



Knuckle News

Winter/Spring 2023

A Message from our President/CEO



This school year is almost over, and summer camps will be in full swing before we know it. As we prepare for summer, I can't help but still reflect on the incredible year that just passed.

2022 marked a significant milestone for the Boys & Girls Clubs of Stanislaus County - we celebrated a decade since our inception into the non-profit community. We were honored to reflect on the last 10 years with our BGCSC Founders, former club kid and BGC Youth of the Year Award Recipient, Heavani, and over 200 of our closest friends and supporters at our 10 Anniversary Gala. Heavani shared her inspiring story and the impact our club made on her, it was a true testament to our mission and why your support matters.

Last year we also made some mentionable head way on our West Modesto site, and we have set a tentative opening this spring. This location will be our first dedicated site for teens, The Club will offer a wide-range of supportive services with the Boys & Girls Club Formula for Impact at the forefront. The opportunity to grow with our students is incredible. Teens are different from the younger kids we serve because they often have a choice in where they spend their time after school, we can provide them with a safe place to hang out.

With the addition of The Club, we are officially serving students at 13 sites! Almost doubling our site locations since the 2021/22 school year. As our programs evolve and expand, we remain true to our mission, to enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible adults. We also remain loyal to our Formula for Impact, wholeheartedly believing that giving youth outcome driven club experiences and focusing on areas of character development and leadership, healthy lifestyles, education/career development, sports & fitness, helps them create better outcomes for their future.

With your continued support and valuable partnerships, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Stanislaus County looks forward to expanding our capacity to serve even more kids and teens in Stanislaus County. Great Futures Start Here - now and in the decades to come.

Sincerely,

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Craig R. Orona
President & CEO

Club Activities



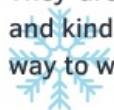
Fire Safety Education from American Red Cross

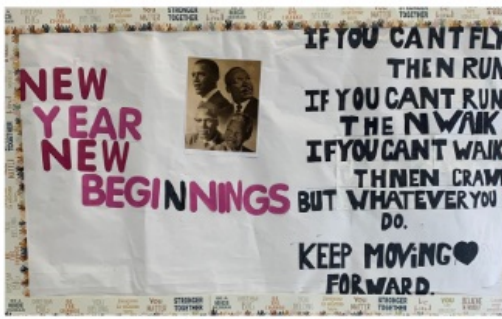
American Red Cross volunteers spoke with our students about fire safety at home. These information and interactive sessions help students understand the importance of prevention, and having an action plan in the case of a fire emergency. Thank you all of the Red Cross Volunteers who help educate the community in fire safety!



WINTER ALL-STAFF

Right before Winter Break our entire staff was able to come together and celebrate the December Holidays. Everyone enjoyed a pancake breakfast, games, an ugly sweater contest and gifts. This is one of the only times a year we are all together to just have fun and create memories as team. Our staff has grown substantially in the last year, and so much of our programs success falls in the hands of our site coordinators and youth development professionals. They are the forefront of the work we do, the caring and kind mentors our club kids depend on. This is best way to wrap-up the end of year.



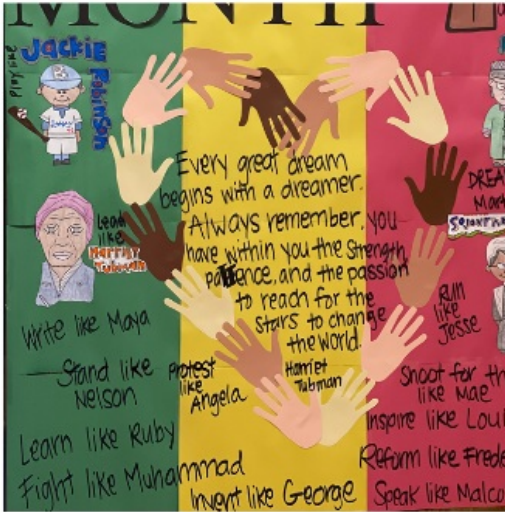


Celebrating Black History Month

We are proud to serve a diverse group of club kids and Black History Month gives our programs an opportunity to share the rich history of Black American Leaders with everyone.

Students can discover something new - like the amazing achievements and rich history of profound Black Americans like Martin Luther King Jr to Jackie Robinson.

Learning about Black history helps young people expand their perspective and advocate for a more equitable future.



Power Hour - making minutes count is a dedicated time for students to focus on homework and get help with subject areas they may need help with. This hour has a huge impact on freeing up their time at home so that they can focus on sports or quality time with their family. Ross is a national partner and sponsor of Power Hour, stores in Stanislaus County have collected over \$20,000 to support our local clubs.



Name: Lauren Ortega
Grade: 4th grade

When we do homework at boys and girls club you get free time at home and spend time with family.



Fundraising and Events



3RD ANNUAL SUPER BOWL PRE-PARTY BREAKFAST



Thank you everyone who was a part of the 3rd Annual Super Bowl Pre-party Breakfast. We had an amazing turn out - we served over 250 guests and raised over \$17,000! A special thanks to our event planning committee co-chairs and BGCSO Board Members Cathy Gatewood and Janine McClanahan - they both organized an incredible event.

You can view all of the photos from the breakfast on a Facebook Page. We hope to see all of our BGCSO friends, new and old, next year!



This summer is going to a blast from the past! Camp dates and application deadlines will be available soon.

Make a donation today!

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