

The Positive Connection



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"The Boys & Girls Club has a bunch of different programs that I can enjoy with my friends. I love participating in Smart Besties, it makes me feel empowered!"

- Ally S. Age 9



ON THE ROAD AGAIN

Field trips have always been a traditional part of our summer camp experience. Whether it was to the pool or a local museum, children of all ages have fond memories of summer trips with friends, experiencing all the world has to offer. Unfortunately, the COVID-19 pandemic made it difficult to host field trips last summer and our members were not able to enjoy the typical array of adventures.

This summer, more than 300 kids and teens were able to return to some normalcy. We were once again able to walk out of our Clubs and hop in our vans to engage in exciting, fun-filled adventures exploring our local region.

Camp Jamoa kicked off with “Adventure Starts Here” week. Club members from Chico, Hamilton City and the Ridge ventured to Cal Skate Funland to try their luck on the mini-golf course or step onto the skating rink, where many kids learned how to skate for the first time. The coming weeks brought more exciting adventures as members took trips to Book Family Farm to visit farm animals, put their goggles on to swim at the local pools, found the best skipping rocks to bounce on Paradise Lake, and grabbed snacks for trips to the movies.

Teens from our Chico and Oroville Clubs took weekly trips to the Forebay Aquatic Center, went to Brushstrokes for art and came together for a camping trip at Lassen National Park supported by Lassen National Park Foundation. For many teens, Lassen was their first camping trip! They spent their days finding lakes and hiking mountains and their nights running around playing flashlight tag and eating s’mores. We are grateful to our community sponsors and donors who made these life-changing opportunities for Club members possible.



“The Clubs have been valuable partners. Working together, we have been able to serve the academic, social, emotional, and wellness needs of the youth in Oroville.”

– Dr. Corey Willenberg, Superintendent OUHSD



EXPANDING TEEN SERVICES

We are thrilled to share that this summer, with support from Oroville Union High School District and the U.S. Department of Agriculture, we opened a Teen Center on the campus of Oroville High School.

Staff spent the beginning weeks of summer prepping the site with a new ping pong table, computer lab, kitchen and much more to create a welcoming space for teens to learn how to cook, try new programs and have fun!

New members were immediately able to experience our Club programming, with an 8-week electrician camp in partnership with Sierra Range Electric and Valley Contractors Exchange (see next page for more information).

This expansion onto the Oroville High Campus will allow us to provide even more services and programs to local teens and their families such as academic support after school, wellness programs, case management for families in need, and a safety net for those seeking a place to belong on campus.

YOUR GENEROSITY HAS



PATHWAYS TO TOMORROW'S WORKFORCE

One of the key priorities at our Clubs is preparing youth and teens for adulthood with a plan for their future. This summer, youth from our Chico and Oroville Teen Centers spent their summer meeting new mentors, gaining new skills, learning and applying lessons, and most importantly, expanding their horizons for future goals and aspirations.

Teens kicked off the summer with our long-time partner Old Navy. After a round of interviews six teens were selected to be part of the Old Navy Job Mentoring Program working two hours a week from July to August. During their time with the team at Old Navy, which included two BGCNV alumni, teens gained skills in customer service, managing inventory and using point of sale software - all with a goal of being hired at the end of the program. Old Navy not only hires our teens, but they also bring them back to our Clubs to volunteer at our events.

To take our trade programs to the next level we partnered with Sierra Range Electric and Valley Contractors Exchange to design a safe, fun and engaging Electrical Camp. Teens were mentored, taught the basics of electrical work and learned the details of the industry. Once their OSHA safety training was complete, they jumped right into learning how to wire an outlet and build an electrical panel. They were able to take two field trips, one to tour the Butte College Electrical Center and the other to the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers headquarters in Sacramento to explore what their future could be as an electrician. The power of our partnerships allows us to enhance and expand our programs. We are fortunate to have all these wonderful businesses care so much for our kids and invest in their future! Contact us if you have a partnership idea.



TWEEN SPACE TRANSFORMATION

After serving youth and families in Glenn County for more than five years and seeing our members grow, having a separate space for tweens became a clear goal of ours. Thanks to our partners at Hamilton Unified School District, we now have a new dedicated room and equipment for the junior high youth on the campus of Hamilton Elementary School!

With the support of donors, board members and volunteers we were able to renovate the space with new flooring, freshly painted walls, new furniture and equipment to give the space a complete transformation and a much-needed Club feel for the tweens. This new space will help us provide targeted, intentional, age-appropriate programming for junior high youth and expand our memberships for this school year.

Since we have opened we have already seen an increase in the number of older youth that are staying in our program and building positive friendships.

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SAVE THE DATE - 2022 EVENTS



Valentine's Gala
Saturday, February 5 | The Barn at Meriam Park

After 21 years, we are excited to announce that we are revamping and re-envisioning this special black-tie evening!



Paradise Cook-Off
Saturday, April 30 | Paradise Veterans Hall

Join us as we return to Paradise for this unique tasting event! Guests will enjoy a sampling of dishes from master and amateur chefs demonstrating their culinary skills and special recipes.



Growing Great Futures
Saturday, May 14 | The Carriere Home

Join us at the home of Dick and Nina Carriere for a beautiful backyard dinner. Guests will enjoy live entertainment, hors d'oeuvres, and a family style meal complete with beer and wine.



Barrels Bites & Bounty
Friday, June 10 | Historic Oroville Inn

This fun event features tastings from local vendors, breweries, live music, and a raffle. Support our three Teen Centers in Oroville!

Make the Holidays Brighter!

With schools closed during the winter breaks, the holidays bring additional hardships for our families. Your thoughtful holiday gift HELPS US ensure that every Boys & Girls Club family in need receives a holiday meal, direct assistance and support this year. You can give with a purpose and make the holiday season brighter for local kids, because every child should have joy during the holidays. Please use the enclosed envelope to make your donation today.



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