

# The Positive Connection



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS**  
OF THE NORTH VALLEY  
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Krystal W., 2016 Youth of the Year

"The Club is like family. My time spent at the Club has helped me become the person I am today. They have given me so much dedication and support over the years. I am proud to say that because of the Boys & Girls Club, I can be who I want to be."



# SUMMER PROGRAMS & SERVICES



School may be out for the summer, but for your local Boys & Girls Club members, the educational lessons continue. With the support from our community and Chico Cioppino Feed, we were able to keep our doors open for summer and provide kids who need us most with new opportunities their families may not be able to provide.

This summer Club kids got to cool down by swimming in the local pools and going to the movies; expand their horizons by going on tours of college campuses and interacting with the past at museums; learn about their community at historical monuments; explore the wilds of the North state by hiking Mount Lassen, spelunking around Lake Shasta Caverns, learning how to fly fish and discovering how the habitat supports local fishing. All of these unique adventures help to incorporate our Summer Brain Gain program, which aims to prevent knowledge loss over the summer months and helps keep kids prepared for the next grade level. Just as importantly, these exceptional opportunities give kids the chance to connect classroom lessons to real-life experiences, improve critical thinking skills, grow healthy and positive relationships and have a safe place to be a kid and have fun!

## HAPPY 21st BIRTHDAY BGCNV!



We had a great time celebrating our 21 years of service to local youth this past July!

Thank you California Health & Wellness for sponsoring and volunteering at our event along with volunteers from Old Navy and Chico State International Students from Africa.

Almost 300 of our kids and families countywide enjoyed BBQ, snow cones and donated popcorn from Chico Pops. We braved the hot afternoon weather and celebrated our 21st birthday in style with bounce houses, colorful face painting, a photo booth and a tie dye station.



## KEYSTONE CONFERENCE

In June, our Oroville and Chico Teen Centers joined the Sacramento Boys and Girls Clubs as they hosted the 2nd Annual Northern California Keystone Conference. Keystone is the Boys & Girls Club's most dynamic teen program that affords teens an opportunity to gain valuable leadership and service experience. They take part in activities based around academic success, career exploration and community service.

This was an exciting experience for our youth leaders to come together and strengthen the quality of our Clubs, build youth led programs and empower them to reach their full potential.

**Come into any of our Clubs for a tour and to find out how**





## RENOVATIONS IN PARADISE

Starting in the spring of 2016, Paradise Unified School District applied for a grant through the California Department of Education to help us expand our meal services for youth on the Ridge. The awarded grant gave us the opportunity to renovate our kitchen and enabled us to serve supper meals for our members at all of our 5 sites throughout the Paradise Ridge as well as our summer program, Camp Quest.

This kitchen remodel became a reality thanks to several local businesses who came together to help renovate the Paradise Teen Center kitchen with a new commercial refrigerator, freezer, and gas stove with a hood. With the preexisting stove in the Teen Center being electric, a gas line was also ran to accommodate the new range.

Now that we had come this far, we couldn't just let it stop at the kitchen! We then reached out to Select Janitorial and they generously donated their time and efforts to help us redo our floors which were in

terrible shape. Through multiple phases, the old tile was pulled up with the help of Boys & Girls Club staff. Once the original floor was taken out, the floor was then ground down and stained blue to provide long-lasting, low maintenance and wear resistant flooring.

In order to complete our Teen Center transformation, Charles Crabtree Painting worked with our CREW program to paint the walls in blues, greys and chalkboard black. The Paradise Teen Center CREW youth helped prepare the Teen Center walls for this final step by masking the doors and windows, removing baseboards and washing the walls. Charlie partnered his staff with our CREW teens to mentor them in painting their Teen Center so it would be ready for the school year. We are now beginning to fundraise in order to finish the look of this freshly renovated space with new couches for the teens to enjoy the fruits of their labor.

Please swing by when you are in Paradise for a tour and check out our newly painted walls, updated kitchen and flooring!

## THANK YOU!

*This project would not have been possible without the support, time and effort of these local business owners and organizations:*

Brandon Slater  
Charles Crabtree Painting  
Miller Electric

Select Janitorial Services  
Trilogy Construction  
Paradise Unified School District



**Now YOU can make a positive change in local kids' lives!**



## HAMILTON CITY ~ UPDATE!

We are excited to announce that Hamilton City will have a Boys & Girls Club on their Elementary School campus starting August 16th. Due to the partnership with Hamilton Unified School District, Glenn County Office of Education, Boys & Girls Clubs of the North Valley, Glenn County Health and Human Services Agency and the support of Hamilton City businesses and individuals from the community, this Club is becoming a reality. This expansion will increase the number of K-8th students served,

will also expand the scope and depth of programs provided to youth and families in the community and will provide a continuum of services during the school year and throughout the summer. As with all our Clubs, this Boys & Girls Club will be completely funded by Hamilton City community donors.



*Pictured on right: Our interview panel - kids interview potential new staff members, as part of the hiring process we use for all new program staff hiring.*



SAVE THE DATE	FUNDRAISERS & EVENTS
<b>September 15</b>	<b>Pasta on the Plaza Spaghetti Feed ~ Chico</b> <i>A fundraiser for the Chico Ostrander Clubhouse &amp; Chico Teen Center</i>
<b>September 16</b>	<b>Wine in the Pines: Wine Walk ~ Paradise</b> <i>Proceeds to benefit the Boys &amp; Girls Clubs of Paradise Ridge, hosted by the Destination Paradise Committee</i>
<b>October 20</b>	<b>Lights on After School Open House ~ All Sites</b> <i>In partnership with California Health &amp; Wellness</i>
<b>October 26</b>	<b>Quota Club Tri-Tip Dinner ~ Paradise</b> <i>A benefit for the Boys &amp; Girls Clubs of Paradise Ridge</i>
<b>November 3</b>	<b>Champions for Kids Banquet</b> <i>Honoring those who give local kids great futures at the Sierra Nevada Big Room</i>
<b>February 11</b>	<b>18th Annual Valentine's Gala</b> <i>Sponsorships &amp; Tickets are available!</i>

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