

# BGC Brief

GREAT FUTURES START HERE!



Alexis, Age 13  
His painting "Taking Shelter"  
will be a live auction item at  
Farm to Tableaux.

## PROGRAMS

Nutrition Education

## GRANTS

Program funding  
highlights

## EVENTS

Farm To Table(aux)  
October 6, 2017



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS**  
OF KERN COUNTY



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## Our Board's Perspective



When I moved to Bakersfield back in 2008 I had very little of knowledge of the community. I had moved here to buy the local ServiceMaster franchise; I quickly emerge myself and family into the community. One of the first exposures I had to the Boys & Girls Club was while participating in the Leadership Bakersfield program put on by the Greater Bakersfield Chamber of Commerce. A group had picked the Boys & Girls Club as their service project and helped renovate the game room. Through this leadership program I was able to understand how the Bakersfield community operated in business, government, and non profits.

As the ServiceMaster business grew it became very important for me to give back and support the community that was now feeding my family. While looking for a good organization to support, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Kern County quickly became one my favorite organizations. One of my managers had been a Club kid growing up and he was still connected; and he couldn't say enough about the positive impact the Club had on his life. The Club puts on great fundraising events and I began participating in those.

After a few years I began showing interested in being more than just a Club supporter. Zane Smith, Executive Director of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Kern County asked to meet; we discussed the opportunities for involvement and how the Club operates. What I found out was the great things I thought the Club was doing in Kern County were just a small part of what they were really doing. When I joined the board I found a great group of leaders that

were passionate about helping kids and positively impacting their lives. Today the Club serves more than 7,200 kids per day through 63 locations; they provide thousands of meals every day; all while giving the kids the tools to succeed in school and life.

Today I find myself humbled to be involved with such a great organization. As a business owner my goal is to be the best and not settle for mediocrity. The Boys and Girls Club is already that, they have more Club sites and a higher average daily attendance than any other Boys & Girls Club organization in the country; and Zane and his team are recognized by the Boys & Girls Clubs of America as one of the top Clubs in the nation. Not only do they touch more lives, but everyone at the Club lives out the mission every day; with hundreds of staff that love helping kids.

Boys and Girls Clubs of Kern County Mission: "To enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens." Our responsibility as members of the Kern County community is to help organizations like the Boys & Girls Club succeed and I would encourage you to support thru your financial resources, unique talents, and/or your prayers.

I am proud to be part of this organization because our community and youth benefit from their service every single day in every corner of Kern County.

Jonathan Mueller  
Board Member



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# FARM TO TABLE(AUX)



Farm to Table(aux) committee co-chairs, Heather Frank and Emily Salters.

There's never been a better time to jump on board with the development and growth the Boys and Girls Clubs of Kern County is bringing to our community. You hear about positive changes being made all the time, but the changes our organization makes are critical to the sustainability of our community. As a county abundant with agriculture, entrepreneurship and creativity, you all know the importance of personal growth and how it takes seeds to flourish to an abundant harvest. While we may not be planting seeds to sow for food in years to come, we are planting seeds of thought, attention and dedication into the lives of over 7,200 children on a daily basis.

It's a big number to take in but we aren't afraid to open our doors and our hearts to ensure that no child is turned away from the mission and vision of our organization - **To enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens.** Now that we have painted you a picture of what our heart and soul purpose in the community is, allow us to paint you one more with the visually stunning and engaging, Farm to Table(aux), our signature fall event extravaganza!

## Eat your art out!

This phrase aptly describes the fun and festivity guests can expect at this October's second annual Farm to Table(aux) benefiting the Boys & Girls Clubs of Kern County (BGCKC). A night to remember full of artistic and culinary delights sure to please the palette, enrich the soul and provide vital funding for programs that support our communities youth. Our event is proudly sponsored by Dignity Health and Castle & Cooke.

Last year's inaugural Farm to Table(aux) exceeded expectations, quickly selling-out and raising more than \$250,000 for BGCKC.

These funds are put back into your local Boys & Girls Clubs in the form of after school and summer enrichment and educational programming such as fine arts, STEM, homework assistance, mentoring and athletics for the children who need us most. Continuing with the tradition of BGCKC Art Fest, students from BGCKC are prominently featured at Farm to Table(aux). Both the performing arts and fine art Club members participate by performing in tableaux vivants, providing.

This year the event will be held on October 6, at the newest gated residential community by Castle & Cooke California, Inc., Highgate at Seven Oaks. Set amongst the twinkling stars, guests new to the event are in for an innovative time, while guests who attended last year will still be dazzled by the night's festivities. Unfortunately the event is sold out. That doesn't mean the spirit of philanthropy must diminish. Contact the Boys Girls Clubs of Kern County to start your involvement in the organization via sponsorships, volunteerism or scheduling a site visit to learn first hand how the Club operates. Contact Heather Frank, Director of Development (661-325-3730) to start your involvement in your local Boys & Girls Club.







# CLUB FACES

**Henry Chatman**, who is the oldest of four children, was born in Bakersfield but moved with his family to Arkansas at a very young age. He was fortunate to have both parents in the home; however, his father was in a gang until Henry was in the 7th grade year when his father became a minister.

Over time the gang retaliated and threatened his father and family so the family moved back to Bakersfield leaving Henry in the care of his Granny in Arkansas to finish his freshman year and play basketball.

Unfortunately, Henry started to hang out with the wrong crowd. During a basketball game, he got into an altercation on the court with a brother of a rival gang member, which led to a fight after the game. The consequences of that fight were catastrophic, at the age of 16 Henry was shot by rival gang members in retaliation for that fight. Those events really changed his perspective on life. Thinking back, he often asks himself how that time in

his life would have been different if only he had a mentor at the Boys & Girls Club.

Naturally after these events he returned to Bakersfield with his parents. His mother started her own daycare which gave Henry the opportunity to interact and help out with the children. This is where Henry found his passion for helping children. After he graduated from West High School, Henry's health took a turn and he became very sick with Valley fever and contracted Cocci Meningitis that resulted in three brain surgeries and a VP shunt installed.

After Henry recovered he decided to volunteer at the Boys and Girls Club where he coached flag football and basketball at College Heights for three years. College Heights then offered Henry a part time job, but Zane Smith, Executive Director for the Boys & Girls Clubs of Kern County, wouldn't let Henry leave the Club. Henry has been changing the lives of children with the Boys & Girls Clubs of Kern

County for 15 years.

"It's been a blessing working here at the Club. The relationships I've gained here have been amazing; it truly feels like family. Our past and present members have given me nothing but joy, it enables me to not just mentor and help develop core values in our community's youth, it allows me to just be me and I'm a big kid so I fit right in.

*"My daughter is a Club kid and I see every day how the Club has impacted her life. The Club and fellow staff have helped me raise her as a single parent. I'm so very thankful for Zane, Barry, Renee, Natalie, Chris, April and all the past, present, and future staff throughout my Club story."*

— Henry Chatman,  
BGCKC Athletic Director



# Thank You for Building Great Futures Together



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SCHOOL**

# It Takes A Caring Community

**Donations: June 2017 through August 2017**

## **CASH GIFTS**

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Advanced Combustion & Process Controls, Inc.  
Aera Energy LLC  
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Armand and Joanie Fitzgerald  
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Sue Furdek  
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Robert and Jerry Haner  
Ron Hardin  
Harry and Ethel West Foundation  
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Martha B Hopkins  
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Susan Jennings  
Misty Johnston  
Jim and Cindy Joslyn  
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Kelly Management  
Kern Community Foundation  
Kern Family Health Care  
Kern Schools Federal Credit Union  
Klein, DeNatale, Goldner et al  
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## **DID YOU KNOW?**

**7,200 Youth Are Served Daily  
in Kern County**



# IF YOU DREAM IT, YOU CAN DO IT

*Celebrating Our Grants: June 1, 2017 to August 31, 2017.*



**BGCA/Red Nose - \$1,000** to purchase” summer snacks” for the Summer Brain Gain program thanks to Summer Brain Gain and Red Nose Day.

**Walmart (Store #1574) - \$1,500** to underwrite the Learning Garden at the Armstrong Youth Center. The Learning Garden along with the Positive Sprouts Program, Great Garden Detective Curriculum and Healthy Habits empower at-risk and low-income youth to learn gardening, the preparation of healthy meals and educate them and their parents regarding nutrition, physical fitness and healthy choices.

**Regal Entertainment Group - \$1,500** for our Club members to have a great time at the movies during the Summer Day Camp.

**Coca Cola Company - \$5,000** to implement Triple Play – Healthy Habits curriculum at the Stockdale Club to insure our Club members increase the amount of time they engage in physical fitness activities and increase the amount of fruits and vegetables consumed.

**County of Kern (CDBG) - \$228,161** to underwrite the conversion of the storage room at the Armstrong Youth Center into a commercial kitchen to allow “more meals for more children” as part of the Nutrition Program.

**Good Sports –** to provide sports equipment assistance for the Club’s healthy lifestyles programming.

**BGCA /Red Nose Day- \$5,000** (\$2,000 summer snacks and \$3,000 supplies) to implement the Summer Brain Gain program at the Lamont Club plus a Chromebook.



**TJX Foundation - \$5,000** to support Power Hour (homework assistance daily after school) at the Armstrong Youth Center.

**Pitch in For Baseball/MLB –** provided Play Ball Rec equipment and two T-Ball Kits and two JR RBI Baseball Kits to use with the Play Ball program.

**Buffalo Wild Wings All Stars – \$10,000** to increase opportunities for physical activity, social interaction and recognition through organized sports programming for Club members after school and educate them and their parents regarding nutrition, physical fitness and healthy choices.

**Stinson’s – \$1,000** in office equipment and supplies in honor of Stinson’s 70th Anniversary to support the mission of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Kern County.



## DID YOU KNOW?

We have 62 Boys & Girls Clubs  
Sites in Kern County!



# It Takes A Caring Community

## Donations: June 2017 through August 2017

Union Pacific Foundation  
United Way California Capital Region  
United Way of Kern County  
United Way, Inc.  
Esther Varela  
Varner Bros., Inc.  
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Josh and Susan Wall  
Walmart - Facility # 1574  
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### IN-KIND GIFTS

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Tito's Handmade Vodka  
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Wiki's Wine Dive & Grill  
Wonderful Orchards  
Woolworth Diner

### HONORARY & MEMORIAL GIFTS

In Honor of Robin and Pat Paggi  
By: Justin and April Ahart





# KEEP ON GROWING



The Boys & Girls Clubs of Kern County has partnered with Kern County Public Health Services Department in an effort on improving the health status of low-income Californians through increased fruit and vegetable consumption and daily physical activity under the statewide Nutrition Education and Obesity Prevention Branch (NEOPB).

Our Nutrition Educators are currently servicing five after school locations Armstrong Youth Center, Bessie Owens Intermediate, Di Giorgio, Vineland Elementary and Sunset Middle School.

[CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFO!](#)







# PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

## Boys & Girls Club After School Programs Are Back in Action!

During the summer, the **Electric Science Girls Club** was created thanks to a **\$15,000 grant from The Women's and Girls' Fund**, a leadership initiative of Kern Community Foundation. The club was formed to help girls get more involved in the Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematic fields. Through different activities the girls this summer learned skills such as coding, chemical reactions, and engineering.

Hour of Code was held at the beginning of the summer and it was one of the activities that taught the girls the basics of coding and game design. It was great to try out the games that each girl invented. In addition, members of the Electric Science Girls Club experienced STEM outside of the Club during a field trip to the Apple Store. The Apple Store associates helped the girls create and star in their own movie trailers. The Electric Science Girls Club will continue STEM activities throughout the 2017-2018 school year under the direction of Eme Tucker, BGCKC Technology Instructor.

The after school program is the primary service for the Boys & Girls Clubs of Kern County. Currently we provide after school services for over 7,200 children daily at our 4 club sites and 59 campus based programs throughout our communities. Our after school programs offer academic enrichment opportunities for children. Providing our programs in a safe and engaging environment is one of our priorities.

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Kern County works in partnership with each community, school, and family to design the program that meets their specific needs. We draw upon the most effective academic enrichment, physical fitness, nutritional and life skill programs to

challenge children and make learning fun. All programs are staffed with trained Youth Development Professionals who are responsible for the academic enrichment opportunities for the children. The Boys & Girls Clubs of Kern County currently collaborates with ten school districts throughout our community in providing after school programs directly on school site campuses.

**The doors of the Club sites are always open for a tour! Call Linda Sullenger at 661-325-3730 Ext. 240 to make arrangements.**

[CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFO!](#)



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and Girls' Fund**

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