

2019 Spring Newsletter

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MORE THAN AN AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM

Being a parent can be fraught with anxiety especially when it comes to entrusting others with care of a child. This was no different for Sheila Craft and her husband Jeremy until they enrolled their kids in the Boys & Girls Club. Prior to the Camp Fire Sheila took over as the head coach for the Paradise High School girls basketball program and she was in need of afterschool care for three of her children, Malachi age 5, Aleecya age 7 and Gideon age 11. Sheila and her husband Jeremy were particularly concerned for Malachi, who has high functioning autism, because they wanted a safe environment that understood his needs. After the first day of dropping them off Sheila knew she could trust the staff; Sheila reminisces Missy (PES Coordinator) stopping her to ask her if she

"I do not want my kids to be anywhere else after school." – Sheila Craft, Club Parent

had time to meet to discuss the best ways to connect and ensure that the Club felt like home to her kids. Sheila has been impressed with the Club staff going out of their way to work with Malachi's teacher to better understand what has happened during the school day and ensure her son is successful while at the Club.

The Club became even more important after the Camp Fire when the family lost everything but had to return to work, coaching, finding a new home and keeping the family together. Sheila says that she could not have balanced all of this without the care and support of the Club.



GOING WHERE THE KIDS ARE

As the afterschool partner with Paradise Unified School District we were welcomed into Durham Intermediate School to reopen our Ponderosa Elementary site and our Paradise Elementary School site on the campus of Bird St. Elementary. Our Magalia, Pine Ridge Club is up and running and Paradise Intermediate, Paradise High and Ridgeview members are at our Chico campus. Over the past 5 months, we have been able to restart and rebuild our programs to provide meals, familiar staff and mentors, engaging programs, counseling and case management services. The Camp Fire fragmented our students to where many of them are struggling to find a new normal. At the Boys and Girls Club they can be assured that they will find the same consistent care, fun, and learning that they always have had.

PARADISE COOK-OFF

This year's Paradise Cook-Off event helped raise critical resources to provide summer camp scholarships to Paradise and Magalia youth affected by the Camp Fire. For many of our youth it provides a safe reliable place to be, with engaging programs during their summer break.

Because of the support from Vic and Sandra Makau we were able to hand out nearly 200 tickets to Club members and their families, local businesses and organizations that were longtime supporters to honor them and give them something positive to be a part of.

Thank you to our 16 chefs who competed for the Golden Spoon to make 2019 our most delicious year yet and the community for coming together to support our survivors!



THANK YOU SUPPORTERS, FOR HELPING US PUT KIDS FIRST AFTER



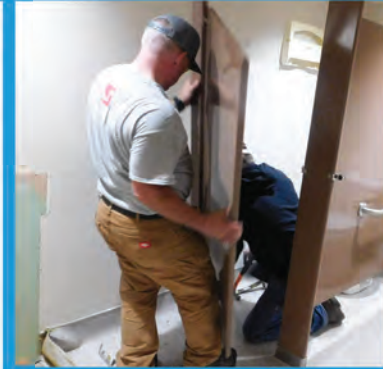
PHOENIX CLUB OPENS

Since the start of the Camp Fire, we have been on the forefront of youth development and case management services for all our youth and families that were enrolled in our 5 Clubs in Paradise and Magalia. Our doors were closed the weekend after the Camp Fire so that our entire staff and volunteer teams could be on-site connecting with our 500 families that were displaced. The Tuesday after the Camp Fire, we opened our doors for all-day care. While schools were mandated to close for three weeks we went into immediate action to provide the excellent care that we are so well known for. For ten hours per day we reopened so parents could navigate all the disaster services and figure out next steps and return to work. We provided three meals and two snacks a day and were a consistent space for trauma support, normalcy and fun in the midst of so much chaos, fear and unknowns.

In response to our families needs we have expanded our services to help them with their basic needs, assist them with finding sustainable housing, make referrals to additional resources and created healing spaces and therapy networks within our Clubs. We have been providing support to our Camp Fire Survivors including our 22 displaced staff and their families. Also, we have had an immediate influx of 107 additional displaced students onto our Chico campus with a waiting list of 300; because of this, we have a great need for more space and have signed a 5-year lease to open our new Phoenix Club in April.

"We recognized the drastic need to create more space for kids after the Camp Fire. I reached out to business partners who believed in the same mission and we put it all together." – Brandon Slater

Located at 535 Wall Street in Chico, this new Club will serve youth in 5th through 7th grade and expand our ability to be a trauma responsive care program with a focus on resiliency for up to 150+ additional displaced youth in Chico. With so many unknowns and the loss of 178 supporters from Paradise and Magalia we are seeking new donors to help us raise \$1.2 million to ensure we can continue this project until we can rebuild in our facility on Skyway. Thank you to Brandon Slater for leading this project and our Phoenix Club Champions who have been supporting this project. Our ribbon cutting will be on May 22 from 4:30-5:30pm.



OUR TEEN SURVEYS SAY...

98% said the Club has supported them in their academic success.

95% said the Club has given them tools to be productive in the workforce.

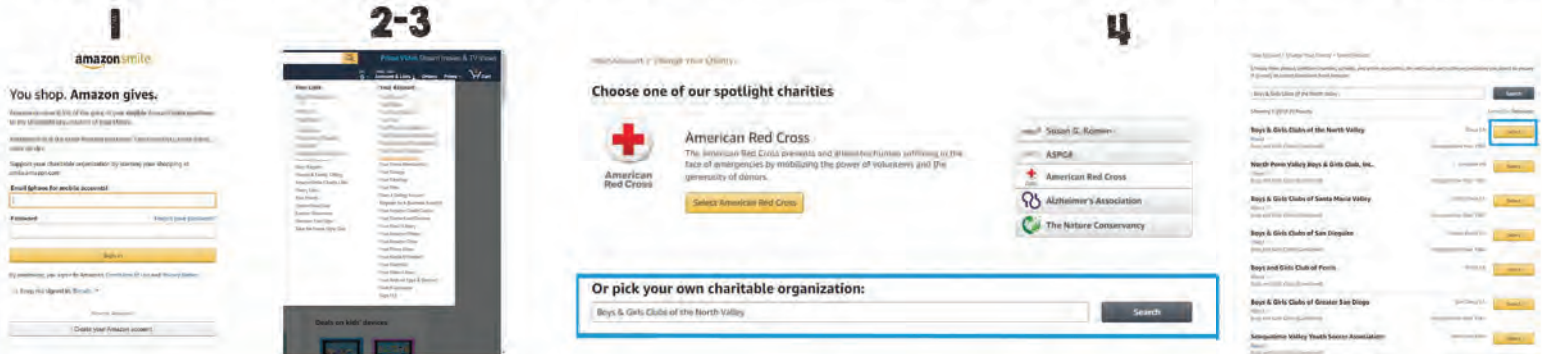
97% said the Club has helped prepare them for the next level of education.

FOR THE CAMP FIRE. WE COULD NOT HAVE DONE IT WITHOUT YOU.

SUPPORTING LOCAL YOUTH THROUGH AMAZON SMILE

Do you shop through Amazon? Your purchase can make a difference and go directly to local kids with only a few clicks of your mouse! Here's how:

- Step 1** - Go to <https://smile.amazon.com> & log into your Amazon Prime account
- Step 2** - Hover over "Account & Lists", located on the top right of web page
- Step 3** - Click on "Your AmazonSmile"
- Step 4** - Search "Boys & Girls Clubs of the North Valley" in search bar, select as your charity
- Step 5** - Shop with Amazon by going to smile.amazon.com, a percentage will be given to local youth!



SAVE THE DATE	FUNDRAISERS & EVENTS
May 11	Growing Great Futures Farm to Fork Wine Dinner <i>Hosted at Capay Farms ~ fundraiser for Hamilton Boys & Girls Club</i>
May 22	Phoenix Club Ribbon Cutting <i>535 Wall Street ~ 4:30-5:30pm</i>
May 31	Barrels, Bites & Bounty <i>Hosted at Historic Oroville Inn ~ fundraiser for Oroville Teen Center & Juvenile Hall</i>
June 10 - August 9	Camp Jamoa Begins <i>Please call us for more information on summer camps</i>
September 19	Pasta on the Plaza <i>Hosted at Nettleton Gym ~ Fundraiser for Chico Area Clubs</i>



SUPPORT YEAR-ROUND LEARNING!

Camp Jamoa is a full service summer day camp that serves youth ages 6-14 (1st - 8th grade) in Chico, Hamilton City and Magalia. This camp program is open Monday - Friday from 7:30am to 6:00pm. Camp Jamoa offers some of the most inclusive and extensive services which include weekly local field trips and meals. This is the most affordable summer program in the area, allowing us to provide year-round learning for local youth who need us the most. Call us to see how you can sponsor kids and summer programs!



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