



BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
OF KERN COUNTY

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Thinking back on my childhood, I was blessed to have been given so many valuable tools to use on my journey into adulthood, it's hard to pick one as being the most important. Accountability to my education and schoolwork, the opportunity to play sports and be on a team, friendship and the role-modeling of how friendship should be from older family members, a safe place to be goofy and develop my own sense of humor and to have fun, resources to express my creativity through art or craft, a clean environment that would allow me to stay healthy and heal quickly

from any illness, food security that would allow me to think and play and study as hard as I could, and most importantly a family who looked after me to make sure that I had all of these.

When I made the decision to volunteer for the Boys & Girls Club of Kern County a year and a half ago, I knew very little about them. I knew they were a non-profit organization that helped a lot of children, and that kids played sports there. I also knew several club board members and employees whom I admired as well. So between my limited knowledge of the club and the respect I had for these individuals, I jumped in head first.

After seeing the way that the staff interacts with our children and how they interact with one another, the smiles (and tears of joy) I see on peoples' faces as they hear or tell stories from the club on a regular basis, the incredible art and performances that come from our club members, the wonderful and talented adults that are products of the club, and the sheer number of children our club serves on a daily basis (over 8,000 – the biggest club in the Country), I was in absolute

awe. The impact that this Club was making on so many lives, including Club members, staff and volunteers, was almost beyond my comprehension. But the more interaction I had with the club, the more I started to understand how all of these things were possible.

When comparing the list of things that I valued so much about my childhood to those things I feel the Boys & Girls Club gives to our kids, picking one would be impossible. I truly feel that the club provides all of these things and more for our members. The staff and volunteers of the club work together tirelessly to provide our kids with a focus on education, sports, teambuilding, friendship, fun, safety, artistic expression, nourishment, and a sense of family. These are the things I treasure from my youth, and these are the things the club gives to our kids. It is for these reasons that I will continue to volunteer for the club in whatever capacity they will have me, for as long as I can contribute.

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Matt Damian
Board Member



1967 - Temporary Club at 630 Bernard Street - serves 25 boys daily
1978 - Club at 308 Yampa Street – serves 30 boys daily

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Food for the Future

The U.S. Department of Agriculture defines food insecurity as not having consistent, dependable access to enough food for active, healthy living. In 2013, 72,490 children under age 18 living in Kern County households experienced limited or uncertain access to adequate food. Kern's 29% child food insecurity rate was higher than California (25%) and the United States (21%).

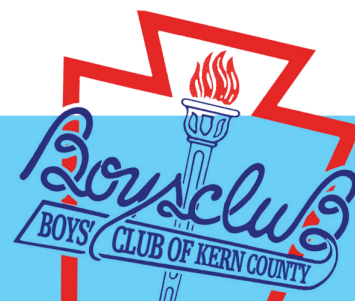
In response to this need, in January of 2015 the Boys & Girls Clubs of Kern County moved from a donated snack after school (often cookies or chips) to an FDA approved "supper" at six Club sites which equaled 8,400 meals per month. Because food insecurity occurs at higher levels during the summer months (children and youth are not eating at school) the BGCKC Nutrition Program expanded to provide breakfast and lunch for the children at four Clubs (10 weeks equaled 45,000 meals). The meals meet the federal guideline of half the plate fresh seasonal fruits and vegetables.

In June 2016, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Kern County's Nutrition Program as part of the Summer Day Camp provided breakfast (at 3 Club sites), lunch (at 4 Club sites) and an afternoon snack (at 1 Club site) for

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1979 - 1431 Lincoln St. – serves 30 boys daily

1981 - Club raises \$150,000.00 to buy the property at 800 Monterey St.



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1986 - Club changes name to Boys & Girls Club of Bakersfield and serves both boys and girls – 45 daily
1996 - Club hires Zane Smith from the Boys & Girls Clubs of Garden Grove to be Exec. Director

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1996 - Club breaks ground on 801 Niles Street
1997 - Club opens the door of new Club at 801 Niles Street
 250 children daily



SUPPORTING BOYS & GIRLS

We are gathering a special group of people to take a new approach to supporting our local Boys & Girls Clubs and help fulfill the Club's mission by investing in the futures of Club members.

Guys & Gals will provide exclusive, diverse opportunities to bring meaningful interactions to Club members. Imagine the impact Guys & Gals can collectively have on the future of our youth. There are powerful moments of opportunity to help a child set a course for a happy, healthy, and successful lifestyle. Guys & Gals will support those opportunities. It may be time spent learning new social skills through an etiquette experience, or an outing to a country club for a golf lesson. Imagine how a child feels when an adult from outside of their immediate family shares a life-enriching experience such as chaperoning a trip to the beach to see the ocean for the first time. Guys & Gals can make these moments possible. The impact is new knowledge, new skills and the reassurance that someone cares and has taken time.

This year we are launching "Guys & Gals Supporting Boys & Girls." The annual commitment starts at \$1,000 and a few volunteer hours per year for a person to participate. Funding will be the primary source for providing membership scholarships for children to attend the Club's after-school, summer and holiday programs. Volunteer hours will support a youth activi-

ty of the volunteer's choice.

We understand that not everyone can devote time away from family and profession. Just like there is a place for every child at the Club, there is a place for everyone in Guys & Gals at every level of engagement!

Get serious. Have fun.

You will begin to see our Guys & Gals Supporting Boys & Girls organization out and about as we gather a really special group of Club supporters. Every 2-3 months, our Guys & Gals will get together with a small group of Club kids to spend some quality time together. This past June we had dinner at the Petroleum Club and talked about dinner etiquette and the various activities each of the kids have going on at the Club.

It was a special time for everyone. A couple of the kids taught Rick Peace some new dance moves, the Clarys and the Crosses heard all about our summer performing arts production, Annie, Jr. which showed the last weekend in July, Barbara Lee and Marj Nixon had our youngest Club members who shared enthusiastic stories of summer fun reading, and Mikin Plummer got an earful from some of our college-bound teens. Nevermind all the fun that was had, our most important goal of giving these young people a real connection to a leader in the community was accomplished. We have planted the seeds that our kids are valuable, and we were able to provide that parental guidance of being a good friend, or the importance of school, or try all the vegetables on your plate.

Our most recent event was golf at Bakersfield Country Club, and coming up we will do some holiday shopping for Toys for Tots to teach the kids about giving to others.

If you are interested in getting involved in this organization, be sure to contact Ricki Peace at 661-325-3730.

2001

Club partners with Bakersfield City School District to establish first after-school programs at Evergreen Elementary, Emerson Middle School and Rafer Johnson Continuation School—400 children daily





ARTFEST has been our signature fundraiser for the past fourteen years, but it started before it became our signature fundraiser. The Club was participating in an art show along the sidewalks of the Marketplace in 2001. We had Club members presenting their works of art, which were going to be Mother's Day gifts for the artists' moms. There were many easels showcasing big beautiful watercolors, rich pastels, and some acrylics on display. We had many community leaders strolling through our mini art show talking with our young artists about their obvious talent.

At one point, a friend of the Club pulled our Executive Director to the side and asked what it would cost to purchase a watercolor of a koi fish. Zane apologized and explained that the painting was a gift for the child's mom was not for sale. She begged him to reconsider, but ultimately had to give up. Zane shared this story with the artist because he was so proud that her painting gained so much interest. Our young artist replied, "Sell the painting! I'll make my mom another one!" And thus, one year later, Artfest was born. It was all based on one woman's love for a piece of KidzArt. We introduced Artfest to Kern County in 2002 at a Froelich model home. We have since been hosted at the Christiansons, Martins, Del Toros, Windemere model

homes, Moorea Banquet Centre, the Bakersfield Marriott, and last year at the Destefani Palazzo.

We have had some GREAT years, and sold some amazing artwork from our art studio. Our kids have had some really amazing experiences through Artfest, but mostly we believe two experiences have impacted them the most: first, the validation as an artist to represent their artwork, share it with donors, and have adults appreciate their work, and second, the teachable moment of donating their art to the Club to be auctioned to help pay for the programs they enjoy every day. Artfest has been an opportunity for our young ones to grow and learn in many ways – and we thank Kern County for being there through it all.

What about this year? We have looked around the Clubs throughout Kern County, and everything seems to be growing up! Vegetables in our garden, the kids at our many locations, and Artfest are growing too. This year we are launching an exciting new, "grown up" version of Artfest called Farm to Table.

2003 - Club partners with BCSD to expand after-school programs to other elementary and after-school programs – 700 children daily
2004 - Club establishes Southwest location to serve children residing in the community – 800 children daily



BETTER TOGETHER

PG&E SUMMER JOBS PROGRAM



found out their personality styles with Robin Paggi of Worklogic HR and discussed various colleges and careers with Boys & Girls Club staff.

Many companies and non-profits in Bakersfield have stepped up (many for the fourth year) to offer the students a summer internship opportunity and workplace mentoring. The Boys & Girls Club is very grateful for the ongoing community support.

2016 BUSINESSES

Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) in partnership with the Boys & Girls Clubs of Kern County provided job readiness training to almost 300 students from local high schools during the school year for the fourth year as part of the PG&E Summer Jobs Program. More than 180 teens graduated from the “Career Launch” portion in May and had the opportunity to apply and interview for one of the paid summer intern jobs.

The 55 successful teens that made it through two interview panels (staff then community partners) began their internships as part of the PG&E Summer Jobs Program on June 20, 2016 which will run through July 29, 2016.

Each of the young professionals are working part-time at their summer jobs (Monday through Thursday) and reporting back to the Boys & Girls Club for professional development every Friday. So far the teens have learned about opening a bank account from Tarina Newsome and Andrea Hernandez with Wells Fargo,

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- Kern County Builders’ Exchange
- Kern County Library
- Kern County Superintendent of Schools
- KGET-TV 17/TELEMUNDO
- Kwik Signs, Inc.
- Oasis Air Conditioning

2005 - Club receives donation of Lamont Building for Lamont Boys & Girls Club
900 children daily

2007 - Club expands program to include Frazier Park Boys & Girls Club and
changes name to Boys & Girls Clubs of Kern County – 1000 children daily



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- Office of Kern County Supervisor Leticia Perez
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- Pacific Gas & Electric
- Stay Focused Ministries
- The League of Dreams
- Walter Mortensen Insurance
- Watson Realty

This year, the Better Together Summer Jobs Program will provide more than 850 with workforce training and 210 youths with paid summer jobs in Fresno County, Kern County and the greater Sacramento area.

The 55 PG&E Summer Jobs Program Interns will be graduating on August 4, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. at the Boys & Girls Club - Armstrong Youth Center (801 Niles Street) and you are invited to attend!



Opposite Page: Tarina Newsome and Andrea Hernandez are presenting on how to open a teen account at Wells Fargo. This Page: Angel Dominguez, BGCKC staff presenting to the students.

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- 2008** - Boys & Girls Club expands programs at Bakersfield City School District campuses – 2500 children daily
- 2009** - Boys & Girls Club partners with Lamont School District to offer after-school programs – 3000 children daily



Grant Highlights

April to June 30, 2016

The Bakersfield Californian Foundation - \$16,650.27

to support the Performing Arts Program with the purchase of ten wireless mics along with the expansion and upgrading of Club's current rack mounted sound system which will allow the Club members to perform at the Club with the option to go fully portable for performances in the community including Annie Jr. at the Bakersfield City School District as part of the Summer Day Camp.



Kaiser Permanente - \$10,000

to help underwrite the "Triple Play - Healthy Habits" as part of the Boys & Girls Clubs of America's Health and Life Skills core program area promotes health and wellness for Club members ages 5-17. The program boosts the Boys & Girls Clubs traditional physical activities to a higher level by providing sports and fitness activities for all youth -- boys and girls, athletically gifted and those talented in other areas, children and teens alike.



Southern California Edison/ Edison International - \$5,000

to help mitigate summer learning loss in both reading comprehension and math for the Frazier Park Club members.

Dollar General Literacy Foundation - \$1,500

to underwrite the Summer Brain Gain: Read! Program so Club members are better prepared for the coming school year by maintaining or improving their reading levels during the summer months.



The Bank of America Charitable Foundation - \$7,000

to provide skill development and job training for Club teens through workforce training skills programs (Career Launch - job readiness, college preparation and career exploration and Money Matters) at the Armstrong Youth Center.

Central Valley Community Foundation - \$25,000

to provide a 10 week Boys & Girls Club Youth Leadership and Advocacy training at the Lamont Club with ongoing support and access to the Club's daily programming. This leadership development and Club experience will provide opportunities for youth to participate in four focus areas: community service/advocacy, academic success, career preparation and teen outreach.

2008
to
Current

Boys & Girls partners with Nine School Districts
62 locations with 7200 children daily





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a total of 15,735 nutritious meals free of charge to our Club members, many who would not have eaten if they were at home.

Expansion of the BGCKC Nutrition Program is on the horizon. Starting with the 2016-2017 school year the Nutrition Program will be serving more youth more meals through additional sites. Plus they are working on creating a larger kitchen so they can serve more meals to more children more effectively.

The Teaching Kitchen at the Armstrong Youth Center as well as most of the storage area and hallway have been commandeered and adapted for the BGCKC Nutrition Program, but a more organized and better equipped commercial kitchen is needed to meet the current needs as well as the anticipated growth of the Nutrition Program. The Boys & Girls Clubs of Kern County has been working with several interested parties to make this goal a reality. Another item on the wish list is a cargo van to transport more meals so more youth can eat healthy.

YOU CAN HELP!

If you would like to learn more information about how you can support the BGCKC Nutrition Program please contact Maggie Cushine, Resource Development Director at 661-325-3730 or mcushine@bgclubsofkerncounty.org.



June 1, 2016 - Boys & Girls Club celebrates its 50th Birthday!!!

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The Numbers

Boys & Girls Clubs of Kern County

62 After School Programs

7200 Members Served Daily

530 Youth Development
Professionals

Nutrition Program

14,000 Meals per month
15/16 school year

50,000 Meals were served
during summer of 2016

16,000 Anticipated Meals per month
16/17 school year

STATE OF THE CLUBS