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Imagine the Possibilities.

“The staff have been making the Club fun! I will always remember when we went to the fire station.” - Makayla P. (left)
“I enjoy being able to play. When we go on field trips I always learn new stuff!”
- Ximena C. (right)



TEENS SEIZE THE SUMMER

Because of you, Club teens from Chico, Oroville, and Paradise spent their summer on the move! From gaining valuable work experience at KZFR Radio and Old Navy in Chico to exploring the Forebay Aquatic Center, our members made the most of their summer. A select group even took on the role of Counselors in Training at our Chico Clubhouse, providing support and mentorship to younger campers.

“Being able to go to the Teen Center helped my summer be fun, and helped me not be bored. My favorite part was going camping with a group at Lake Tahoe!”

– Jenny, Age 15 Chico Teen Center Member

Members from the Diplomas to Degrees program embarked on a Bay Area adventure, visiting four distinct Chico State University campuses. From San Jose State to California College of the Arts, they experienced a taste of university life. Sonoma State stole the show with its vibrant campus atmosphere and bustling activities. This was made possible by the Trustees of the California State University.

In a first-time opportunity, teens from Chico and Oroville joined youth from all over the region for a summer camp at Lake Tahoe organized by the Boys & Girls Clubs of Lake Tahoe. It was a weekend of pure fun - sports, boat rides (though swimming was a brave venture), and so much more. The Club cabins rallied together, earning team points for outstanding behavior and acts of service. Proudly, our two teen cabins won first place, earning well-deserved recognition from their peers and fellow campers.

EMPOWERING TOMORROW’S LEADERS TODAY

A group of Chico teen visionaries demonstrated their commitment to community service throughout the year by achieving Gold Level in their Keystone leadership program. Their hard work, with additional financial support from Chico Noon Rotary earned them the chance to attend the National Keystone conference in Dallas, TX. During the conference, both youth and staff engaged in skills workshops, interacted with inspiring guest speakers, and exchanged insights on best practices for future Keystone programming. After the conference, they enjoyed an exciting day at Six Flags Over Texas and returned home, enthusiastic to share their newfound knowledge and experiences. Developing young leaders is a crucial part of our Clubs that empowers the next generation to take charge of their futures and make positive contributions to society. We strive to provide them with opportunities for skill building, mentorship, and hands-on experiences fosters confidence, communication abilities, and problem-solving skills.



Help Make the Holidays Brighter for Local Kids and Families

KICK STARTING THE SCHOOL YEAR

The annual Back to School event is a vital community initiative that helps give students and families the resources they need to kick start the academic year with confidence and preparedness. Our commitment to putting on back-to-school events is a powerful way to demonstrate the Club's and community's commitment to education and the well-being of our youth. By providing equitable access to resources we are ensuring youth start the academic year with the right tools to succeed.

This year, we hosted two different Back to School events in Chico and Paradise. During these events, youth had the opportunity to get a complimentary haircut from professional barbers and stylists, receive a backpack full of brand-new school supplies, grab a bike helmet, and receive hygiene kits. What sets our events apart is the inclusion of free haircuts, which can positively affect the student's confidence, self-image, and overall well-being. Along with all these supplies, thanks to our partners at AT&T, teens in their junior and senior year received a free laptop with a full year of broadband internet access and support.

This event not only eases the financial burden on families but also fosters a sense of belonging and support within the community. All of this would not have been possible without the support of other community members and agencies: Blondies Hair Salon, Bishop's Storehouse, Butte County Office of Education, Center for Healthy Communities, Chico Unified School District, Department of Public Health, D.E.S.S., Golden Valley Bank, Moms on the Ridge, Diamond Dye Hair Salon, Promise Church, Victory Barbershop, UnitedHealthcare, and Youth for Change.



28 YEARS OF CHANGING LIVES

Our organization celebrated 28 amazing years this summer! To mark this milestone, we threw a big birthday bash at our Chico campus. Kids and families from all our sites joined in the fun. There were water games, bounce houses, artistic face painting, pizza for the whole family, wonderful giveaways including toys and bikes, and an abundance of snow cones!

Beyond the excitement of the activities, the birthday party provided an invaluable opportunity for Club kids from various communities to connect, forge new friendships, and foster a strong sense of community and belonging among fellow Club members.

We are grateful for our Board of Directors and their colleagues for volunteering so we could make this happen for our kids. We have taken great pride in being a part of this community for the past 28 years, and we look forward to the continued positive impact we'll have together on the lives of local kids and their families.

Families this Year - Donate Today at bgcnv.org/donate

WHAT IS A QUALIFIED CHARITABLE DISTRIBUTION (QCD)?

A Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) allows individuals aged 70 1/2 and older to donate up to \$100,000 a year directly from an IRA to a Qualified Charity, excluding Donor Advised Funds (DAFs) and private charities.

HOW YOU CAN BENEFIT FROM A QCD

- This serves as a tax-efficient strategy, particularly for those benefiting more from reduced income than itemized deductions
- At 70 1/2, individuals with an IRA must take a Required Minimum Distribution (RMD), which is taxable
- **Donors can choose to make a tax-free QCD, up to \$100,000, to the Boys & Girls Clubs of the North Valley from their RMD, reducing overall tax liability**
- This presents a win-win opportunity, offering not just tax benefits but also leaving your legacy to make a positive difference in the lives of local children at the Boys & Girls Clubs of the North Valley. Consult a tax advisor or financial planner for personalized advice on QCDs. Contact Alex Beehner at the BGCNV for more information



ABE & JACKY BAILLY

“Jacky and I agree that we are financially secure, and it occurred to me that we could give more to the Boys and Girls Clubs. I started putting some dollars each month into a tax deferred 403 (b) in my 40s; I’m now in my 80s and I am required to draw 5% of the balance of my fund each year ever since I turned 70 1/2 and usually didn’t really need it. So... if I give that 5% to BGCNV I get a great tax deduction and, obviously, don’t have to pay taxes on that extra, mandatory, withdrawal from my 403(b). We both realize the Club puts any and all of it’s resources and income to very good use. They help protect and enhance many precious, unique, and deserving young lives. It is a safe and stimulating place to be.”



HELP MAKE THE HOLIDAYS BRIGHTER!

Give with dignity this holiday season:

It’s that magical time of the year when hearts are filled with holiday cheer, and the needs of others becomes a little more important than our own. Our goal is to eliminate barriers to families accessing the generosity of the community and ensure that we are meeting their immediate needs. Our children and their families have been through so much, and the holidays can add heightened stress and pressure. We work shoulder to shoulder with our families to understand what is needed most. You can make a difference in their lives today by donating to the BGCNV.

How you can help us help local families for the holidays:

- Gift cards for families (food or gas)
- Adopting a Family (adopt kids and make their Christmas special)
- Food Support (we are assembling 185 food bags for holiday breaks)
- Cash Donations

Call Erin Kennedy, Director of Case Management at 530.899.0335 to get involved today!

SCAN HERE & SUPPORT FAMILIES DURING THE HOLIDAYS



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The mission of the BGCNV is to inspire and enable all youth to reach their full potential as productive, responsible and caring citizens.