

Summer 2017 Newsletter

The Positive Connection



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
OF THE NORTH VALLEY**

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"The BGCNV gave me more opportunities to be a better person. They helped me believe what I was capable of and it made me more positive and happier. I feel all kids should have the opportunity I have been given."

-Jasmine D., HES Youth of the Year

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PREVENTING SUMMER SLIDE

Summer break plays a key role in setting youth on the right or wrong course to academic success. Our Boys & Girls Clubs strategically create a variety of programs and services to ensure our kids have experiences and opportunities that are challenging, help develop their talents, keep them engaged and expand their horizons. With the support from the following community members: Brubaker Insurance Services, Chico Elks Lodge, California Health & Wellness, MetalWorks, Old Navy, Tittle & Company, AMain Hobbies, Northgate Aviation, The O'Donnell Group, Jeff & Heather Fowler and Brad Jacobson of Farmers Insurance, we have been able to do just that.

Some of these experiences and opportunities include learning history at the Sacramento Railroad Museum; meeting new animal friends at Turtle Bay Exploration Park; exploring educational opportunities by going on college tours; enjoying family karaoke nights; hosting leadership summits and getting out of the heat at the movie theater and in local pools and creeks.

"I like going to camp, my favorite fieldtrip so far was Turtle Bay because it was fun and I learned a lot."
- Justin R. Age 9, Chico Camp Journey Member

Alongside all of the fun and educational trips our Club youth get to experience, they also take part in daily and weekly programs which help them learn new skills. This summer marks the first year we have been able to provide summer programming at our new Hamilton Elementary School (HES) site. Some of these programs include Youth for Unity, reading, writing, computer coding, physical education and nutrition, which is supported by CSUC's Center for Healthy Communities. For the last two weeks of summer our HES youth will enjoy all-day field trips and trips to the Orland community pool through Camp Voyage, our space exploration themed summer camp, which will focus on space, science and technology. Thank you to all the sponsors who provide these exceptional opportunities to give kids the chance to connect classroom lessons to real-life experiences, improve critical thinking skills, grow healthy and positive relationships and have a safe place to be a kid and have fun!

SURVEY SAYS...

95%

of participating youth believe they have been given the tools to improve and build their leadership skills

93%

of participating youth feel that Club staff have provided them with multiple ways for them to be engaged in fitness, basic nutrition and healthy eating

90%

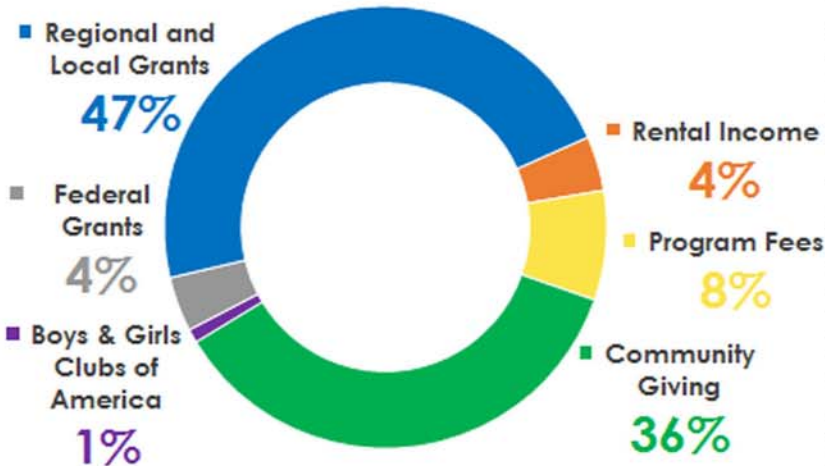
of participating youth believe they have learned valuable decision making skills that will help them now and in the future

We rely on LOCAL support from our community members - vis

WHAT'S AT STAKE

Where Funds Come From

Year ended December 31, 2016



In recent months we have had several reductions to various funding sources and as a result have had to reduce hours and services to the youth and families we serve in Butte County. The BGCNV is a vital community social service provider that provides critical services to youth within the highest-risk county in the state. We work every day to provide individual support for youth who are in need of additional care, allowing them to thrive and reach their full potential.

Because of LOCAL supporters like you who understand the value the Boys & Girls Club provides to our community, we have been able to provide key services and programs that keep

youth on track for the past 22 years. With 95% of our budget generated from local giving, YOUR SUPPORT IS CRUCIAL as the level of need for our youth and their families continues to rise. We always seem to do more with less, but we cannot meet these ever increasing demands without receiving more help from our community. We are reaching out to our current supporters and new supporters alike to consider doubling or matching a friend's donation. Your investment will make up for the rise in costs and the reduction to our grant funding so we will be able to continue to serve the most vulnerable children in our communities.



SOROPTIMIST SERENITY CENTER

On April 18th we unveiled our new Soroptimist Serenity Center within our Chico Ostrander Clubhouse. This collaborative partnership created a safe space for our Club youth in response to meeting the needs of our youth that have experienced childhood trauma. This project involved investing in staff training and renovating our previous Learning Lab space.

This project was made possible through the support of many community groups; Soroptimist International of Chico, Charlie Crabtree Painting, Sage Bowman - Nantucket Home, Slater & Son, Dan Irving, and Victor Community Support Services. Thank you all for helping to create a safe space for youth!

TOUCHDOWN FOR YOUTH

This spring marked the first year of our flag football league and for many of the youth, it was their first opportunity to be a part of an organized sports team, let alone a travel team. Youth competed against their fellow Club members in this 7-on-7 league comprised of teams of 10 to 12 players in either the 5th grade and under or 6th grade and up divisions, with Hamilton Elementary School and the Chico Teen Center winning their respective groups.

The goal of the program was to introduce sports to our youth to give them important lessons in personal values and help them grow up to be confident and active community members. Funding was supported by Buffalo Wild Wings.



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The mission of the BGCNV is to inspire and enable all youth to reach their full potential as productive, responsible and caring citizens.

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SAVE THE DATE	FUNDRAISERS & EVENTS
September 9	Summerfest Chico <i>A Main Hobbies hosts a kids zone to benefit the BGCNV</i>
September 21	Pasta on the Plaza <i>Fundraiser for the Boys & Girls Clubs of Chico ~ Rotary Plaza</i>
September 28	Quota Club Tri Tip Dinner ~ Paradise <i>A benefit for the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Paradise Ridge</i>
October 26	Lights on After School Open House <i>An evening for members and their families ~ all sites</i>
November 9	Champions for Kids Banquet <i>Honoring those who give local kids great futures</i>
February 10	19th Annual Valentine's Gala <i>Sponsorship and tickets available now!</i>



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