

Clubhouse News



BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS



Los Angeles County Alliance

June 2009

From Dave's Desk

Dear Donor Name,

I can give you hundreds of reasons for supporting Boys & Girls Clubs. But the best ones come from the kids themselves: members like Linda Moy, 2008-2009 Youth of the Year at the Boys & Girls Club of Long Beach.

"I am here today as a symbol and a representative of all of my friends and neighbors who could not be here: the kids from neighborhoods where half of them think that drug dealing is a respectable job and that most good things start or end with members of your gang."

"I represent those kids whose parents can't afford food every day, much less the tuition to send their kids to college; kids who want to try to be an instrument of change within their own community."

"I am here representing the half that want to make a difference and know that they will not always be living

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"We're Learning by Doing"

Parents always want the best for their children. That's why Juan's mother suggested he join the Boys & Girls Club of Carson three years ago. "She said it was really fun and they would help me with my homework," Juan said. But today, Juan is the one who's helping out other children.

After his school work is finished, Juan often helps the younger children with their work, especially math, which is his favorite subject. Then, once everybody's finished, there's a snack and activities like Arts & Crafts and basketball or kickball on the court outdoors.

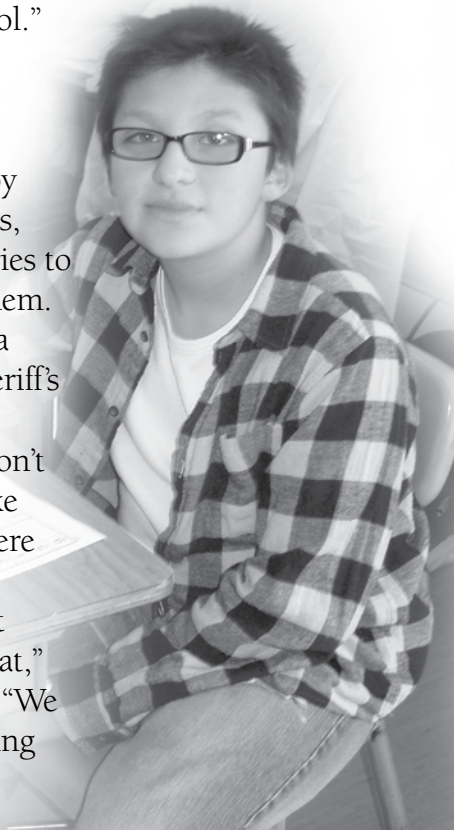
Kids aren't the only group served by the Carson Club. According to Executive Director

Kim Richards the Club also reaches out to families. "We try to serve the entire family and work with them to help the kids along. If kids are having behavioral problems or trouble at school, we'll work with the teachers and school counselors and try to align what we're doing here with what's happening at school."

And rather than duplicate services already provided by other local agencies, the Carson Club tries to collaborate with them. While the Club is a member of the Sheriff's Department Gang Task Force, they don't deal with issues like rehabilitation. "There are youth services within the city that already exist for that," explains Richards. "We concentrate on doing

what we do well – leadership development, character building and life skills."

Maybe that's why Juan prefers coming to the Boys & Girls Club rather than just "hanging out" after school. Or, perhaps, because it's just so much fun!



Encourage Success! Yes, I want to inspire young people to be great.

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in fear. I represent the kids who sometimes don't have running water at home but have a future in the Club."

Thank you, Linda. I can't think of any better reasons to support Boys & Girls Clubs!

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Learn more about your local Boys & Girls Club at www.bgca.org/LA

Considering a Planned Gift?

You can provide hope and opportunity for children in Los Angeles County through a tax-deductible planned gift to the Boys & Girls Clubs Alliance of LA County. Consider putting the Boys & Girls Clubs in your will or donating a gift of property or appreciated stock. To learn more about these and other unique giving opportunities please contact David Walker at (562) 490-6174. We are deeply grateful for your support!

Salesian Club Leads Drug-Free Community Coalition

In an often dangerous world, Boys & Girls Clubs offer members a secure, safe haven. But they also provide young people with the strength and confidence to go back out into their schools and communities and make a real difference.

That's why a broad community-based coalition including the U.S. Department of Justice, state and local officials like Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard, schools, churches, businesses and corporations and other non-profit organizations serving youth selected the Salesian Boys & Girls Club to lead the Boyle Heights Coalition for a Safe and Drug-Free Community.

"It's really an extension of what the Club is already

doing," says Executive Director Juan Guerra. "We encourage the kids to openly discuss drugs and alcohol, and to speak up, knowing that they can make a difference. Involving their parents is vital, but we can't leave it all up to the families. They do care, but sometimes they just don't know what to do or say. Plus, we have more than 3,000 members. That's a tremendous local presence!"

Jesus Santillian, a youth director at the Club is very concerned not only about underage drinking, but a sharp increase in inhalant use among teens in the area. "It's a quick high and they can get it so easily. But it's deadly. One guy killed himself and injured two other kids when he

drove off a cliff into the LA River. We need to show kids the reality."

"It's not about reinventing or creating a new program," says Coalition Director Juan-Carlos Aviles. "We're working together to create change through education, awareness, community involvement and legislation – to stop abuse before it starts. But we need to marshal more resources, like Spanish-speaking doctors who can talk to our youth and people who can do plays or skits about the effects of abuse. In order to make good decisions, these kids need real knowledge about the effects of drugs and alcohol on their bodies and their futures."

LA County Scholarship Winners



Four members of LA County Boys & Girls Clubs were among 30 students who each received a \$1,000 scholarship from the Los Angeles County Commission for Women. Honorees, from left to right, are Linda Moy, Long Beach Boys & Girls Club (accepted at UCSB); Erica McBride, Harbor City Boys & Girls Club; Natalie Alvarado, Boys & Girls Club of Malibu Teen Center, and Yosseli Rojas, Salesian Boys & Girls Club. Since the Commission began its scholarship program, more than \$188,000 has been awarded to low-income and disadvantaged young women.

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Baldwin Park
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Burbank
Canoga Park
Carson
El Monte
Harbor City/Gardena
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Rio Hondo Boys & Girls Club
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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
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Purpose: Net proceeds will be used to support the work of the 27 Boys and Girls Clubs in Los Angeles County.
Previous Activity: 2006 activity collected a total of \$45,576,831, of which \$4,359,356 (9.6%) was applied to expenses and \$41,217,475 was donated to charity.
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