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Boys and Girls Club needs \$20,000

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Last summer the Boys and Girls Club Teen Center in Paradise was shut down due to lack of funding. This year, club representatives want to make sure it doesn't happen again.

Rashell Brobst, chief executive officer of the North Valley region, said the club needs to raise \$20,000 by June 30 or there won't be enough funds to keep the center open through summer 2011. Generally, the club has raised about \$140,000 a year and has been able to keep its services up and running. But at \$18,000, last year was the first year the club didn't make its goal. The center has been raising funds since 1998, she said. Brobst said the economy and the loss of being the only designee to receive Chocolate Festival funds were major contributing factors to the lack in funding.

"Everybody's feeling it," she said. "We're not immune, we're not entitled."

Right now, she said, the club has raised almost \$40,000 and the additional \$20,000 will be enough to show a need for matching funds from state and private grants.

"We think it's doable," she said.

To boost interest in the club, they will be hosting an open house fundraiser on June 2 from 5 to 7:30 p.m. The open house will give interested parties a chance to see the club and see how it connects with the youth and with the community.

The community also will begin to receive appeals for summer camp sponsorships, she said. Board


members are also appealing to local service groups and meeting individually with past donors and supporters

of the club to let them know the club's needs. She said the Ridge should be proud of its Paradise chapter, which is the largest in the North Valley region. There are five sites in Paradise; the main site on Skyway, one at Paradise Intermediate School, and one each at Ponderosa Elementary School, Paradise Elementary School and Pine Ridge School in Magalia.

She said the Boys and Girls Club makes a positive difference in the community by keeping youth off the street and out of trouble by engaging them in positive activities and surrounding them with positive role models. The \$60,000 total needed by June 30 is a "bargain," she said.

Those who want to donate can visit any site and make a donation in person. Donors can also visit the website at www.bgcnv.org and donate online. Just be sure to designate that the funds go to Paradise, she said.

The club's board is going to meet in May, she said, to see where they are at as far as reaching their goals. Regardless of what happens, she said, the board needs to make a decision by June



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