

The Positive Connection



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"The Boys & Girls Club has helped me realize that I can accomplish my dreams if I work hard. The staff and volunteers have also helped me grow as a person and to be able to support my family."

- Jesse S., 2020 BGCNV Youth of the Year

A CLUB SPACE MAKEOVER



After four years, the Club on the campus of Hamilton City Elementary School (HES) is thrilled to have a dedicated space to call their own! Since our HES Club opened its doors in 2016, members and staff have been fortunate enough to work shoulder to shoulder and share space with teachers and staff to support HES children after school.

This year we were granted permission to give one of our shared spaces a new look with fresh paint, new laminate flooring, bring in some Club friendly furniture and program supplies. A big thank you to Evalani Washington for helping assemble furniture, our President Dick Carriere and his family, Slater & Son for helping our staff find the right tools, along with our staff for prepping the walls and putting on a fresh coat of paint to transform the room.

The kids and families love this new look and find it very welcoming. Kids have enjoyed hanging out and think it is a cool new Club environment. We are so grateful because this room allows us to expand programs, offer more resources for members and their families, and increase our mentoring services.

PLANNING FOR OUR FUTURE



Members of the Boys & Girls Clubs of the North Valley's Governing Board and Community Leadership Boards kicked the year off with staff and community supporters for an impactful day of strategic planning at our Annual Board Meeting.

After reviewing the successes and challenges of 2019, board members heard from several community partners about the impact the Boys & Girls Club has, the strength of our community partnerships, and opportunities Boys & Girls Club can strive for in 2020. Ruchi Warriar, Director of Organizational Development with Boys & Girls Clubs of America, facilitated an interactive workshop titled "Defining Our Lane in 2020" to help board members establish a strategic direction.

"Passion is an understatement when it comes to board members of Boys & Girls Clubs of the North Valley," said Warriar. "Each individual's deep commitment to the mission -- of putting the needs, wants, and smiles of kids first, and of doing whatever it takes, from supporting case management to fundraising to building community -- was palpable. Their empathy, compassion, and openness to learning and sharing is a testament to the strength of their leadership."

Board members then participated in breakout sessions to focus on specific priorities and tasks for each committee and community. "Our organization is in the best position it has been since we opened our doors almost 25 years ago to be a regional leader in youth development," said Doug Arington, President, BGCNV Governing Board. "We could not have done it without the support of our board members and donors. We have built a strong foundation, and look forward to continuing to build a better tomorrow."

When School Is Out, Clubs Are In. Help Us Give Local Kids a Safe Summer.



RESPONDING DURING CRISIS

For 25 years and through economic crises, tragedies and natural disasters, Boys & Girls Clubs of the North Valley has been a constant in the lives of children and families in our community. Unfortunately, with extensive school and workplace closures due to the COVID-19 pandemic, our community is facing challenges unlike anything we have previously experienced.

Recognizing the support our Club families would need during these difficult times, our staff immediately began reaching out to all of our families to check in on them to assess any immediate needs, as well as determine what services would be the most helpful during these difficult and ever-changing times. Families reported that they needed support with meals and groceries and mentoring with our staff.

Our staff worked with local officials and the USDA to determine how to safely open curbside food operations while protecting the health of kids and families. Since March 30th, we have been providing local youth with 200-300 suppers and snacks each night to directly fight food insecurity. These meals, made possible through our USDA Child Care Food Program, are available to all kids in need in Chico, Hamilton City and on the Ridge. In addition, we have continued our partnership with North State Food Bank to distribute fresh produce and have partnered with Butte County First 5 to provide grocery gift cards to expectant mothers and families with children ages 0-5. With the financial matching support of the North Valley Community Foundation and the Aaron Rodgers Camp Fire Relief Fund, we are able to commit to offering this program for four weeks throughout our region.

In true Boys & Girls Clubs fashion we did not stop there! Recognizing the need to continue staying connected with our members, staff have been hosting virtual mentoring sessions to check in with kids, discussing how things are going at home and problem-solving ways to cope and thrive. Thanks to support from American Red Cross, North Valley Community Foundation and other local partners, our staff have assembled program kits and supplies for Club members to use at home, created YouTube videos for virtual learning, and provided tablets for youth to use at home. We are also continuing case management services and connecting with families to identify how we can best support them. Since schools will be closed through the end of the school year, we are also developing a plan for re-opening with expanded hours when the “shelter in place” mandate is released.



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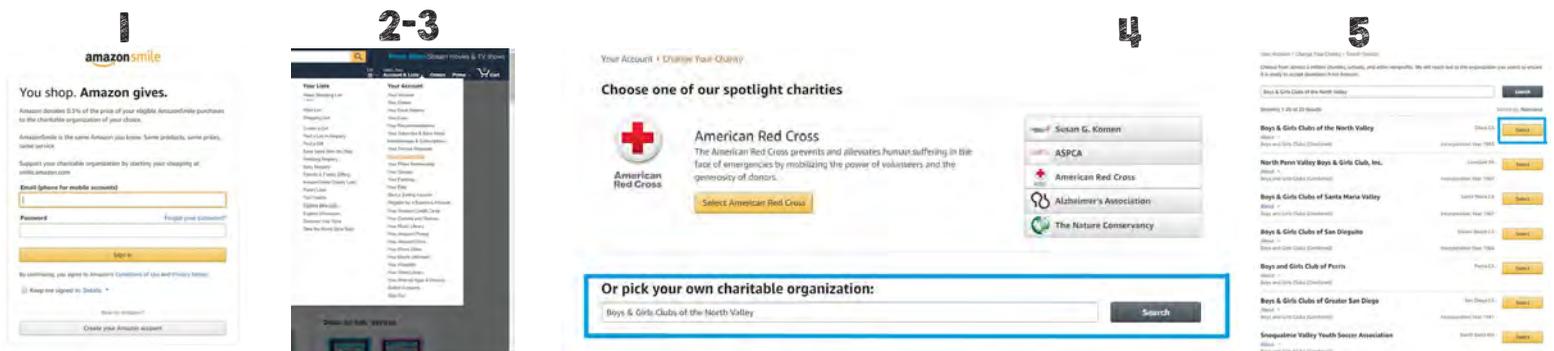
As part of the \$2.2 trillion economic rescue package, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act will let tax payers deduct up to \$300, or \$600 for a married couple, in charitable donation from their taxable income. This rule will apply only to charitable contributions made in 2020 and tax payers will be able to claim the deductions on their tax forms next year.

The goal of the CARES Act is to create a form of universal charitable deduction which makes it easier to claim your deduction by not have to go through the extra step of itemizing your donation.

This is just one of the many ways you can support our kids and families so we can recover from this pandemic. You are a critical part of helping us repair and heal our communities that have gone through so much already. Please consider making a donation today so we can stay committed to our mission to do whatever it takes to put kids first.

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