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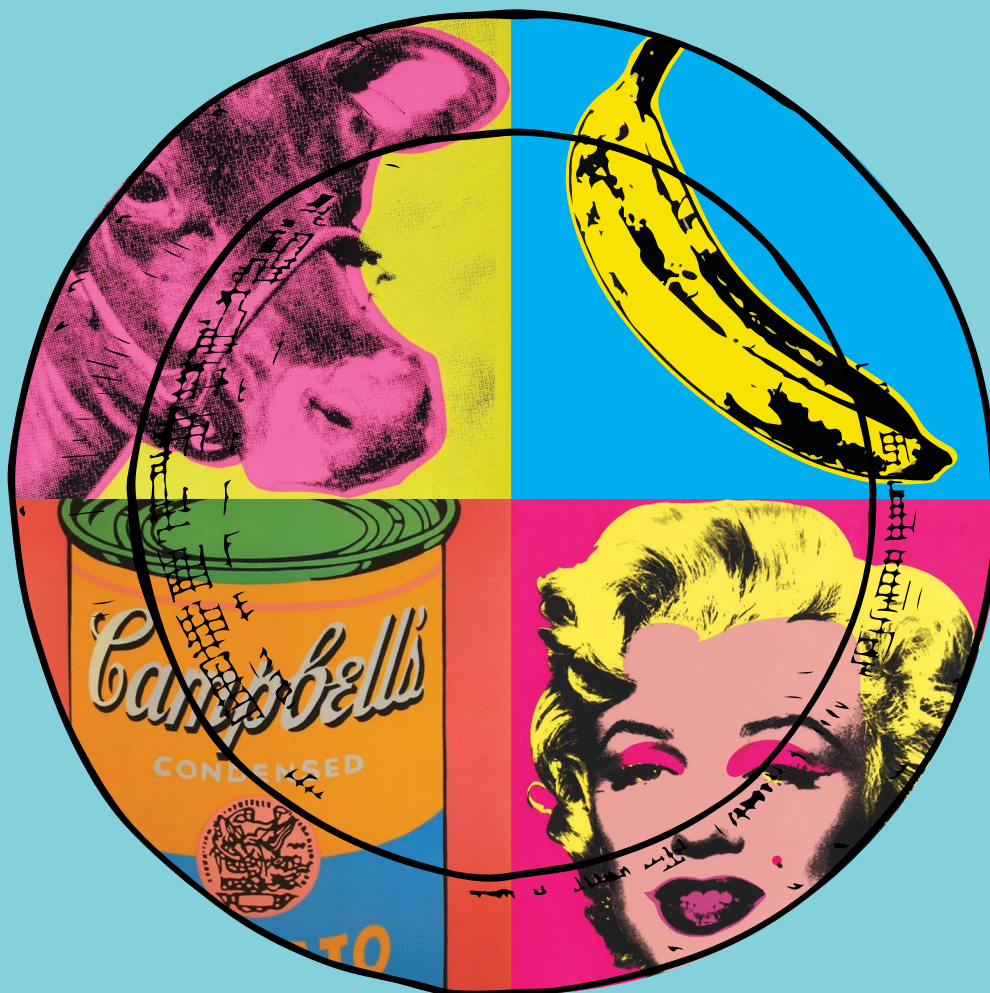
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Our Board's Perspective



Three years ago, I was asked to co-chair a new event benefiting the Boys & Girls Clubs of Kern County. I didn't know much about "the Club" at the time, but I was ready to help plan a great party. That event was the inaugural [Farm to Tableaux](#).

Since that October night three years ago, I've learned a lot about the Club and its budding artists.

At [Farm to Tableaux](#), our vision is to incorporate art—especially our kids' art—into every aspect of the event. From the theme and decor to live and silent auction items, art is everywhere! As someone who was new to the Club, I was astounded to learn that every piece of art featured at the event had been created by one of the Club's very own kids.

I've since had the opportunity to tour our art studio and learn about the preparation that goes into the masterpieces you see at [Farm to Tableaux](#). In our studio, you're guaranteed to encounter beautiful paintings and kids—artists—working diligently to create them. From the first moment they pick up a drawing tool, a tube of paint or a paintbrush, the work becomes intentional. While our studio is a special place for Club kids

to acquire creative skills and technique, most importantly, it is a safe and encouraging environment that forges in them the joy and freedom of artistic expression.

My favorite part of our art program is seeing what the kids choose to do with their paintings once they are finished. Club kids voluntarily choose to donate commissioned pieces and other works of art to be sold at Club fundraisers, like [Farm to Tableaux](#), where the proceeds are reinvested to help fund supplies and instructors for the next generation of Club artists. Not only is the Club creating artists, but we are also inspiring philanthropists!

The entire experience recognizes and celebrates our young artists. When a guest asks them about their art, or—even better—chooses to purchase their piece, these kids are validated as artists. All thanks to your generosity!

Three years ago, I said "yes" to this interesting event concept and was introduced to the Boys & Girls Clubs of Kern County. And now, three years later, I could not be happier to serve on the Board of an organization that provides our community's children with amazing opportunities that help them grow.

And while I help raise money that impacts kids, I find myself to be impacted just as much. The Boys & Girls Club of Kern County is shaping the future of more than 7,200 kids each day, helping to make their dreams come alive. I love that I get to be a small part of that impact—those dreams and changes—and I look forward to continuing to do so.

Thank you for your continued support of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Kern County. I can't wait to see you at this year's [Farm to Tableaux](#)!

Emily Salters
BGCKC Board Member



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Elizabeth Andrew must have had our Guys & Gals Supporting Boys & Girls group in mind when she said, "Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart." How else can you explain the time, talent and heart that our Guys & Gals Members invest in ensuring that our kids are getting their needs met. Some of the busiest people we know are taking time out of their day to spend time with our children in a meaningful way.

When Donna Cross and Kay Bardin showed up wearing Red Noses in honor of Red Nose Day to serve meals to our eagerly awaiting children, they were met with giggles and with good-natured teasing that included, "Rudolf and the sleigh must be early" and "When does the rest of the circus get here?"

It does not go unnoticed by our children that these volunteers wear their hearts on their sleeves and take time to visit and help regularly at the Club. Our kids were thrilled when this group donned Club member-made hero masks for Hero Day at the Club and participated in all of the theme based activities. A special bond and message is sent to our kids every time a member of Guys & Gals reaches out: As busy as adults can be, this group is never too busy to take a moment to listen, laugh, celebrate, and be part of their Club experience!

For more information on how you can help the Club, please contact Linda Sullenger, Director of Community Investment at (661) 325-3730 Ext 240 or at lsullenger@bgclubsofkerncounty.org.



COMMUNITY GRANTS

**March 1, 2018 to
June 30, 2018**



Bank of America

-- \$10,000 to strengthen the Club's workforce development programming at the Armstrong Youth Center and the Lamont Club and provide life-changing opportunities that teens are not able to get anywhere else.

Dollar General

-- \$2,000 to curb summer learning loss by enhancing and reinforcing literacy skills through the implementation of the Summer Brain Gain: Read! Program.

Major League Baseball

-- \$5,000 to encourage our Club members to participate in all forms of baseball and softball activities at the Club as part of having a healthy lifestyle.

Pacific Gas and Electric

-- \$153,000 to strengthen the Club's workforce development programming for over 300 local high school teens and underwrite summer intern jobs for selected teens with local businesses.

Cal Ripken Sr. Foundation -- \$10,800 to implement the character development curriculum Healthy Choices, Healthy Children as part of Badges for Baseball in collaboration with our Club sports leagues.

Southern California Gas Company

-- \$2,500 to implement Power Hour which will offer after school academic support (homework help) and academic enrichment (fun, interactive high-yield learning activities) for the Lamont Club members.

The Virginia and Alfred Harrell Foundation

-- \$20,000 to expand and enhance the Learning Garden at the Armstrong Youth Center with staffing, supplies and a shade structure to insure it is a productive organic garden, educational space for our Club members as well as an enhancement to the community.



Oildale Community Action Team helps BGC fill the needs of over 1600 daily

**“I only get food at school.
After that...once I go home...
Nothing.”**

This heartbreaking truth was shared by one of our teen Club members a few years ago, and it compelled us to face that truth, knowing that they are not alone. Even with the daily pre-packaged snack at our Clubhouses, many of our kids were still going hungry.

Action was inevitable, but made for a difficult choice. Do we continue with the Kids Cooking Program that teaches 13 kids at a time in our kitchen to prepare healthy, nutritious snacks safely, or do we use the resources of that same kitchen to help address the food insecurities that impact children during non-school hours on a much larger scale? After simply reading those questions, I bet you can guess which path we chose.

In 2015, sacrificing cooking classes for a few kids fulfilled a much larger need, and in turn, a much bigger dream for the Boys & Girls Clubs. We are now filling the tummies of THOUSANDS of children with a healthy, nutritional supper on a daily basis. Of course, we want every

child to learn to cook for themselves safely, but the harsh reality is that meeting their basic need of consistent food has far more meaningful and lasting impact.

In that same vein, we encountered another difficult decision with our Summer Feed program. While already at maximum capacity in meeting the nutritional needs of 1,600 children each day primarily in South Kern, should we stretch our resources to serve an additional 30 children in the Oildale area?

With the assistance and local support from the “Oildale Community Action Team” and the use of an accessible, shade-covered greenbelt; we opened a food service spot for hungry children living north of the river.

As we serve the food-insecure, they serve us with the reminder that our programs are changing lives, one precious child at a time. Help us serve Kern County and shape a healthy community – for you, for me, and for our over 1,600 hungry friends.

For more information regarding our food service programs, please contact Shaun Tobiasen at (661) 325-3730 Ext 228 or email him at stobiasen@bgclubsofkern-county.org.

KEEPING THE MAGIC ALIVE



Sitting in the theater with a program in hand, the curtain rises. A group of children in full costume with sound mics taped to their cheeks face the audience and begin to sing. The energy from the kids on stage is palpable and with each scene change a new group of children appear excited and ready to perform. I have just sat through the first half of the tech/dress rehearsal for our production of Shrek Jr. hosted at a theater loaned to us by our partners at Bakersfield City School District.

Our children have spent the last four weeks of their summer vacation memorizing lines, rehearsing complicated choreography, and developing their individual character. In addition to our show director and choreographer, we have a costumer, make-up artist, sound engineer, stage crew, snack bar crew and many others working together so that when the curtain opens on our show, our children are given a real theater experience.

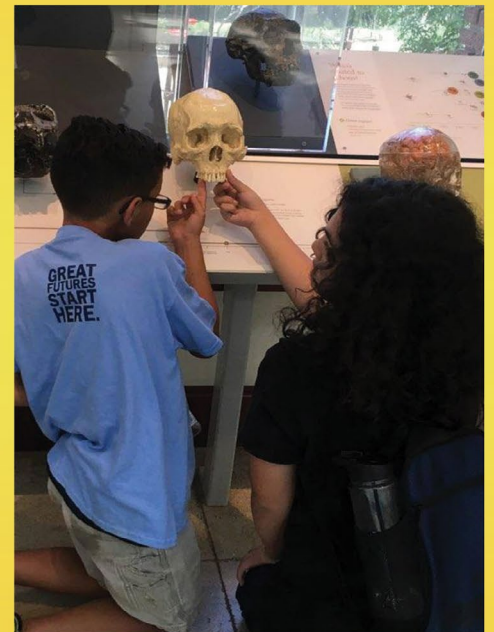
Concurrently, we have two more shows in production; rehearsals for a show for the Twilight Rotary Club; practice for a music video entry into a regional talent search; and rehearsals for a performance at our Farm to Tableaux event in October. As much as our performing arts staff put into each and every performance, dance routine and song, it

is our children that dive deep and continue to stretch their talents and commitment in developing their craft. Their attitudes and the professionalism that they bring to each challenge is the driving force which has led many of our kids in getting lead roles with outside theater groups; taking center stage for singing the national anthem locally, regionally and nationally; and joining adult casts for stage productions while holding their own.

A few years back, if you brought up the name “Boys & Girls Club,” performing arts was not the first thing that came to mind. However, in recent years, our classes, workshops and performances have grown and expanded and the children in our care continue to thrive and achieve success on and off the stage. Our kids are sought after by other groups to perform and share their talents. Like proud parents, we watch our kids go on to bigger things - hopefully better equipped because of the lessons they learned at the Club.

I know that our kids are gaining valuable skills; their talents are being cultivated and cherished; and that their final bows are only the beginning of their next big adventure.

Article by: Zane Smith, Executive Director



SUMMER 2018



THE FUTURE STARTS NOW

for Summer Jobs Program Interns



The Boys & Girls Clubs of Kern County provided workforce skills to over 300 local teens as part of the 2018 Summer Jobs Program through a grant from Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) during the school year. The teens learned everything from how to build resumes and interviewing techniques to setting goals and improving communication skills. At the conclusion of the workforce skills component, the teens had the opportunity to apply for a paid summer intern job with a local employer.

The 41 selected teens/interns were assigned to variety of local employers for their paid six-week summer internship. Each of the entry-level teens worked 20 hours per week at their worksite and participated in professional development activities each week. Those activities included STEM and career engagement activities at the AERA Education Center, CPR/First Aid/AED training, personality types with Robin Paggi of Worklogic HR and college/careers with Kat Clowes of March Consulting along with a tour of the PG&E Energy Education Center and Diablo Canyon Power Plant in San Luis Obispo.

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Kern County is very grateful for the ongoing community support for this program. One of the

longest participating companies is Walter Mortensen Insurance who has hosted an intern each summer for the last five years. **“At Walter Mortensen Insurance, we want to be involved in the community and help our upcoming generation to become successful,”** Pam Binns, Operations & Commercial Manager for Walter Mortensen Insurance. The Bakersfield Museum of Art (BMOA) decided to be a mentor site to expose a teen to a new environment and for them to get a sense of the workplaces in their community. This is the second year that BMOA has been an intern site.

The interns, their families and worksite mentors gathered at the Armstrong Youth Center on July 23, 2018 for a breakfast graduation celebration, which included a keynote address from Pat Mullen, Director of the Kern Division for Pacific Gas and Electric and Kevin Charette with KGET-17 as the emcee. Each intern also received congratulatory certificates from local dignitaries.

Thank you to the 2018 Summer Jobs Program intern sites for providing engaging experiences, life changing opportunities and preparing our teens to be ready for the future.

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SEE WHAT'S BEHIND OUR DOORS

Find out on August 22 at the State of the Clubs Breakfast



Kid stuff is important stuff, and this year's Boys & Girls Clubs of Kern County "State of the Clubs Breakfast" on August 22 will showcase the countless ways that the Clubs help children grow up healthy, happy, and ready to join the world. The event will also highlight some exciting new opportunities for you to help the Club to serve even more kids.

"Our annual State of the Clubs Breakfast is a great way to show community leaders how we help open new doors for children and the kinds of resources we need to do this important job," said Executive Director Zane Smith. "A lot of people tell us after they see the work we're doing that our mission aligns closely with their own efforts in our community. They may represent a county or city program, a business, or they're simply interested in helping children, and the State of the Clubs Breakfast has generated some wonderful partnerships."

Kern County Public Health analyst Juan Vega saw an immediate opportunity when he learned at a State of the Clubs event about the Boys & Girls Clubs' meal program. "Public Health administers state and federal nutrition money to local groups, and the Boys & Girls Clubs are on the ground in many of the neighborhoods where our most vulnerable populations live," Vega said. "The Clubs are extremely thrifty with every food dollar and they're highly accountable, so the money goes further and we know it's being spent wisely."

The Clubs' Nutrition Program is making 1,600 meals per day this summer that are served to children at ten sites throughout the County. Construction started this summer, thanks to a Community Development Block Grant from the County of Kern, on the soon to be commercial kitchen

at the Armstrong Youth Center. Supervisor Leticia Perez, whose district includes the Armstrong Youth Center, sought approval after her staff attended a State of the Clubs Breakfast and brought the need for a new kitchen (to serve more meals to more children) to Perez' attention. (Check out the new kitchen plans and wish list on page 12!)

"As a company that believes in caring for our community, Aera takes great pride in supporting the Boys & Girls Clubs of Kern County, not only financially, but also providing children the opportunity to reach their full potential," said Theresa Bush, Aera Energy's Senior Vice President for Human Resources.

With the community's help, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Kern County continues to grow and to seek ways to serve more kids.

"People are often amazed that we're one of the largest Boys & Girls Clubs in America," Smith said. "That we can serve over 15,000 members each year shows how generous our community is, but when we think about the 250,000 children throughout Kern County, we know there are many more kids to reach and there is always more that we can do. At the State of the Clubs Breakfast, people will hear about and see the exciting things that are happening behind our doors."

Please join us on Wednesday, August 22, 2018 (breakfast starts at 7:30 a.m. with the program from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.) at the Armstrong Youth Center, 801 Niles Street, Bakersfield. Please RSVP to Maggie Cushine at 661-325-3730 Ext. 239 or online at <http://www.bgclubsofkerncounty.org/stateoftheclubs>.

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