

# The Positive Connection



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"I want to say thank you to all the staff at the Boys & Girls Club who have helped me become who I am today. Who I am is a testament to the community and support the Club provides for members like me. The Club has become a second home, expanding the circle of safe adults in my life. With the Club standing by me, I will continue to be smarter, stronger and more courageous."

-ArJay P., North Valley Youth of the Year



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## ART - A PATHWAY TO BELONGING

Art at the Club has always given youth a powerful way to express themselves. This year, programs like wood burning, painting, photography, gardening, and 3D printing provided creative outlets for kids to explore their talents. The new sketchbook challenge, where teens upload artwork via QR code for Club Bucks, has been a hit. At the 2025 Valentine's Gala, young artists like Kiki and Jayden (pictured below) shared their work, engaging donors with the stories behind their creations and the importance of having a space to create and express themselves.

At Pine Ridge, the Bridging Communities Art Exhibit united 42 families to celebrate 36 pieces from Pine Ridge, Paradise Ridge Elementary, and Hamilton City Elementary. More than an art show, it was a chance for families to bond, raise funds for future programs, and foster belonging. Parents and staff proudly watched as Club kids beamed, seeing their work displayed for the community.

Our arts programs remind us that art connects us, unlocking untapped potential in every young person. Your support keeps creativity alive, empowering youth to express themselves and build confidence.



## NOMINATED: PARTNER IN EDUCATION

We are honored to be recognized with the February 2025 Partner in Education (PiE) Award, thanks to Mary Lynch's nomination. Her heartfelt words highlight our commitment to student success through lunchtime activities, after-school programs, arts, career exploration, assistance, and case management. We are proud of our Oroville team for their dedication to empowering youth and collaborating with Oroville Unified High School District, making a lasting impact on students and families. Thank you for your support in strengthening the lives of students and families!

### Partner in Education (PiE) February 2025 The Boys and Girls Club

The Boys and Girls Club has proven to be an exceptional partner in Education, playing a vital role in supporting the academic, social, and personal growth of our students. Their dedication to offering a wide variety of after-school programs ensures that students have access to meaningful opportunities beyond the classroom. These programs provide not only academic support but also foster creativity, leadership, and social engagement needed for overall development. What sets the Boys and Girls Club apart is their commitment to collaboration and adaptability. They continuously seek feedback and work closely with OUSD to tailor their programs to meet the evolving needs of our students. Students who participate in their programs exhibit strong character, creating opportunities for developing new friendships or spaces for students with similar interests. The Boys and Girls Club consistently goes above and beyond to ensure their initiatives align with the needs of our schools.

The positive impact of their efforts is evident in the confidence, resilience, and success of the students they serve. The team at the Boys and Girls Club exemplifies what it means to be true champions for our youth. Their unwavering dedication has been an invaluable resource that benefits both our students' futures as well as those who provide support within our schools.

It is with deep gratitude and appreciation that we proudly nominate The Boys and Girls Club for the Exceptional Partner in Education award. Their dedication to empowering students while enriching our community is truly unmatched.

Nominated by: Mary Lynch

## ADVENTURE AWAITS

Adventure Club is a monthly teen program designed to provide our youth with exciting, hands-on experiences. Each month, teens explore local trails, visit historical landmarks, and tour museums. This summer, they will go fishing, enjoy water activities, and even go camping under the stars at Lassen Volcanic National Park. These outings offer more than just fun; they are opportunities for our youth to build an appreciation for nature, get away from their screens, and connect with friends in meaningful ways.

We are integrating photography into the program and adventures by capturing nature's beauty through our teens' lenses. Every photo in this article was taken by Club teen members. Through photography, they foster creativity, build confidence, and deepen their connection to the environment. Whether hiking scenic trails or exploring local history, each adventure offers new opportunities to grow and learn.

In today's digital world, these experiences allow youth to unplug and thrive in an enriching, outdoor environment. By supporting Adventure Club Saturdays, you help provide youth with valuable life skills, lasting memories, and a lifelong love of the outdoors.



## BRINGING FOOD AND HOPE

Did you know we have food pantries at our Clubs? We have recently added a pantry at the Juvenile Hall to support youth and their families. Available twice a month during visiting hours, families can take what they need. The pantry is constantly stocked with shelf table and healthy foods donated from the community to our Case Manager. For out-of-custody youth, families can request items through their probation officer. Our partnerships strengthen us, helping us reach those in greatest need and meet them where they are.



# GIVE THE GIFT OF A MEANINGFUL SUMMER!



Summer should be a time of laughter, learning, and endless possibilities, but for too many local kids it means loneliness, hunger, and uncertainty. Without access to safe spaces, meals, and mentorship, they risk falling behind while others move ahead.

**Your generosity ensures local youth have a summer full of hope and opportunity:**

- o **700+ kids in safe, supportive and life changing programs**
- o **Teens gaining job experience & career skills**
- o **20,000+ meals & snacks to fight food insecurity**
- o **Camps, field trips & activities to inspire and engage**

You can be the difference. Give today and help make this summer unforgettable!



## SUPPORT OUR CLUBS AND KIDS AT THESE EVENTS BUY TICKETS OR VOLUNTEER TODAY!

**BARRELS  
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BOUNTY**

### BARRELS, BITES & BOUNTY

Friday, May 30 | Historic Oroville Inn

Indulge in samples of local beer, wine, cider and food donated by local vendors. Become a VIP for extra tastings and raffle tickets for a chance to win fun items. All funds raised support our three Oroville sites.

**PASTA  
ON THE  
PLAZA**  
SPAGHETTI DINNER

### PASTA ON THE PLAZA

Thursday, September 18 | Chico Rotary Plaza & Nettleton Gym

Join us for Chico's best all-you-can-eat spaghetti dinner! With all the spaghetti dinner essentials, along with a raffle, kids zone and live music there is something for all. Funds raised support Back to School needs.



### VALENTINE'S GALA

Saturday, February 7 | Chico Ostrander Clubhouse & Nettleton Gym

This enchanting evening is more than a fundraiser; it's a chance to experience the profound impact of your support. Hear from youth, meet our inspiring youth, and hear firsthand about our programs.

## SUPPORT LOCAL YOUTH THIS SUMMER!



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