation, the Club was able to purchase new Chromebooks for each branch, 3-D printers, coding gadgets like Bee-Bots, Spheros, Makey-Makey Kits, and more. STEM is an important part of the Club's daily activities through Imagine Science, DIY STEM, MyFuture, and many other programs. Providing new STEM labs opens even more opportunities for STEM learning.

Huntington Beach Branch Unit Director Ryan Brenes says, "What's really cool about all of the new equipment in the STEM labs is that we now have something for every age range we serve. We used to have a one size fits all approach because we were so limited in what we had available. Some projects might be too easy for our older kids while still too hard for our youngest members. Now, **there are different components and activities specifically designed for kindergarteners through teens.** For example,

with coding, kindergarteners can learn the very basics of programming with Bee-Bots while older kids can learn the basics of Java and C++ coding to make our new Dash robots complete a complex task. We were able to purchase curriculum to go with each of these new components of the STEM lab, so they're not just tech toys, they're tools for teaching the kids about STEM concepts in a really fun way."

Most of the fun gadgets like the Dash robot and Makey-Makey kits work in conjunction with the new Chromebooks, so kids experience coding on the computer and see the results of their work as robots move or random objects are made into remote controls. The new Chromebooks have also made it possible for the Club to participate in a STEM pilot program called Data Detectives, where kids are using literature and technology to learn about pandemics like the one we are currently living through as well as throughout history.

Thank you to our generous donors Mike & Sloan Gallipeo for helping the kids at our Clubs get excited about learning and STEM!



Help Make the Holidays Extra Holly & Jolly

Support the Club's Holiday Programs for Youth

This holiday season, the Club will hold our "On Dasher, On Dancer" party at each of our school age Clubs. At the parties, kids will get to make crafts, enjoy cocoa and cookies, sing carols, get a picture with Santa, and best of all, pick out their own special gift. Through our "Holly Jolly Holidays" program, children in the Club's scholarship program will receive clothing, pajamas, books, and toys to make their holidays extra special. **\$100 sponsors one child in the "Holly Jolly Holidays" program and \$1,000 sponsors a party at one of our school age Clubs.** If you would like to help make the holidays extra special for the kids, please consider making a gift using the enclosed envelope.

To learn more about getting involved as a volunteer or hosting a toy drive, call 714-309-4962 or email laura@bgchv.com.



Your Support Helps Families Build Great Futures

How You Made a Life-Changing Difference to Mike's Family



A dad named Mike recently shared how being part of the Club family has helped his whole family start to build their great future. **We'd like to share Mike's story with you, because none of it would be possible without supporters like you.**

"I grew up in a tough neighborhood, where I saw drug deals and gang violence all the time. I wanted something better for my future. So, I joined the Army two weeks after graduating high school. I thought this was the best way that I could move away from home, start new, and make something of myself.

I served for six years in the Army, including a tour of duty in Iraq. My wife also served for six years, and we had three children while we were both in the Army. When we returned to civilian life, the Army's transitional services were overwhelmed with the end of the Iraq War. That left my family without a lot of support. We struggled to find housing and jobs. Despite my hopes for a better future, we had no choice but to move back in with my mom. I had to bring my kids back to the neighborhood that I had tried so hard to escape.

Two years ago, we found a way out, thanks to a veteran's support program that helped us get housing in Huntington Beach. It was hard to find a good afterschool program for our kids that we could afford. But when we came to the Boys & Girls Club, they worked with us to provide a scholarship so all three of our children could attend.

With childcare we can count on at the Club each day, I'm excited to be able to tell you that my wife and I now both have good, regular jobs, and we have become a dual income family again!

Not only has the Club helped us get on our feet financially, it's been an amazing place for our kids. **The Boys & Girls Club has been the stable foundation our kids needed and they are so happy at the Club!**

Each of our kids has found something different they love at the Club. Art, cooking, sports, and even financial literacy programs. Our oldest is pretty shy, but at the

Club, she's made good friends and found a place where she's accepted for just being herself, and that's something she hadn't really found anywhere else.

And, over the last year and a half when schools were closed, **the Club was always open!** Our kids got the help they needed with schoolwork and used the Club's internet and laptops for their online learning. **The Club was a life saver for them!**



Whatever our kids need, the Club always finds a way to help – they've given my kids meals, back-to-school outfits, holiday gifts, and so much more. I'm so grateful that through all our ups-and-downs, my family can always count on Boys & Girls Club."

Thank you for helping families like Mike's. **If you'd like to help build great futures together with even more families, please make your contribution today.**

You can use the enclosed envelope to make your gift or visit [bgchv.com/donate](https://www.bgchv.com/donate).

New CARB Mandates Cause Challenges for Club Transportation Program

School Buses Help the Boys & Girls Club Reach Kids in 40+ Schools

The Club's fleet of 18 school buses is as big or bigger than most of the school bus fleets that belong to our local school districts. And that makes sense, because the Club buses kids to and from more than 40 schools throughout five local school districts.

Not only that, the Club's buses transport children to dance and karate classes, take kids on field trips during summer and school breaks, and bring whole families to evening ESL classes and homework help in our Twilight Education Project. In fact, your Boys & Girls Club's busy transportation department provides one of the largest bus transportation programs of any Boys & Girls Club in the country.

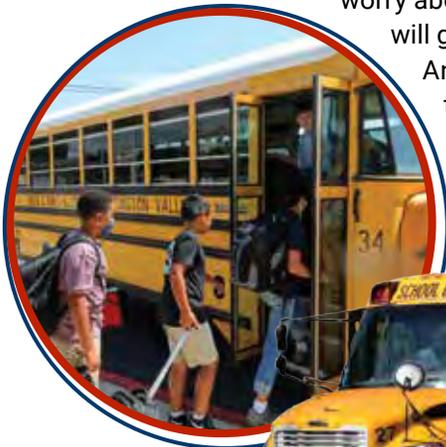
The bus fleet is important because it helps moms and dads be able to work during their kids' out of school time. We open early at 6:30am so that parents who have to get to work before school starts don't have to worry about how their child will get to school on time.

And, parents don't have to worry about leaving work to pick their kids up after school because the Club takes care of it.

Nearly 1,000 children ride the Club's school buses every week of the school year and 85% of our members' parents say they couldn't work at their current job without the Boys & Girls Club.

Our school bus transportation program is critical for our community's kids and families. But, our school bus fleet is aging. Some of our buses are actually older than some of our staff members! **New CARB emissions standards that will go into effect in January 2023 will require the Club to take some older buses off the road and purchase newer buses. Without the funds needed to purchase new buses, the Club will have to reduce services.**

We never want to reduce services that families are counting on! So, the Club is asking for your help. Earlier this year, the Club created the Hoxsie Family Facility Fund to honor our longtime CEO Tanya Hoxsie and her husband Bob Hoxsie, who has been a board member for many years. Their commitment to giving kids the very best places to learn, play, and grow is inspirational! The fund named in their honor is designed to help with major repairs and upgrades to our bus fleet and our seven buildings. **To replace our older buses and ensure that we can continue to meet the transportation needs of families at the Club, please consider making a contribution to the Hoxsie Family Facility Fund using the enclosed form or at hoxsiefamilyfacilityfund.com**



A Special Gift Just for You

To thank you for all that you have done for the kids at the Boys & Girls Club this year, we have enclosed a special gift just for you.

Please hang the enclosed ornament in your home to remind you of all the children you've helped at the Club. Your caring, kindness, and generosity have made a world of difference to the kids who needed it most this year.

Thank You!



\$50,000 Nutrition Assistance Grant Helps Families through the Holidays

Club Provides Gift Cards and Meals for Families in Need



Supervisor Katrina Foley and the County of Orange's District 2 have awarded the Boys & Girls Club a \$50,000 grant to help the families in the communities we serve access much-needed nutrition assistance throughout the holiday season. These funds from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) will make a difference to families in the Oak View community as well as families in the Club's scholarship program. **The Club will be distributing food and grocery gift cards directly to families throughout December.** Club CEO Art Groeneveld comments, "This was such a special opportunity that when Supervisor Foley's office asked if we could help reach out to families in our District, we couldn't say no. **100% of these**



funds go straight to feeding kids and their families. We're really thankful to Supervisor Katrina Foley for making this partnership possible. To me, making sure that every child whose family is struggling gets enough to eat is one of the best holiday gifts the Boys & Girls Club could possibly give to the community." Thank you, Supervisor Foley, for this opportunity to help the kids!



Club CEO Earns Honors from Civic Groups

Art Groeneveld Receives Leadership Awards from Kiwanis and Chamber of Commerce

The Boys & Girls Club's CEO Art Groeneveld recently earned TWO awards for outstanding service and leadership to the community. The Club is proud to have its CEO's leadership recognized in both of the cities that the organization serves.

The Fountain Valley Chamber of Commerce named Art Groeneveld one of its "**21 Leaders of 2021**" for visionary guidance, exceptional leadership, and dedication to the City of Fountain Valley. This award included recognition from not only the Chamber of Commerce, but also from the County of Orange, the California State Senate and Assembly, and the US House of Representatives.

The Kiwanis Club of Huntington Beach honored Art with their inaugural **2021 Community Award** for his leadership, service to the community, and dedication to the children of our community. Art is a Lifetime Member of the Kiwanis Club of Fountain Valley, and has



volunteered countless hours through Kiwanis to help children, families, and seniors in both Huntington Beach and Fountain Valley.

Congratulations to Art Groeneveld on these well-deserved awards!





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Club Raises \$500,000 Thanks to Supporters Like You

Great Futures Start Here Annual Benefit



The Club's Great Futures Start Here Annual Benefit Dinner & Auction raised \$500,000 to support the Club's scholarship programs and keep fees affordable for all families.

Thank you for your part as a sponsor, participant, or volunteer. Each of you helped make this special night a tremendous success, especially our sponsors, who are the backbone of this event's success. **The Club counts on every dollar raised, particularly now while the organization is facing a significant deficit as the end of the fiscal year approaches.** This event helps keep the doors open for the kids and families who need the Club the most.

At the event, the Club was proud to honor two extraordinary women who have changed the lives of countless children for the better thanks to their tireless work on behalf of the Boys & Girls Club. First, the Club honored **Champion of Youth Resa Evans** for her decades of volunteer service and her extraordinary generosity. The Club was also thrilled to be able to surprise **former CEO Tanya Hoxsie** with a **Lifetime Achievement Award** for her exceptional dedication and achievements throughout her 40+ years leading the Boys & Girls Clubs of Huntington Valley. Congratulations to Resa and Tanya!

Thank you, again, to all of our sponsors and the 600+ members of the Club's family of supporters who joined in the event in-person and online. Your support ensures that our community's kids can always count on the Boys & Girls Club!



CHAMPION OF YOUTH AWARD
Resa Evans



LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD
Tanya Hoxsie



Total Raised
\$500,000+
600 people attended
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