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## Letter: Club appreciates community support

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I want to take a moment to pause and reflect on how grateful we are at the Boys and Girls Club to be a part of an extraordinary community that truly cares about our youth. We're grateful this community is filled with big-hearted people who are willing to give of their time, talents and treasures.

Sometimes it can seem as if the needs of our kids and families are overwhelming — with families living below the poverty level and the number of our children living in single and non-parent homes doubling over this past year, it feels that nothing one does will ever be enough. But by focusing our efforts on the unmet needs of our children, working with our amazing community partnerships and supporters and staying true to our mission, I know we are making a difference even in the face of challenging and often adverse circumstances. All our youth deserve our best and an equal chance in life.

At the closing of the year, I'm thankful for the skills and energies of our extraordinary board of directors, staff and volunteers and the goodwill and courage of our positive partnerships and relationships. Every opportunity means a chance for a successful future, which is the greatest gift of all. Great futures start at the Boys and Girls Club. Your generosity is what inspires us and keeps us going everyday. Here is to another productive, safe, and healthy year in our communities.

— Rashell Brobst, Chico

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