

Spring 2017 Newsletter

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"The Boys & Girls Club of the North Valley has been my home away from home. They have always given me a safe place to just be a kid. They have helped shape me into who I am today."

-Marianna C. Youth of the Year

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VOICES IN ACTION

Our youth are proud to be connecting with our communities through journalism, video production and storytelling. Our Chico Teen Center has been creating their own in-house news team, Young Reporters to bring current news stories and updates to their fellow members. Youth in Magalia at our Pine Ridge Club have been hard at work on their "Club Chronicle" which provides members with upcoming events and recent news on various programs. Even our Chico Clubhouse members started their own newspaper titled "Extra! Extra!" where member Jenoma shared her interview with the Mayor of Chico, Sean Morgan. These programs aim to provide youth with an interest in media production, journalism and broadcasting the opportunity to learn the ins and outs of what it takes to research and write a newspaper as well as produce and host their own newscast. To support this vision, David McVicker, the Digital Content Director from Action News Now, stopped by the Chico Teen Center to show our youth how to use a professional video camera when creating a newscast. Rowen H. was able to participate and he said, "it was very fun, I got the chance to learn about cameras and the different uses in media." These programs not only give youth a voice but contribute to developing productive, independent, and engaged citizens.



Valentine's Gala

With the support of our local community, sponsors and donors, our 18th Annual Valentine's Gala presented by Slater & Son was a huge success! Our Chico Teen Center Club youth made a wonderful dessert for our guests and around 20 LITs (Leaders in Training) were able to volunteer their support by greeting guests.

500 guests attended the Gala to enjoy the live music, auctions and to show their support for the youth in our communities. Thank you to all who attended and supported! We were able to raise nearly 8 percent of our annual budget.

YOUTH FOR UNITY

Our Youth for Unity program has been teaching Club kids the value of understanding and appreciating other cultures around the world. In Oroville, Bobby Jones at the African American Family & Cultural Center spoke with teens about the different opportunities available in the music industry and allowed teens access to their recording studio. Using Google Earth Chico members have been taking "global field trips" connecting with major landmarks such as the Statue of Liberty and the Pyramids of Giza.

In addition, youth were able to explore their family history and made their own coat of arms. It is creative programs like these that bring out the curiosity in our kids, connects them to others and helps them grow and understand the world around them.



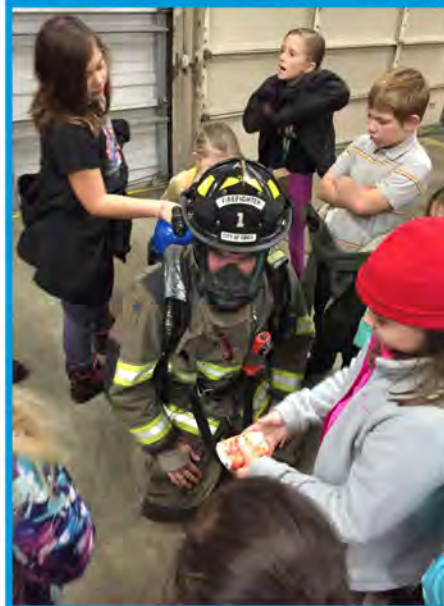
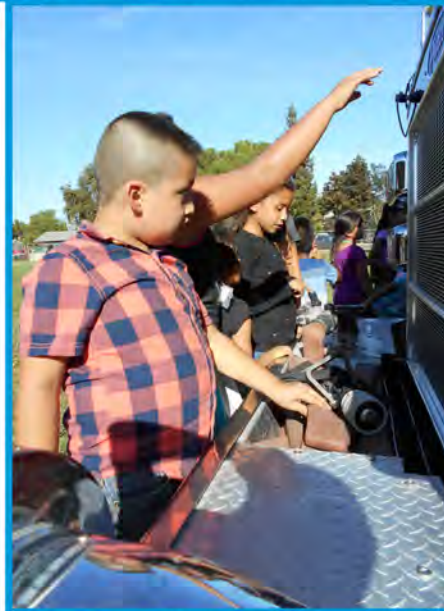


KIDS IN CONTROL

With all of the potential dangers of our evolving world, we value teaching our members not only about how to be safe but also how to be proactive and take control of their own safety. Since the start of our Kids in Control programs, members have had the opportunity to learn and develop their safety skills with household items, assemble their own first aid kits and learn about the roles first responders have when responding to an emergency.

"I love everything about Kids in Control! I learn how to be safe and how to prevent unsafe situations. We took a trip to a fire station to learn about what their safety equipment is used for and they even got a call while we were there. It was exciting!"
- Caitlin D. 8, Chico Ostrander Clubhouse Member

Both our Chico Ostrander Clubhouse and Hamilton Elementary School Club (HES) sites visited with local firehouses where they learned first-hand from our own firefighters and first responders the importance of staying safe. Our Chico Ostrander Clubhouse took a field trip to Chico Fire Station 1 to tour their firetrucks and experience a day in the life of a firefighter. The kids were also able to climb into the giant firetrucks and take them for a spin or at least pretend to! At HES our kids experienced a firetruck tour, where they learned how to operate the firehose, sound off the sirens and practiced their "stop, drop and roll" techniques. HES is planning a BBQ in collaboration with the Fire Department, Glenn County Sheriff Department and Highway Patrol. During the event our youth will build relationships with local law enforcement agencies and learn how they support our communities. We are grateful for the partnership with State Farm for our Kids in Control programs because they help us give local youth the opportunity to build their confidence in problem solving and making safe choices while positively interacting with community members in the safety industry.



SURVEY SAYS...

98%

of youth stated the information and content they received in our programs is meaningful and relevant to them

96%

of youth said that they learned skills for working in a team

90%

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

SUPPORTING HAMILTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND OROVILLE CLUBS

Two new events are in the works for our Hamilton Elementary School and Oroville Clubs! See below for information on how you can get involved and support youth in your communities.

Growing Great Futures Farm to Fork Wine Dinner

Join us for a family-style farm to fork wine dinner on May 13th from 5pm to 8pm hosted by Capay Farms to support the Boys & Girls Club at Hamilton Elementary School. Heirloom Food Company's Executive Chefs, Nathan Johnson and Sean Mindrum, will present a local harvest with delicious creativity, showcasing the abundance of local agriculture.

Barrels, Bites & Bounty Downtown Oroville Walk

We have changed up our Food Truck Fest and moved downtown to create Barrels, Bites & Bounty. On Friday, June 2, 2017 from 5 to 8 pm the public and friends of the Boys & Girls Club are invited to walk, tour and enjoy everything the bounty of downtown Oroville has to offer while sampling local beer, wine, food and shopping. This is a fundraiser for the Boys and Girls Clubs of the North Valley's Oroville Teen Center and Juvenile Hall.



SAVE THE DATE	FUNDRAISERS & EVENTS
April 18	Soroptimist Serenity Center Ribbon Cutting <i>Public unveiling of our new safe space for youth</i>
April 25	C.R.E.W. Crush Showcase Dinner <i>Hosted by Crush Italian Cuisine</i>
April 27	BGCNV Planned Giving Summit <i>Continuing education event for financial & estate planners</i>
May 13	Growing Great Futures - Farm to Fork Wine Dinner <i>Fundraiser to benefit the Boys & Girls Club of Hamilton City ~ Capay Farms</i>
June 2	Barrels, Bites & Bounty <i>Formerly Food Truck Fest, fundraiser to benefit Oroville Teen Center & Juvenile Hall</i>

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