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Cody B., Katie P., Daniel B. & Luke M. - Successful graduates of the Black Bear Diner Job Mentoring Program

EFFECTIVE MENTORING

~ BLACK BEAR DINER

Last October, Black Bear Diner began its first job mentoring program with high school youth from the Paradise Boys & Girls Club Teen Center. Every Tuesday, for eight weeks at Black Bear Diner, our teens gained valuable real world experience with the guidance of Larry Lash and his team. The youth become certified ServSafe food handlers, learn the process of serving - from taking orders to cleaning and washing dishes, customer service and the overall teamwork it takes to make a restaurant successful. Our Clubs provide this program, in conjunction with our Career Launch and Money Matters curriculum to create a well-rounded experience to set youth up to get their first job. "At the Club we want to make sure our youth are not just hireable, we want them to be desirable to employers," said Hoppie Campos, Paradise Club Director. "Through our Job Mentoring programs youth learn



how to problem solve, think on their feet, be a productive team member, and communicate effectively."

December 8th, was their final night and graduation at Black Bear Diner where our Club members had the chance to demonstrate all the skills they learned by providing a wonderful dining experience to their family and the community. Graduate Daniel B. said "I learned the value of team work. When one gear breaks, the entire engine shuts down." Each teen was honored by Black Bear Diner with a certificate of completion. Thanks to sponsorships from California Water Service, Lundberg Family Farms, MetalWorks, The Rotary Club of Paradise, Town of Paradise and US Bank we are creating these life-changing experiences for youth county-wide. We invite you to become a partner to help build and shape the next generation in your community to be employable members of society.

When school's out, Clubs are in. Help give local kids a sa

~ CIVIC ENGAGEMENT



Anissa, 13 & Adrianna, 13 with Wayne Barley, Chief Deputy Probation Officer- Juvenile Hall

This Fall the Mentoring Civic Engagement Program kicked off its pilot project with teens from our Chico Teen Center. The youth were paired with local mentors from the business community to learn the practices and procedures involved in a city council meeting before planning and holding their own mock council meeting. This

project is an opportunity under the CA Civic Learning Partnership Committee of Butte County, which aims to provide Butte County youth with real opportunities to connect with civic learning in a meaningful way. "Our hope is that local youth will gain insight into how their local city council works," Michael Dailey, a financial planner said. "A program like this is important to inform our future voters that their voice can have an impact." Our teens along with their mentors built an agenda to address issues around homelessness, city budgets, pedestrian safety and vaporizer restrictions.

"This program got me thinking more about my place in our community and inspired me to want to be a part of making a change", said Taron Z., age 16. The goal of this program is to implement it countywide and the next partnership will be this Spring in Juvenile Hall.

~ OARS

In May of 2015, Oroville Teen Center Director, Lisa Spiegler, and Behavioral Health Education Specialist, Noah Johnson, recognized the need to bridge the gaps between various organizations in Oroville. The vision was to maximize limited resources, share best practices and create a collaborative environment to support teens and families. As a

result they formed the Oroville Area Resource and Support Committee (OARS).

OARS received startup funds from the Child Abuse Prevention Council to host collaborative events throughout the year to keep youth and families informed and engaged in events that they can benefit from. Some of the events have included Hoops for the Holidays Basketball Tournament, Spring Fever Family Event, and the Prom Project. In the works is a youth leadership summit which will be hosted this summer. The mission of OARS is to create opportunities to support youth and families that foster unity and a healthy community. We are proud to be a part of helping the community come together to meet the needs of youth and families in Oroville.

BUILDING BRIDGES



Oroville Teens celebrating Spring Fever at the Oroville Teen Center

KICKS FOR KIDS ~ UPDATE!

Thanks to the generosity of many and Heel and Sole Shoes we were able to give kids in need from all our Clubs a new pair of shoes. When we give kids shoes we are improving their self-confidence and giving them a running start to a healthier life and future.

Thank you for your compassion and making a direct impact in the lives of local kids!



SAVE THE DATE	FUNDRAISERS & EVENTS
May 10	Crush Italian Cuisine & Lounge Job Mentoring Dinner
May 16	Links For Kids Golf Tournament
June - August	Camp Journey (Chico) & Camp Quest (Paradise) Program
June 11	Oroville Food Truck Fest
September 15	Pasta on the Plaza

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