

The Positive Connection



BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS

OF THE NORTH VALLEY

Serving Butte & Glenn Counties

Local Kids • Great Futures

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Hamilton Elementary School Club gets a new library & banner!

"The Boys and Girls Club is an amazing place that offers so many opportunities and a great environment for youth. Currently I am the VP of our Keystone Club and an active member in our LIT program. The Club helps members with homework, has fun programs and makes sure youth have two meals each day."

- Frank, 15 (Oroville Teen Center)

CLUB KIDS GIVING BACK



A core value of ours is teaching the importance of giving back to the community, so we love it when members find as much joy in giving back as we do! Our Club Leaders in Training (LIT) are constantly building their skills in leadership, service learning, goal setting and exploring ways to contribute and become outstanding members of our community. Club youth have been busy all year volunteering in their communities; Paradise and Magalia with A Simple Gesture Paradise signed up over 100 community members for the Green Bag program, which collects food for hungry families; the Oroville Teen Center youth doused runners at Oroville Hospital's 3K Salmon Color Dash for the third consecutive year; and teens from the Chico Teen Center and the Juvenile Hall gained customer service experience at our Pasta on the Plaza spaghetti dinner. Our teen leaders will also be supporting all Turkey Time dinners throughout Butte County during November. We are so proud of our youth for their dedication to giving back to their community and grateful to Pacific Youth Foundation for supporting our LIT programs!

PASTA ON THE PLAZA



With the support of our local community, sponsors and families, our 8th Annual Pasta on the Plaza presented by Slater & Son was a huge success! Our Club kids and families were able to enjoy a delicious family style spaghetti dinner while appreciating live entertainment by our kids and local musicians. The night on the Chico Rotary Plaza was filled with family friendly activities, vendor booths and opportunities to win wonderful prizes donated from our community. Thank you all for coming out to celebrate and support giving 673 local kids the tools for back to school!

TECH SAVVY CLUBS

Last year we set out to transform our Club Tech programs and raise funds to increase our members' access to technology. With the support from Best Buy, Chico Sunrise Rotary, Gala Bids for Technology and Brian & Karen Sweeney we now have tablets throughout all our Club sites. Club youth have been able to conquer homework assignments, learn coding, create videos and access an unlimited amount of educational resources.



Our goal is to have a SMART room with a Mondopad in each of our main Clubs in Chico, Paradise and Oroville. Our Oroville Teen Center has the first Mondopad and they are exploring ways to make educational programs more engaging and fun. These upgrades are helping our youth learn how to use technology ethically and responsibly and be prepared for their future.



LEADERS IN THE WILD

Our Teens had a summer like no other and one they will remember for the rest of their lives. Our Chico, Oroville and Paradise Teen Centers had the opportunity to explore the numerous lakes, meadows and mountain wilderness of Lassen Volcanic National Park. Thanks to a grant from the Lassen Park Foundation and summer donations, teens went beyond the ordinary camping experiences and developed an appreciation for the environment by hiking throughout the park, learning about different ecosystems, building teamwork skills, strengthening friendships and telling stories around the campfire. They got to explore Lassen Volcanic National Park's numerous volcanoes, including Lassen Peak, which is one of the largest plug dome volcanoes in the world.

In between hiking excursions, the teens had the opportunity to learn outdoor survival skills from park rangers who showed them how to build a proper campfire, held shelter building contests for emergency survival and talked about how to be environmentally responsible and keep the park clean.

"We were able to spend quality time with friends and staff hiking, doing activities, playing games and hanging out around the campfire."

"I can't wait until next year, these trips with the Club are my favorite."

- Jubana, 15, Oroville Youth of the Year

These unique experiences for our teens foster patience, an appreciation of their surroundings, encourages them physically and emotionally to build character, instills a sense of accomplishment, confidence and a spirit of adventure that will continue to help them throughout life.



SURVEY SAYS...

96%

of youth said that they have had the opportunity to give back to their community

98%

of youth believe the Club staff have provided multiple ways for them to be engaged in fitness, basic nutrition and healthy eating

94%

of youth said that they have someone who cares for them at the Club

**numbers based off BGCNV survey of 276 youth*

WHERE DOES YOUR DOLLAR GO WHEN YOU MAKE A DONATION?

Did you know that every \$1 you donate turns into nearly \$10 worth of benefits for local youth, families and your community?

A 2015 study by the Institute for Social Research and School of Public Health at the University of Michigan found:

For every \$1 invested in



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\$9.60

in economic benefits are returned to the youth, families and our community.



Clubs help:

↑ Increase the earning power of parents and youth.

↓ Decrease costs to society by preventing costly expenditures for health care, public assistance, and criminal justice system involvement.

SAVE THE DATE	FUNDRAISERS & EVENTS
February 11	18th Annual Valentine's Gala <i>Presented by Slater & Son ~ Manzanita Place</i>
March 1	Summer Camp Sign-Ups Begin <i>Chico, Hamilton Elementary & Paradise ~ Ages 6-12</i>
March 25	Paradise Cook Off <i>Fundraiser presented by Vic Makau to benefit the Boys & Girls Clubs of Paradise Ridge</i>
May 13	Growing Great Futures - Farm to Fork Wine Dinner <i>Fundraiser to benefit the Boys & Girls Club of Hamilton City ~ Capay Farms</i>
May	C.R.E.W. Crush Showcase Dinner <i>Hosted by Crush Italian Cuisine ~ Date TBA</i>
June	Barrels, Bites & Bounty <i>Formerly Food Truck Fest, fundraiser to benefit Oroville Teen Center ~ DATE TBD</i>

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