



BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
OF GREATER CONEJO VALLEY



Annual Report 2015

OPEN THE DOOR.
TAKE THE TOUR.

Our Mission

The mission of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Conejo Valley is to enhance the lives of young people and their families by providing a positive environment that cultivates academic success, healthy lifestyles, good character and citizenship.

GREAT FUTURES START HERE.

Proudly Serving the Conejo Valley and Las Virgenes Communities of:

Newbury Park ♦ Thousand Oaks ♦ Westlake Village ♦ Agoura Hills ♦ Oak Park ♦ Calabasas ♦ Hidden Hills

Volunteer. Donate. Advocate

Thank you for your generous support and help with building a stronger future for the youth of today and the leaders of tomorrow. Every time you give your time, talent or treasure to our Clubs, you offer one more child the chance to achieve their full potential.

Be sure to contact us if you would like to tour one of our Clubs to see your contribution at work. Also, please consider creating a Legacy for generations to come by designating a planned gift from your estate in support of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Conejo Valley.

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Afterschool Sports and Weekend Leagues developed basic motor skills, taught rules of the game, encouraged teamwork, built self-confidence and cultivated healthy relationships.



Drama Club introduces improvisation and ensemble acting skills. Students gain confidence, speaking skills and self-esteem by performing in front of a live audiences.



BGC of Greater Conejo offers programs in five core areas: Character and Leadership, Education and Career Development, Health and Life Skills, The Arts, and Sports, Fitness and Recreation.

Volunteering your time can make a real difference in a young person's life, and it can make a real difference in your life, too. In 2015, we had 584 volunteers that inspired, motivated, and impacted young lives, whether it be tutoring, mentoring, coaching, special events, programming assistance, administrative support, or serving as a Board Member.

Board Chairman and President's Message

Dear Friends,

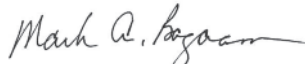
Thank you for your support of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Conejo Valley. Ongoing commitment and generosity from caring supporters like you, who understand the life-changing work we do, make our success possible.

In 2015, we increased our impact with over 4,047 Club members, a 9% increase in membership from the prior year. Our kids did well in school, gave back to their community and lived healthier lifestyles. We also made impressive strides in measuring youth progress in three key outcome areas: Academic Success, Good Character and Citizenship, and Healthy Lifestyles.

During the school year and throughout the summer, our Clubs are filled with talented and passionate staff and volunteers who promote and enhance the positive development of boys and girls. Great futures do start here!

With support from people like you, we can continue to provide an environment where our kids feel safe and secure to dream, discover and develop their potential. We can help every young person who enters our doors to be prepared to be a better person and improve the world around them.

With deep appreciation,



Mark Bagaason
Board Chairman



Mark Elswick
President/CEO

Who We Are...

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Conejo Valley opened its doors in 2003. Located within Los Angeles and Ventura Counties, the current seven Club facilities serve over 4,000 youth within the communities of Newbury Park, Thousand Oaks, Westlake Village, Agoura Hills, Oak Park, Calabasas and Hidden Hills.

Clubs provide a safe place to play, laugh, discover and learn. Youth development programs for grades K-8 are offered before and after school, plus sports leagues and summer camp are available to children ages 3 to 15. Caring, trained staff and volunteers work with our members in a supervised, safe and structured environment. They foster a sense of belonging, responsibility, civility and civic engagement, building new skills so kids can succeed and receive recognition for personal accomplishments. No child is ever turned away due to their inability to pay.

Financial Report

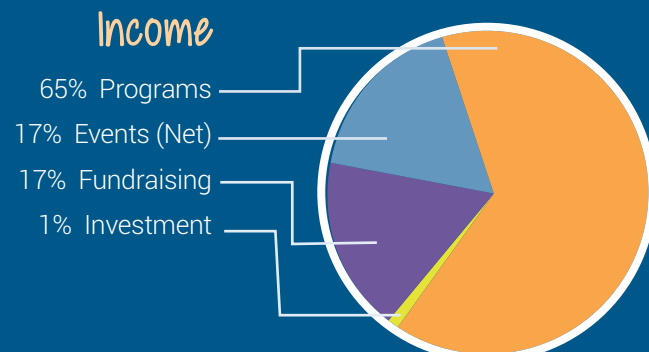
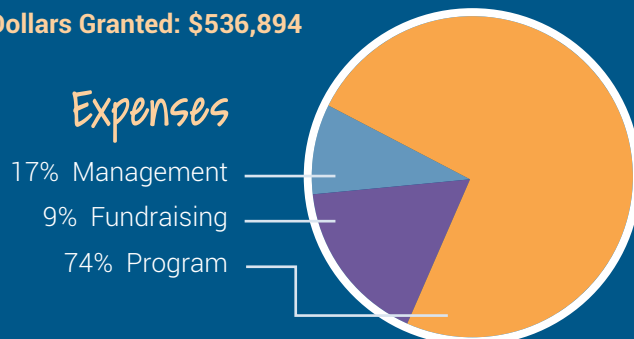
Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Conejo Valley 2015 Statement of Activities

TOTAL REVENUE: \$3.8 Million

YOUTH SERVED: 6,331

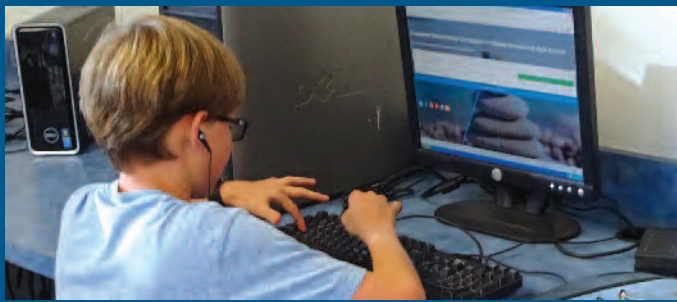
(includes community outreach)

Scholarship Dollars Granted: \$536,894



TOTAL ENDING NET ASSETS: \$8.9 Million
(unaudited financials)

Making An Impact... A Dynamic 2015!



STEM Education (Science, Technology, Engineering & Math) united learning to real-world situations; creating critical thinkers, increasing science literacy and enabling the next generation of innovators.

Positive Results with Programs & Events

More than 15 million school-age children (26%) are on their own after school¹. Quality before and after school programs offered at our 7 Clubs helped more than 4,047 youth engage more in school, reduce their likelihood of taking part in at-risk behaviors, and helped raise their academic performance. In 2015, our Superstars of the Year Event at the Civic Arts Plaza was attended by over 800 guests and performers. Our annual Golf Tournament hosted 180 golfers. The 13th Annual Gala Dinner & Auction was a fantastic friend-raiser and fund-raiser for over 600 guests.

Academic Success and The Arts

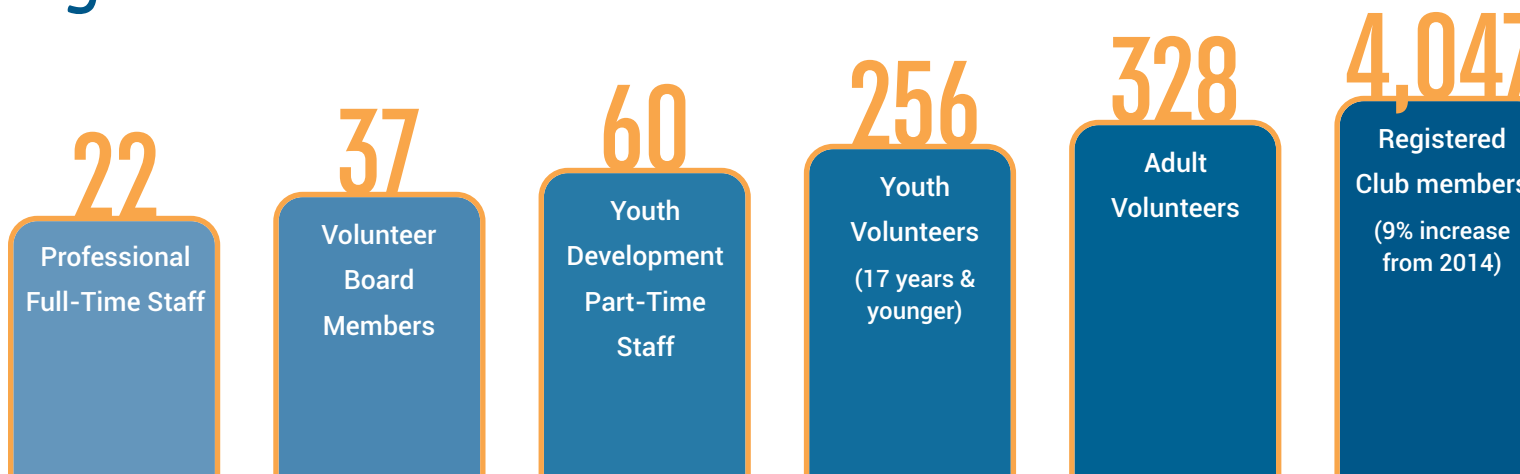
Statewide, 24% of kids won't graduate from high school², but 97% of our Boys & Girls Clubs members will graduate or pass the high school exit exam³. Over 1909 members participated in *Power Hour*, *Project Learn* and *Tutoring Programs*, all courses geared to improve grades, critical thinking skills and test scores. The kids clamored for the hands-on *STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics) Programs* available at all of the club sites. With 80% of all future careers requiring some *STEM* skills, this education is essential to academic achievement. During the summer we are challenging ourselves and our members. Summer learning loss has a devastating effect on America's kids, especially those who don't participate in enriching summer activities. That's why Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Conejo Valley engages members in *Summer Brain Gain* – a fun, interactive learning program designed for summer in the Club. The Boys & Girls Club has also developed a *STEM Summer School* where members participate in *hands-on programs* which integrates *science, mathematics, reading* and *writing*.

This year 990 participants took part in our *Richard and Mary Carpenter / Alliance for the Arts Music Program*. Club members had the opportunity to participate in programs such as *instrumental, choral, theatrical* and *dance*. During the summer, we offer a *musical theater camp* that welcomes beginners to advanced performers.



Project Learn reinforces and enhances the skills and knowledge young people learn at school during the hours they spend at the Club.

Organization Profile - 2015





Healthy Habits Program included knowledge on smart food choices, appropriate portion sizes, and how to create fun and healthy meals.

Character & Leadership Development

Juvenile crime escalates between the hours of 3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.⁴ Through programs like *Torch Club*, *Youth of the Month*, *Career Launch*, and *Junior Staff*, caring staff and volunteers helped our youth develop moral character, reinforced high expectations and fostered a sense of belonging, responsibility, and civic engagement. Over 748 kids participated in programs that emphasized leadership skills, which provided opportunities for planning, decision-making, contributions to the Club and to the community. Additionally, 1,216 youth were involved in several service projects, which helped them realize the impact of giving back to the community.

Healthy Lifestyles

In 2012, more than 1/3 of children and adolescents were overweight or obese⁵. 80% of the alumni said the Club had a positive impact on their attitude toward fitness and health. Throughout the year, *Triple Play Healthy Habits* helped develop a positive use of leisure time, reduction of stress, appreciation for the environment and improved social and interpersonal skills. Another 1,003 kids participated in the programs *SMART Girls*, *Smart Moves*, and *Passport to Manhood*. These classes address drug, alcohol and pregnancy prevention, plus self-esteem enhancement. Healthy Lifestyles programs fostered over 1,000 young people’s capacity to engage in positive behaviors that nurtured their own well-being, set personal goals and live successfully as self-sufficient adults.

Sources:

¹ Afterschool Alliance, *America After 3PM* (2012)

² California State Boards Association, *California High School Graduation and Dropout Rate*. (2013)

³ Damooei, Jamshid, Damooei Global Research. (2014)

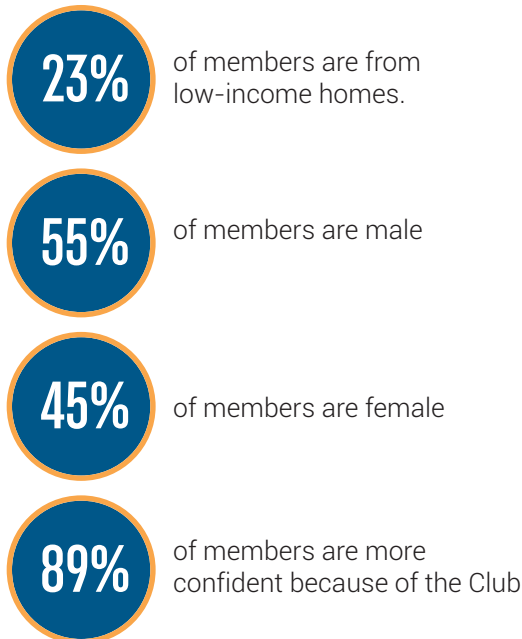
⁴ National Center for Juvenile Justice, *Juvenile Offenders and Victims: 2014 National Report*

⁵ Ogden CL, Carroll MD, Kit BK, Flegal KM. Prevalence of childhood and adult obesity in the United States, 2011-2012. *Journal of the American Medical Association* 2014;311(8):806-814.

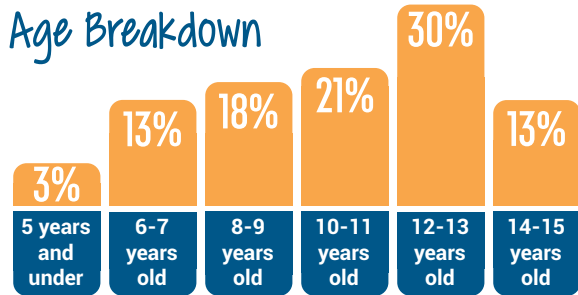


Triple Play promotes becoming more physically active through fun daily fitness routines.

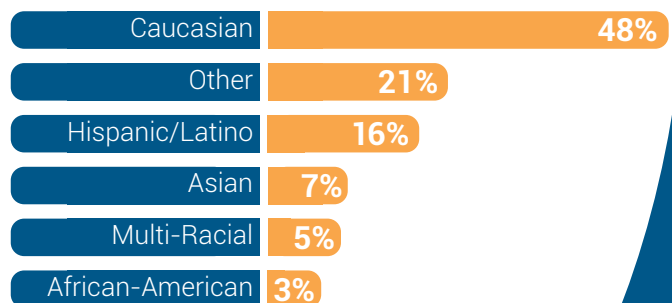
Member Demographics



Age Breakdown



Ethnicity Breakdown



OUR CALENDAR OF 2016 EVENTS

Join Us and Support the Kids!

Tuesday, February 23rd

Rocky & Lon Morton Building Dedication

Sequoia Boys & Girls Club, Newbury Park

Saturday, March 5th

Superstars of the Year

Recognizing Our Youth, Staff & Volunteers
Civic Arts Plaza, Thousand Oaks

Saturday, April 2nd

2K Mud Dash Family Fun Run

Redwood Middle School, Thousand Oaks

Monday, June 13th

7th Annual Golf Tournament

North Ranch Country Club, Westlake Village

Saturday, October 22nd

14th Annual Gala Dinner & Auction

Four Seasons Hotel, Westlake Village



Triple Play program encompasses the social recreation activities that are critical to positive youth development. This includes strengthening interpersonal skills, positive behavior and good character through social recreation programs.

Key Partnerships

Our suburban model locates Clubs on elementary and middle school campuses on long-term leases and joint-use agreements with the Conejo Valley Unified School District and the Las Virgenes Unified School District. This arrangement gives the schools the opportunity to use many of the Clubs' rooms and facilities for educational purposes during the school day. In addition, schools permit the Clubs to use their gyms and fields for programs before and after school, plus on the weekends.

The generous grant of \$1,000,000 from the City of Thousand Oaks for the construction of four Clubs on Conejo Valley middle school campuses has helped us build three facilities to date. This represents \$250,000 per site, with one remaining Club to be built at Redwood Middle School.

These partnerships provide a win-win solution...with the kids definitely coming out huge winners!

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Office Coordinator

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CLUB LOCATIONS

Marion & John E. Anderson Youth Center

on the campus of
Los Cerritos Middle School
Club Director: Georgi Harden
1980 East Avenida de las Flores
Thousand Oaks, CA 91362
(805) 493-2917

Bay Laurel Club

On the campus of Bay Laurel Elementary
Club Director: Debbie Lizano
24740 Paseo Primario
Calabasas, Ca. 91302
(818) 225-8660

Chaparral Boys & Girls Club

on the campus of
Chaparral Elementary School
Club Director: Laura Moede
22601 Liberty Bell Road
Calabasas, CA 91302
(818) 224-3097

Cal & Marje Johnston Boys & Girls Club

on the campus of Colina Middle School
Club Director: Anne Lee
1450 East Hillcrest Drive
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Linda & David Catlin Club

on the campus of
Lindero Canyon Middle School
Club Director: Leslie Chicas
5844 Larboard Lane
Agoura Hills, CA 91301
(818) 735-9518

Redwood Boys & Girls Club

on the campus of Redwood Middle School
Club Director: Jim Kirtley
233 West Gainsborough Road
Thousand Oaks, CA 91360
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Rocky & Lon Morton Boys & Girls Club

on the campus of Sequoia Middle School
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