

The Positive Connection



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"What I like about the Boys & Girls Clubs is that we get to be active. We get to play with our friends and have fun like we used to before the shutdowns. I always have fun because we meet new staff and get to know them better. They also give us snacks, supper and water that helps us make it through the day."
- Alex H., Age 12, 6th grader at Hamilton Elementary



Motivating the Next Generation

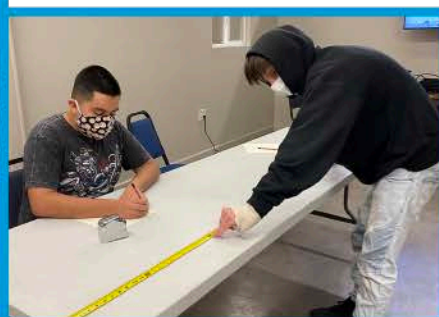
Since 2004, we have been implementing CareerLaunch, a national curriculum that helps teens prepare for employment and careers. One of our key priorities for our teens is preparing them for adulthood with a plan for their future. Skills gaps in our society are concerning, as the mismatch between the skills employers need and the actual skills that prospective workers have is widening. Our C.R.E.W. (Career Readiness Empowered Workforce) program provides access to real-life career experiences with local business partners who help them learn the needed industry skills and in some cases, place teens in part-time jobs.

To kick off 2021, Chico Teen Center members were invited to hear from a panel of local construction professionals who shared personal insights into their career path and what their industry is like today. Following the presentation, members had the opportunity to apply and interview for a six-week, in-person construction camp designed collaboratively with BGCNV, Butte County Career Technical Education (BCOE CTE) and Valley Contractors Exchange (VCE).

Five teens were selected for the camp and spent two days each week at the BCOE CTE facility, working alongside industry professionals to learn the tricks of the trade. Members started with OSHA safety trainings, learned how to create material lists from blueprints and built concrete forms while learning new techniques.

Members spent five weeks testing their skills to build their very own custom corn hole sets. One day was spent with a VCE leader and volunteer to work on a component of the project and the second camp day of the week was spent working on the skills they learned. Because of this program, Club members now qualify to become a Journeyman's Contractor Laborer, opening the door for them to get part-time construction jobs during the summer to continue developing the skills and competencies necessary on their journey to adulthood.

We were able to bring everyone together for a graduation ceremony and acknowledge all of the volunteers and partners that made this program a success. Even during the pandemic, our Clubs are continuing to find ways to ensure kids are not left behind and are receiving in-person support. We are thrilled to share the next step for our teens will be a five-week welding camp. The goal of these camps is to ignite the spark within our youth to develop appropriate work habits, increase decision-making skills, build their resume through a real-world job experience exploring the construction trades.



Champions for Kids



"Johnathon used to quickly become aggressive and violent towards staff and members, but **now he takes every opportunity to befriend new members, connect with staff, and mentor younger kids.** He had issues playing in competitive games but now, not only does he have every ability to play in those games, he also uplifts his team with positive words and high-fives. He is constantly offering his help to staff and would like to be the Boys & Girls Club chef when he grows up."

– Di'Andre, Staff & Club Mentor

We all remember our first mentor as a child. The impact a positive mentor has in a person's life is immeasurable and can change their life trajectory forever. Every child deserves to have a champion that believes in and advocates for them. Our Clubs believe mentoring is the very hallmark of our organization and we will do whatever it takes to ensure every young person that walks through our doors has access to a caring adult mentor. We know youth thrive with support from a caring mentor who notices them – and their potential. BGCNV mentors help kids grow into confident, capable adults.

Our OJP Youth Mentoring Program gives our mentors a guide to strengthen, expand and build positive healthy relationships with Club members. This life-changing mentoring takes place in one-on-one mentoring, group mentoring, and peer mentoring, all delivered in the positive environment of our Clubs. Consequently, participating youth are seeing improved success in school (even during distanced learning) 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 social and emotional relationships with their peers and adults. These relationships and the personal development in our members serves as a major catalyst for growth and accomplishment in their lives that leads to increased self-esteem, improved academic performance, healthy relationships, and helps them realize their full potential.

Making the Holidays Brighter

This past holiday season was even merrier despite being in the wake of a tough 2020. Local agencies and community members went above and beyond to give so much. This year we matched families with our donors' generosity in ways we could have never imagined!

In addition to our typical holiday support of food boxes, holiday trees and Salvation Army Angel Tree sponsorships, more than 30 of our Ridge Club kids were given new coats. We also received support to pay utility bills for 10 individual families along with another family's mortgage payment and monthly bills. With contributions from many, we opened a holiday store where Club families shopped for presents, picked out wrapping paper, and donated what they could with dignity. We even had some normalcy and kept the spirit of Christmas alive with a special visit from Mr. and Mrs. Claus at a few of our Clubs!

To top it off, we were one of three Clubs in the nation selected by Katy Perry and AmazonSmile to host a live virtual painting party for 50 teens! They donated all of the supplies and gave each member a gift card, a Kindle and a special gift. In addition, AmazonSmile sponsored the Chico Teen Center and fulfilled all their program supply needs. We are grateful to all who made our holidays brighter!



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



LEAVE YOUR LEGACY

Boys & Girls Clubs of the North Valley thrives and fulfills its mission with the generosity of our supporters. By joining our Seedling Society, your legacy will continue to help generations of children flourish. If you've supported our Clubs as a loyal donor, a planned gift is also a wonderful way you can continue your support in perpetuity. Seedling Society Members are a very special group of individuals who've demonstrated forethought and generosity to support local families as part of their legacy.

MEMBER TESTIMONIALS



DAN & DAWN OSTRANDER

"The future of our country and our community is our youth. BGCNV provides many children with opportunities they cannot get anywhere

else. For our legacy gift we set up a **Charitable Remainder Trust**. This helps ensure BGCNV will continue to help local youth develop friendships, self-confidence, self-discipline as well as other skills that are needed to be successful in life for many more years to come. As a product of the Boys & Girls Clubs in Richmond, CA I can personally testify to the positive affect it had on my life. The Club provides a safe place after school as well as tutoring and support with personal issues that may develop. They give kids a positive environment and keeps them off the streets and out of trouble."



MATT & BILLIE JACKSON

"Billie and I joined the Seedling Society as soon as it became available for the community. They perform an invaluable service to the youth of our community and their families. We are founders of the original

Club in Chico, so we decided that in addition to our annual giving, we wanted to **include Boys and Girls Clubs of the North Valley in our will**. Our life-long committment has always been to serve and do something meaningful for kids in our community and we feel that including them in our will helps to sustain BGCNV for many years to come."

WAYS TO BECOME A SEEDLING SOCIETY MEMBER

- Gifts can be made by designating BGCNV as a beneficiary for:
 - Bequests
 - Cash
 - Stocks
 - Real Estate
 - IRAs & Retirement Plans
 - Life Insurance Policies
 - Donor-Advised Funds
 - Commercial Annuities
- Form 8283 may allow you to claim a deduction on your federal taxes of up to 100% of your donation.

Send a Kid to Camp!



We are looking for sponsors to help us provide scholarships for local youth! Call us today and find out how you can help a local kid attend camp!



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