

2018 Winter Newsletter

# The Positive Connection



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS**  
OF THE NORTH VALLEY  
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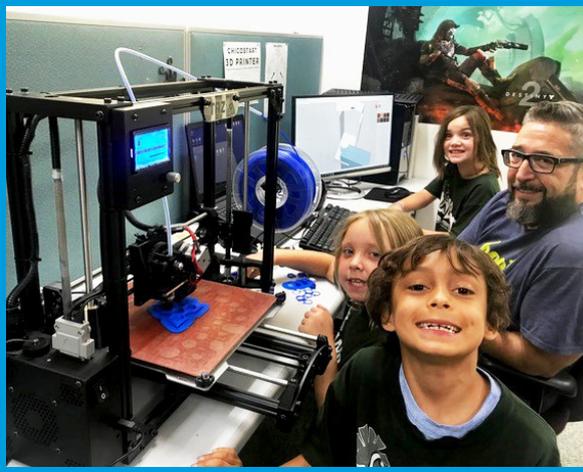
**Ninjas Win Award**



Harry H., President  
Chico Teen Center Keystone Leadership Program

"The Boys & Girls Clubs and Keystone has opened me up to new opportunities I did not think were there for me. Being President of Keystone has taught me how to be a leader and to respect and listen to my peers." - Harry H., 13

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## STEM SUMMER

STEM, which stands for Science, Technology, Engineering and Math is one of the core influences in programs at all of our Club sites. Educating youth in STEM is important because our world is increasingly moving towards more true science, faster technology, greater feats of engineering and using math to understand our world more accurately.

STEM programs aim to bridge the gap for our youth between classroom teachings and real world scenarios with hands on, project based learning. These activities allow youth to explore and ultimately understand each discipline of STEM.

*"My favorite part was learning how to make slime. I learned how it is made and what chemicals are needed to create it. The consistency and texture of slime is so fun!" – Jackson, Camp Jamoa Member*

This summer our Clubhouse and Camp Jamoa members had the opportunity to visit and work with members of our community who work in STEM based careers every day. These field trips included learning how to code and use 3-D printers with the team at Chicostart, creating mountains with a topographic sandbox at Idea Fab Labs in Chico and learning how to build with the STEM Ninjas at our new STEM library at Ponderosa Elementary School. The Ninjas were also at the Oroville Library teaching kids in the community all about robotics.

The Boys & Girls Clubs are committed to introducing our youth to new career paths and opportunities they may not have thought were possible in order for them to be competitive in a workforce that is constantly evolving and becoming more reliant on science and technology. Evidence shows youth build lifelong skills and interests through these field trips and STEM based programs. Along the way they also learn problem-solving skills, creativity, curiosity, communication, how to learn from their mistakes by reflecting and most importantly, fostering a love of learning.

If you have an interest in supporting our STEM based programs or would like to become a supporter of our summer services next year, please reach out to us at (530) 899-0335.

### OUR STEM SURVEYS SAY...

**97%**

understand the connection between their education and future

**91%**

were introduced to new ideas and strategies they will use now and in the future

**85%**

discovered their career goals

We rely on LOCAL support from our community members - visit us

# YOUTH MENTORING

Our organization has always taken pride in being there for all youth in our communities. A big part of being there is providing mentors who can show kids that there is someone around who cares for them, believes in them and sees their unlimited potential. Our Youth Office of Justice Programs (OJP) Mentoring provides opportunities and Club programs to the highest risk youth in our communities, utilizing 15 trained targeted mentors and effective evidence based practices in order to provide direction and support. Youth who participate in the OJP Mentoring Programs are seeing improved success in school and have become more engaged in Club programs, showing a marked change in being able to self-regulate negative behaviors as well as develop positive coping behaviors.

Boys & Girls Clubs are uniquely positioned to provide significant youth mentorship experiences while driving evidence-based results. Clubs utilize a combination of both group and one-on-one mentorship approaches in order to foster development of peer-to-peer relationships, augment their ties with positive adult influences, strengthen the development of critical social skills and to establish close connections to fellow Club members and their community.

“The most important thing I’ve learned from my mentor is that my actions impact others. I am more responsible and I have learned how to handle things and solve my problems.

Now I help others.”

– Taron, 17



## NINJAS WIN AWARD

Oroville Teen Center members who help to facilitate and run a program called “STEM Ninjas” became the first ever youth to receive the honor of the “Superintendent’s Award” for best student program of the year from the Butte County Office of Education. These awards are given out internally to staff members and community partners of the Office of Education.

The Ninjas received this honor for how well they aligned their curriculum to fit into the Learning in Afterschool (LIAS) principles which state that learning should be active, collaborative, meaningful, support mastery and expand horizons. This group enjoys sharing their knowledge with those who are eager to learn by demonstrating at learning conferences for district teachers and administrators.

## OTC MOVES

After a decade of serving over 1,000 youth at the Southside Community Center in Oroville and due to significantly reduced funding from both the City of Oroville and Butte County, the Boys & Girls Clubs of the North Valley’s Oroville Teen Center has been welcomed onto the campus of Las Plumas High School.

This move was made a reality because of the support from the Oroville Union High School District offering to provide our Club with two on-site portable classrooms, adjusted transportation to accommodate middle school members whom now need to get to Las Plumas HS and two free meals daily for teen center members. We are grateful for the support of the Oroville Union High School District and their board members.

We are excited for the future of our Oroville Youth and Club!



Visit us at <https://bgcnv.org> to see how you can make a difference!

## Qualified Charitable Distribution Tax Benefits

Are you 70 1/2 or older? You may qualify to avoid paying taxes on IRA distributions of up to \$100,000 a year. This is one of many IRA solutions available to retirement investors. You can sustain or increase your giving to the charity you care most about while minimizing or negating taxes on your qualified accounts. However, if your required minimum distribution is above the \$100,000 mark, with the help of a knowledgeable advisor, you can still utilize this opportunity for the first \$100,000 and develop a strategy for the remainder.

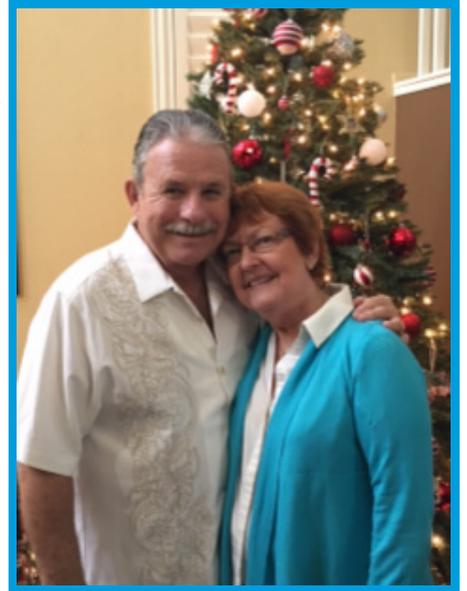
**Thank you Bruce & Myrna for utilizing this method of giving for our kids!**

“Donating to the Boys and Girls Clubs of the North Valley is the greatest investment in our youth, not only for the money, but for building new generations of young people.”

- Myrna Hagerty

“I donate money to the Boys and Girls Clubs of the North Valley because it is the best Youth Development system on the planet. The professional staff, with the programs that are provided, are able to take our kids and teens to new levels in their young lives that they never thought possible by giving them positive interactions with peers and adults which results in the opportunity to succeed in life.”

- Bruce Hagerty



SAVE THE DATE	FUNDRAISERS & EVENTS
November 8	<b>Champions for Kids Luncheon</b> <i>Honoring the Champions of our kids this past year and beyond</i>
November 12 - 15	<b>Turkey Time - All Sites</b> <i>Sponsored by Anthem Blue Cross</i>
February 9, 2019	<b>20th Annual Valentine's Gala</b> <i>Hosted at Manzanita Place</i>
April 6, 2019	<b>Paradise Cook-Off</b> <i>Presented by Vic &amp; Sandy Makau ~ Paradise Veterans Hall</i>
May 2019	<b>Growing Great Futures Farm to Fork Wine Dinner</b> <i>Hosted at Capay Farms ~ fundraiser for Hamilton Boys &amp; Girls Club</i>
June 7, 2019	<b>Barrels, Bites &amp; Bounty</b> <i>Hosted in Downtown Oroville ~ fundraiser for Oroville Teen Center &amp; Juvenile Hall</i>

### Give the Gift of the Club This Holiday Season & Donate Locally Today!

**422**

There are 422 kids who still sit on a waiting list due to a lack of funding at our Club sites. These kids are waiting for a safe place to be after school.

64% of our families are currently on scholarship, allowing for their children to receive daily hot meals and a safe place to be a kid.

**64%**

**\$8**

**Donate today!** For \$8 a day you can provide one year of life changing programs, support, snack and supper and a safe place to be for one youth in your community.



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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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