

Spring 2018 Newsletter

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COOL KID: PEYTON ELLIOTT

Skye D.,
2018 Paradise Elementary Member of the Year

"I love bonding with other members and creating really good relationships, the Club is very special to me. Also, the staff members truly care about me and are always kind and helpful!"
-Skye D.

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YOUNG REPORTERS

Over the past year, teens from our Chico Teen Center's Young Reporters program have been getting more than just journaling practice.

Thanks to a unique partnership with Upgraded Living Magazine, our teens have taken over and written 4 issues of their "Cool Kids" section.

This is a full learning process for our youth as they figure how to capture the story and grab the attention of the reader. Two teens are selected and assigned to each article, one for photography and one to interview and write. The teens then research the person, conduct the interview, type the article, edit and send to Upgraded Living to be polished for final approval.

As this partnership moves forward, our kids are thinking outside their comfort zones; seeking out not just Chico kids but youth from our surrounding communities to highlight the good that local kids are doing in our region.

The next article in store is on another topic in this newsletter, our STEM Ninjas program. Be sure to keep your eye out for our Young Reporters' "Cool Kids" article in the May edition. If you know a "Cool Kid" in your community and would like to submit them to be highlighted, please contact Alex Beehner at abeehner@bgcnv.org.



COOL KID: ADELAIDE VAJ

It's not every day that a young reporter is out and about in the community, but for Adelaide Vaj, it's a regular occurrence. As a member of the Chico Teen Center's Young Reporters program, she's been out and about in the community, reporting on local events and people. In this issue, she interviews a local author and shares her thoughts on the importance of reading.

COOL KID: LITERARY CHAMPS

In addition to being a local author, the Chico Teen Center's Young Reporters program also has a focus on literacy. In this issue, we highlight the Chico Teen Center's Literacy Champs program, which provides a safe and fun environment for children to learn to read and write. The program is led by local volunteers and is open to all children in the community.



LOWE'S HEROES

As part of Lowe's Heroes, a program started by Lowe's to engage employees to make a difference locally, our Paradise Teen Center restrooms received a complete remodel. Nearly 20 local Lowe's employees worked on this project over the course of several months; doing everything from donating their time and skills to reaching out to vendors for needed materials. By the time their team was done, we finally had matching toilets and sinks with nice vanities. You could not recognize our new facilities! Thoughtfulness and a willingness to give back are major factors in allowing the BGCNV to focus on our mission, knowing that our community is willing to jump in and support the kids in our communities makes all the difference. Thank you Lowe's of Chico!

BEST BUY TACKLES DIGITAL DIVIDE

Over the past two years Best Buy has impacted the lives of over 2,600 youth by helping us purchase the latest technology and stretch every dollar to get the best bang for each buck which has included: 3 computers, 5 laptops, 90 tablets, 3 projectors, 2 televisions, and 5 cameras. All this equipment has made it possible to help us prepare local youth for the 21st Century to enter the workforce and college. Daily, our youth use these items for homework, interactive games, coding programs, resume building, college research, and to participate in surveys to sharing their feedback on the impact of the programs they participate in. We know that with partners like Best Buy, including Club Champion General Manager, Gregg Masse and his team, along with our local donors who match these requests, that we will continue to be effective and efficient in meeting the needs of local youth for years to come.



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NINJAS OF STEM

Something ninja has been happening after school with our Oroville Teen Center (OTC) teens and youth at Wyandotte Academy in Oroville. Twice a week, a group of six Boys & Girls Club OTC members, known as the STEM Ninjas, join students at Wyandotte Academy during their expanded learning programs to teach their students all about STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math).

STEM Ninjas is an innovative program started by the BGCNV and the Butte County Office of Education (BCOE) to provide job training experience for teens and STEM knowledge to elementary students in Oroville. The STEM Ninjas day consists of competitions centered around a project that involves designing and building something (bridges, rockets, etc.) which utilizes knowledge from all fields of STEM, with each week's project building on the previous one.

"It has been a unique experience watching the Wyandotte kids get excited to learn more about STEM. I am learning to love STEM right along with them!" – STEM Ninjas Team Member

These teaching sessions have become a favorite program for the elementary school age kids, with many of them looking forward to their days with the STEM Ninjas. Not only are teens learning skills to enter the workforce but placing teens as teachers has had multiple payoffs including improvement in the teens attitudes toward teachers and school, self-confidence, and their sense of accomplishment. Younger children can learn more easily from positive teen role models as they are closer to their age and often provide a different perspective on what is being taught. Along with our teens and youth, the overall community benefits from this program; creating a spirit of cooperation, caring for one another, and a mutual respect among our youth.

As with any partnership, continued funding and support is necessary to keep this unique STEM Ninjas program progressing in order to continue teaching our teens to be teachers and contributing members in our community and the youth in Oroville about the possibilities of STEM in our world.

If you or your business is interested in supporting our STEM Ninjas program and helping future generations of ninjas, please contact us directly at (530) 899-0335.



OUR HAMILTON ELEMENTARY SURVEY SAYS...

95%

of youth learned of how to set goals for their future.

94%

of youth say they developed study habits that helped them be more successful in school.

92%

of youth learned the importance of a healthy lifestyle, food and nutrition.

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SAVE THE DATE	FUNDRAISERS & EVENTS
June 1	Barrels, Bites & Bounty <i>Fundraiser presented by Oroville Hospital</i>
June - August	Camp Jamaa (Chico, Paradise & Hamilton City) <i>Summer Camp for kids ages 6-12</i>
September 20	10th Annual Pasta on the Plaza <i>Fundraiser presented by Northgate Aviation Chico Jet Center</i>

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COASTAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS

Imagine the Possibilities.

Charitable Deductions Are Still Here!

Recent tax laws have changed the way charitable donations are reported on your taxes and many articles are out there lamenting that donations are no longer deductible. A closer look at tax planning shows that there are still many opportunities to make tax-smart decisions to continue to give to the charities you care about. Please meet with your financial planner to discuss ways you can leave your legacy.

Qualified Charitable Distributions:

If you are over 70 ½, you are required to take withdrawals from your IRA, 401(k) and 403(b) accounts. These withdrawals are fully taxable for state and federal taxes, which may make more of your Social Security taxable and may cause you to pay more Medicare Insurance premiums. By having a donation sent directly from the retirement account to the charity, it has the same effect on your taxes as if it was 100% deductible! Better yet, it counts for your required distribution.

“Taxable” Trusts:

Do you want to get assets out of your estate now and pass them on to the next generation? You can establish a Trust to hold these assets now, while allowing the income they generate to be paid to your children or a charity. If paid to a charity, the income is not taxed to you or the Trust. Since this income no longer shows on your personal tax return, it is the same tax result as having the income amount fully deductible.

- Governing Board President, Mark Barrett & Planned Giving Chair, Elliott Dutro