



BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
OF GREATER CONEJO VALLEY

Annual Report 2024

MAKING GREAT FUTURES A REALITY



DEAR STAKEHOLDERS:

All of us at the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Conejo Valley want to thank you for your continued generosity and belief in our mission. Because of your support in 2024, we proudly served 3,000 youth, creating a lasting impact across the Conejo Valley.

Your contributions make it possible for us to provide a safe, supportive environment where young people can learn, grow, and thrive. At the heart of our work are our highly trained Youth Development Professionals. These caring mentors guide our members with compassion, purpose, and dedication each day.

This work is strengthened by the unwavering leadership and commitment of our Board of Governors, whose vision and guidance help drive our mission forward. Their dedication, alongside your support, ensures that every child has access to the tools, relationships, and opportunities they need to succeed now and for a lifetime.

As the cost of living continues to rise, many families in our community are facing increased financial pressures. The Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Conejo Valley remain committed to ensuring all families have access to high-quality programs, regardless of their circumstances. We proudly serve as part of the community safety net, providing stability, connection, and opportunity when it's needed most.

Thank you for standing with us. Together, we are shaping brighter futures for the youth of our community.

With heartfelt appreciation,

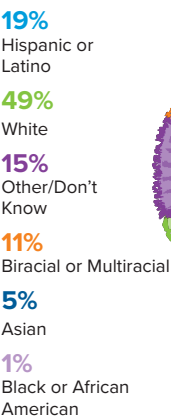
LEN SMOLBURD
PRESIDENT & CEO

ORGANIZATIONAL IMPACT

OUR MISSION

To enhance the lives of young people and their families, providing a positive environment that cultivates academic success, healthy lifestyles, good character, and citizenship.

Our member diversity reflects the communities we serve



3,000
Youths served in 2024



46,200
Healthy snacks distributed

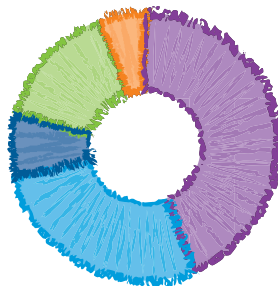


742
Summer camp members

OUR VISION

To inspire and develop Club youth to achieve success and champion opportunities for all young people in the Greater Conejo Valley.

Leadership, staff & volunteers



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OUR TRUSTED AND VALUED PARTNERS

AE Wright Middle School
(Jacqueline & Albert “Bud” Marley Boys & Girls Club)

AC Stelle Middle School
(AC Stelle Boys & Girls Club)

Bay Laurel Elementary
(Karen & Ed Jefferson Boys & Girls Club)

Chapparral Elementary School
(Dr. Richard Grossman Boys & Girls Club)

City of Agoura Hills

City of Calabasas

City of Thousand Oaks

City of Westlake Village

Colina Middle School
(Cal & Marje Johnston Boys & Girls Club)

Conejo Valley Unified School District

Las Virgenes Unified School District

Lindero Canyon Middle School
(Linda & David Catlin Boys & Girls Club)

Los Cerritos Middle School
(Marion & John E. Anderson Youth Center)

Redwood Middle School
(John L. Notter Family Boys & Girls Club)

Rotary Club of Calabasas

Rotary Club of Westlake Village Noon

Sequoia Middle School
(Rocky & Lon Morton Boys & Girls Club)

22ND ANNUAL STAND UP FOR KIDS GALA

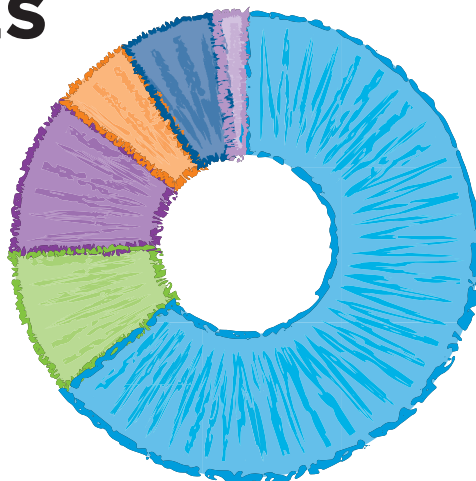
An unforgettable night of purpose and connection, our 2024 Gala gathered community leaders, business professionals, and philanthropists who believe in the power of youth. More than an event, it was a celebration of potential—highlighting the resilience, talent, and bright futures of the young people we serve.

Guests were inspired by moving stories—including a powerful message from Dexter, our 2024 Youth of the Year—and honored the remarkable leadership of Tim English, recipient of the Cal Johnston Service Award. We also paid tribute to our Legacy Families: the Catlin, Engen, Gleason, Jefferson, Johnston, and Morton families, whose commitment continues to shape our mission.

From compelling moments to spirited auctions, the evening was a meaningful reminder of what we can achieve together. Every gift, bid, and gesture of support helps us provide vital programs and opportunities for the youth and families who need us most.

2024 FINANCIALS

At the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Conejo Valley (BGCGCV), we have been serving the youth who need us most for 23 years. By providing programs that focus on academic success, good character and citizenship, and healthy lifestyles, our Clubs have helped generations of young people achieve the great futures they deserve.



\$2,592,564
Program Fees
(62%)

\$434,798
Events
(10%)

\$473,970
Individual Donations
(11%)

\$229,968
Foundations,
Trusts, and Grants
(5.5%)

\$272,720
Investment Earnings
(6.5%)

\$87,765
Corporate Support
(2%)

TOTAL REVENUE
\$4,159,291

THANK YOU TO OUR CORPORATE AND FOUNDATION PARTNERS



Longstanding Gala sponsor, championing youth programs and celebrating years of meaningful community investment.



Through a dynamic employee partnership, PennyMac powers Giving Tuesday success and meaningful volunteer engagement.



Funding vital programs in social-emotional learning and workforce readiness for local youth success.

Harriet H. Samuelsson Foundation

Supports Learning Enhancement Acceleration Program, addressing learning loss through targeted academic enrichment and acceleration programs.



Improves Club infrastructure and access through generous grants for transportation, capital improvements, and program delivery.



Valuable partner and generous funder of BGC Conejo since 2002. Playing a critical role in our ability to deliver youth development services throughout the community.

2024 BOARD OF GOVERNORS



OFFICERS

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Board Chairman
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Cal Johnston,
Founding Chairman
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Secretary

BOARD MEMBERS

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Lorraine Crawford
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David Heroux*
Barbara Impellizzeri*
Karen Jefferson
Jeff Johnston
Marla Lefton
Kimberly Lovi
Alissa Morton

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**Executive Committee*



MEASURING IMPACT

2024 Results

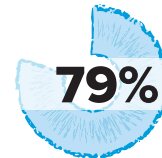
The National Youth Outcomes Initiative (NYOI) was launched in 2011. This initiative was implemented to measure the impact of Clubs using a common set of research-informed indicators. NYOI is a tremendous asset to demonstrate impact, support advocacy and resource development, and, most importantly, gain insights to improve performance and make a bigger impact on our Club members. NYOI's primary tool for gathering outcomes data is a survey administered to Club members each spring.

In 2024, members across all our Club sites shared their experiences through our annual survey. The results highlight our organization's continued commitment to fostering safe, supportive environments that nurture all around youth wellness.

Reported Feeling Emotionally Safe



Reported Feeling Physically Safe



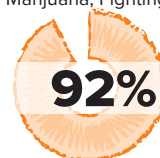
Expect to further their education after high school



On grade level for their age (5th to 12th Grade only)



Avoided Risky Behavior (Smoking, Alcohol, Marijuana, Fighting)



Have Strong Relationships with Caring Adults



RECOGNIZING OUR YOUTH OF THE YEAR

Celebrating the Achievements of Young Leaders

Being named Youth of the Year is the highest honor a member can receive at the Boys & Girls Clubs. This prestigious recognition celebrates exceptional Club members who have demonstrated remarkable leadership, academic success, service to others, and a commitment to healthy lifestyles—all while overcoming personal challenges. The program highlights the strength and resilience of young people who embody the very best of what our Clubs strive to inspire.

Throughout the year, we also recognize outstanding youth through our Youth of the Month program, sponsored by generous partners. Each month, one exemplary member from each Club is celebrated for demonstrating leadership, positive behavior, community involvement.

Their stories highlight the power of mentorship, opportunity, and community. We celebrate Alexandra and Jessica for their achievements and look forward to their continued leadership and inspiration.

We are proud to announce our 2024 Youth of the Year Winners:



Agency Wide YOY Jessica Assaad

The Boys & Girls Club has become a very important part of my life over the past three years. It has shaped who I am—my skills, my character, and my confidence. It gave me opportunities to change myself and make an impact on younger students' lives. Without the Club, I wouldn't be where I am today.



Junior YOY Alexandra Dexter

I have learned the most from the clubs and activities at the BGC. In cooking, I learned life skills and how to cut vegetables. I've also learned how to create art with 3D pens. But the most important to me is the Torch Club—it brings kids together to brainstorm and create amazing activities and parties.

HONORING OUR LONG-STANDING TEAM MEMBERS

The Power Behind Our Programming



Lisa Barron

Club Director, Morton Club | Team Member for 18 Years

Lisa Barron is a passionate and dedicated advocate for youth development at the Boys & Girls Club, with a proven track record of excellence and leadership. Over her tenure, she has consistently demonstrated an unwavering commitment to delivering high-quality, impactful after-school programming. Lisa leads her team with integrity, enthusiasm, and a clear vision, fostering a culture of collaboration and continuous growth. Her programs are known for being engaging, inclusive, and focused on academic enrichment, while also providing a safe and supportive environment for all members. As a trusted vessel in the community, Lisa has built strong, lasting partnerships with local schools, educators, and families, reinforcing the vital bridge between school and out-of-school time. Her leadership continues to inspire both staff and youth alike, leaving a lasting legacy of positive change.



Debbie Langsam

Club Coordinator, Johnston Club | Team Member for 18 Years

Debbie's creativity, passion, and enthusiasm shine through in everything she does for the youth we serve. Over the years, she has led a wide range of engaging programs—from leadership development to arts and crafts—while playing an active role in organizational events and consistently supporting her team. Her commitment to delivering high-quality programming is matched by her dedication to building a strong, positive team culture. Through her mentorship and guidance, Debbie has created a sense of family within the workplace, making a lasting impact on both staff and members. We're proud to recognize her outstanding contributions and leadership.

OUR PROGRAMS

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS IN 2024

Empowering Youth Through Targeted Programs

In 2024, our Clubs enriched members' lives through transformative programs such as SMART Moves, SMART Girls, Youth for Unity, and Mentoring. These initiatives empower youth to build confidence, make healthy choices, and develop essential life skills.

A standout moment was our SMART Girls event, where members participated in workshops on leadership, wellness, meditation, and yoga, and heard from a panel of inspiring young professionals. This program fosters self-esteem, health, and empowerment—guiding girls to grow into confident, capable leaders.

Building Workforce Readiness and Leadership

Through programs like Torch Club, Money Matters, and Career Launch, youth ages 10–13 built leadership and service skills by identifying community needs and leading meaningful projects. They gained financial literacy by learning to budget, save, and make smart financial choices through interactive workshops and digital tools. Guest professionals—from law enforcement to firefighters—visited our Clubs to inspire career exploration.

New this year, the Snack Shack program teaches real-world business skills including inventory management, marketing, sales, and presentation.

Key Programming Areas

We offer a wide selection of custom-designed local Club programming where members can find a new interest, explore various activities, and dive deeper into their passions.



Leadership

Community Service, Counselor-in-Training, and Leadership Development



STEM

Forensic Sciences, Chemistry, Computer Skills, Movie Making, Robotics, 3-D Design and Printing, Coding, and Game Development



The Arts

Musical Instruments, Choral, Theater, Dance, Comedy and Improvisation, Sculpture, Painting, Art History, Photography, and Cinematography



Healthy Lifestyles

Creative Cooking, Nutrition, Sewing, Gardening, and Character



Mentorship

Academic Tutoring, Individual Youth Mentoring, and Peer and Small Group Skill Development



Sports

Basketball and Soccer Leagues, Skill Development and Competition, Daily Sports, Dodgeball, Yoga, Hockey, and Gymnastics



Summer Camps

Musical Theater, Field Trips and Travel, Sports, STEM Summer School, and Traditional Camps

Summer Camp: Long-Lasting Memories & Enriching Activities

Summer Camp is a highly anticipated time for many of our members—a season filled with excitement, growth, and discovery. When school is out, our Clubs open the door to a wide range of enriching programs designed to support youth development in fun, engaging, and meaningful ways.

Throughout the summer, members have access to dynamic experiences that promote leadership, creativity, teamwork, and personal growth. Programs like Torch Club for middle schoolers and Keystone Club for high school students provide valuable leadership development, encouraging members to take initiative, give back to their community, and develop essential life skills. Beyond leadership, our camps offer academic enrichment, STEM activities, arts and crafts, and social-emotional learning, all within a safe and supportive environment.

PeaceFull Communities: Fostering Well-Being

This initiative supports the Boys & Girls Clubs' Formula for Impact and the National Youth Outcomes Initiative by enhancing the overall youth experience and helping young people thrive academically, socially, and emotionally.

Aligned with the PeaceFull Communities vision to build communities that support flourishing, peaceful youth, we began with professional development for staff. Through Course 1, Youth Development Professionals (YDPs) and staff gained tools to enhance personal well-being, resilience, and positivity, which are then applied to create high-quality, engaging programs for youth.

CLUB IMPACT

“I use what I learned at the Club to stay calm when things get hard at school. I also try to be kind and include others at recess, just like we practiced in our group games.”
-Mila, Grade 3

“The Club is like my second home – it’s my home away from home. I love it here.”
-Gisela, Grade 8

“The people in SMART Girls are very supportive and very kind and it’s just a good group to be in.”
-Miley, Grade 6

“I’m really grateful for homework help here at the BGC, it’s nice to go home and chill since my homework is done.”
-Alina, Grade 6

OUR 2024 DONORS



GIVING SOCIETIES



The Jeremiah Milbank Society
is for individuals who give unrestricted gifts of \$10,000 or more.



The Lifetime Giving Society
recognizes donors that demonstrate a deep commitment to our Clubs by making a very significant gift, a minimum of \$250,000 during their lifetime.



The Heritage Club
is a National Individual Giving Society of donors from Boys & Girls Clubs who have included their local Boys & Girls Clubs in their estate plans.

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 **The Boys & Girls Club is an energetic place where creativity flows freely and learning sparks endless possibilities!** 

HOW CAN YOU CONTRIBUTE?

Become a Donor

Invest in brighter futures—your support creates safe spaces, strong mentors, and life-changing opportunities for youth in our community.



Attend the 23rd Annual Future Ready Gala

Join us on Saturday, September 6, 2025 at our premier annual fundraising event. More than an event, it's a celebration of the promise and potential of our youth. Plus, we will recognize this year's Gala Honorees - Joe and Jennifer Seetoo.

bgcconejo.org/gala

Youth of the Year Luncheon

Save the date for the inaugural Youth of the Year Celebration on Wednesday, February 4, 2026, honoring exceptional youth from across the Greater Conejo Valley.

Selected by their individual Clubs, these remarkable young people will take the stage to share their inspiring speeches, culminating in the announcement of the 2025 Youth of the Year.



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