

Clubhouse News



BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS



Los Angeles County Alliance

Summer 2010

From Dave's Desk

Dear Donor Name,

If the increasing number of children coming to us during the summer wasn't proof enough of the crying need for Boys & Girls Clubs, a recent survey published by United Way of Greater Los Angeles certainly is.

- More than 93,000 families in LA County earn less than \$10,000 a year.
- LA County residents with a high school diploma earned, on average, \$8,500 a year more than those without a diploma.
- The county's high school graduation rate is only 60%.

Clearly, our work is cut out for us! And you play a vital role in helping provide a safe haven for children of working families, making sure children can be Club members regardless of their parents' ability to pay and continuing to encourage all Club members to graduate from high school and consider going on to college.

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Two amazing young women selected LA County Youth of the Year

Two truly amazing young women, Olamide Oladipupo of the Boys & Girls Club of Santa Monica and Jasmin Garcia, of Boys & Girls Club of Long Beach, were selected to represent the Boys & Girls Clubs of LA as the county's Youth of the Year.

"A shining example for our youth."

An honors senior at Culver City High School, Olamide, or "Mide" as she is known to friends, became a Club member at 9 after her father left her family to return to Nigeria to work. Her mother enrolled her and her two sisters to provide a safe place during non-school hours. Mide says the supportive Club staff helped her adjust during this time in her life.

According to Aaron Young, the Club's CPO, "Over the last eight years Mide has been an absolute champion of making the right



choices. Taking a total of five buses and picking up her sisters along the way, she is always at the Club tutoring other members or working as a junior staff member. The desire to continuously challenge herself fuels this outstanding young lady to be the first college graduate in her family."

"A wonderful young woman."

Jasmin Garcia is an outstanding senior at Lakewood High School who dreams of one day attending Yale Law School. Enrolled in numerous advanced placement classes, she is also a member of her school's

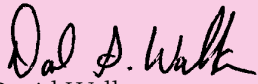
Student Council and the Merit Scholar Academy in addition to her work at the Boys & Girls Club of Long Beach.

"We could not have picked a better young woman to represent us," says Executive Director Don Rodriguez. "Jasmin makes a 45-minute bus ride every day to get to the Club where she mentors the younger members." In addition to her work with younger Club members, who Jasmin says are "the reason she loves the Club," she is also president of Club's teen group, Keystone and has volunteered over 400 hours at the Club and in the community!

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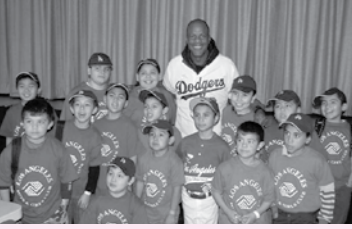
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Thank you for all you do to provide a safe, positive environment for our community's neediest children.



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Dodgers Inaugurate Dream Field



Many from the Dodgers organization, including Rudy Law, were on hand for the dedication of the new Dodger Dream Field at the Los Angeles Boys & Girls Club. The old field was renovated by the Dodgers Dream Foundation which was created in 1998 to provide education, athletic and recreational opportunities for the youth of the Greater Los Angeles area.

A Foundation for the Future

You can help the children of Los Angeles County by becoming a member of our

THE HERITAGE CLUB

Heritage Club, an association of friends of Boys

& Girls Clubs who include the Clubs in their will or other planned gift.

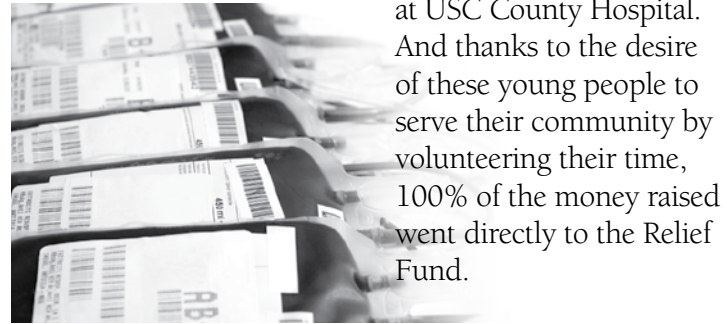
Your support through a planned gift will support future generations of children who will have the opportunity to grow and develop in a safe, positive and caring environment.

Salesian Teens Sponsor Haiti Relief & Blood Drive

When news of the magnitude of the earthquake in Haiti reached Los Angeles, the Keystone Leadership Club at the Salesian Boys & Girls Club of Los Angeles responded to provide help for the survivors who were injured and in need of medical assistance.

According to a Club spokesman, the Salesian Communities, like most people in the heart of Port Au Prince, Haiti, lost over 500 students at

their schools and youth centers as well as their own priests, brothers, and seminarians, and all of the organization's schools and youth centers were totally leveled or destroyed beyond repair.



Partnering with the USC Blood Donor Center, Club members sponsored a blood drive and fundraiser for the Salesian Haiti Relief Fund. Blood donations went to supply the blood bank at USC County Hospital. And thanks to the desire of these young people to serve their community by volunteering their time, 100% of the money raised went directly to the Relief Fund.

Club Members Grow Up & Give Back

Being a member of the Boys & Girls Club doesn't stop when you graduate from high school. Many Club members like Gustavo and Wendy stay connected and work at the Clubs where they grew up!

Gustavo Anaya has worked for the Boys & Girls Club of Whittier as an Outreach Leader for



more than two years, but the Club has been his second home since the age of 7 when he first became a member.

Currently attending Fullerton College where he is a member of the soccer team, Gustavo helps coordinate visual projects designed to communicate the mission of Clubs for fundraising and public relations events. His goal is to become a professional soccer player.

Before she became the Membership Assistant at the Club's new Teen Center, Wendy Guzman was a junior staff member. A Club member since she



was 7, Wendy credits the Club with helping her overcome her extreme shyness. The Whittier Club's Youth of the Year in 2009, Wendy is now working towards her Bachelor's degree in Sociology at CSU Fullerton and hopes to receive her Master's Degree in Social Work from USC.

Location

Baldwin Park
Bell Gardens
Burbank
Canoga Park
Carson
El Monte
Harbor City/Gardena
Hollywood
Long Beach
Los Angeles/Boyle Heights
Los Angeles/Boyle Heights
Los Angeles/East LA
Los Angeles/Lincoln Heights
Los Angeles/South
Malibu
Monrovia
Monterey Park
Pacoima
Palmdale/Lancaster
Pasadena
Pomona
San Pedro/Wilmington
Santa Clarita
Santa Monica
Venice
Watts/Willowbrook
Whittier

Alliance Member Club

East Valley Boys & Girls Club
Rio Hondo Boys & Girls Club
Boys & Girls Clubs of Burbank and Greater East Valley
West Valley Boys & Girls Club
Boys & Girls Club of Carson
Boys & Girls Club of San Gabriel Valley
Boys & Girls Club of the South Bay
Boys & Girls Club of Hollywood
Boys & Girls Clubs of Long Beach
Salesian Boys & Girls Club of Los Angeles
Variety Boys & Girls Club
East Los Angeles Boys & Girls Club
Los Angeles Boys & Girls Club
Challengers Boys & Girls Clubs
Boys & Girls Club of Malibu Teen Center
Boys & Girls Clubs of the Foothills
West San Gabriel Valley Boys & Girls Club
Boys & Girls Club of San Fernando Valley
Antelope Valley Boys & Girls Clubs
Boys & Girls Clubs of Pasadena
Boys & Girls Clubs of Pomona Valley
Boys & Girls Clubs of Los Angeles Harbor
Santa Clarita Valley Boys & Girls Club
Boys & Girls Clubs of Santa Monica
Boys & Girls Club of Venice
Watts/Willowbrook Boys & Girls Club
Boys & Girls Club of Whittier



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Activity: Direct Mail Appeal for Donations through December 31, 2010
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Previous Activity: 2008-09 activity not available at the time of filing.

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