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ANNUAL REPORT

Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Oxnard and Port Hueneme



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**BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
OF GREATER OXNARD AND
PORT HUENEME**



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The Boys & Girls Clubs in Oxnard and Port Hueneme has been providing quality programs to youth since 1954.

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Oxnard and Port Hueneme help youth reach their fullest potential through a positive environment, lifelong learning, and quality programs dedicated to the arts, education, character and leadership development, and health and recreation.

OUR MISSION

To inspire and enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, responsible and caring citizens.

OUR VISION

To be the premier youth development organization in the region by providing a world-class Club Experience throughout the entire enterprise and strategically expand services to more youth and families through collaborative, community partnerships ensuring all members graduate from high school on time with a plan for the future, demonstrating good character and citizenship, and living a healthy lifestyle.



OUR LOCATIONS

In 2022, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Oxnard and Port Hueneme served youth in 21 locations throughout Oxnard and Port Hueneme. The 7 sites listed below are standalone Clubhouses, and the remaining 11 are connected to schools in the Rio Elementary, Ocean View Elementary, and Hueneme Elementary school districts.

Martin V. Smith Youth Center

1900 W. Fifth Street, Oxnard, CA 93030

Harriet H. Samuelsson Teen Center

126 E. Seventh Street, Oxnard, CA 93030

Port Hueneme Club

590 E. Pleasant Valley Road, Port Hueneme, CA 93041

Reiter Family Youth Center

3334 Santa Clara Avenue, Oxnard, 93036

Squires Housing Unit Club

5123 Squires Drive, Oxnard, CA 93033

Ormond Beach Club

5527 S. Saviers Road, Oxnard, CA 93033

Juvenile Justice Facility

4333 Vineyard Avenue, Oxnard, CA 93036



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MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

2022 was a turning point in the history of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Oxnard and Port Hueneme.

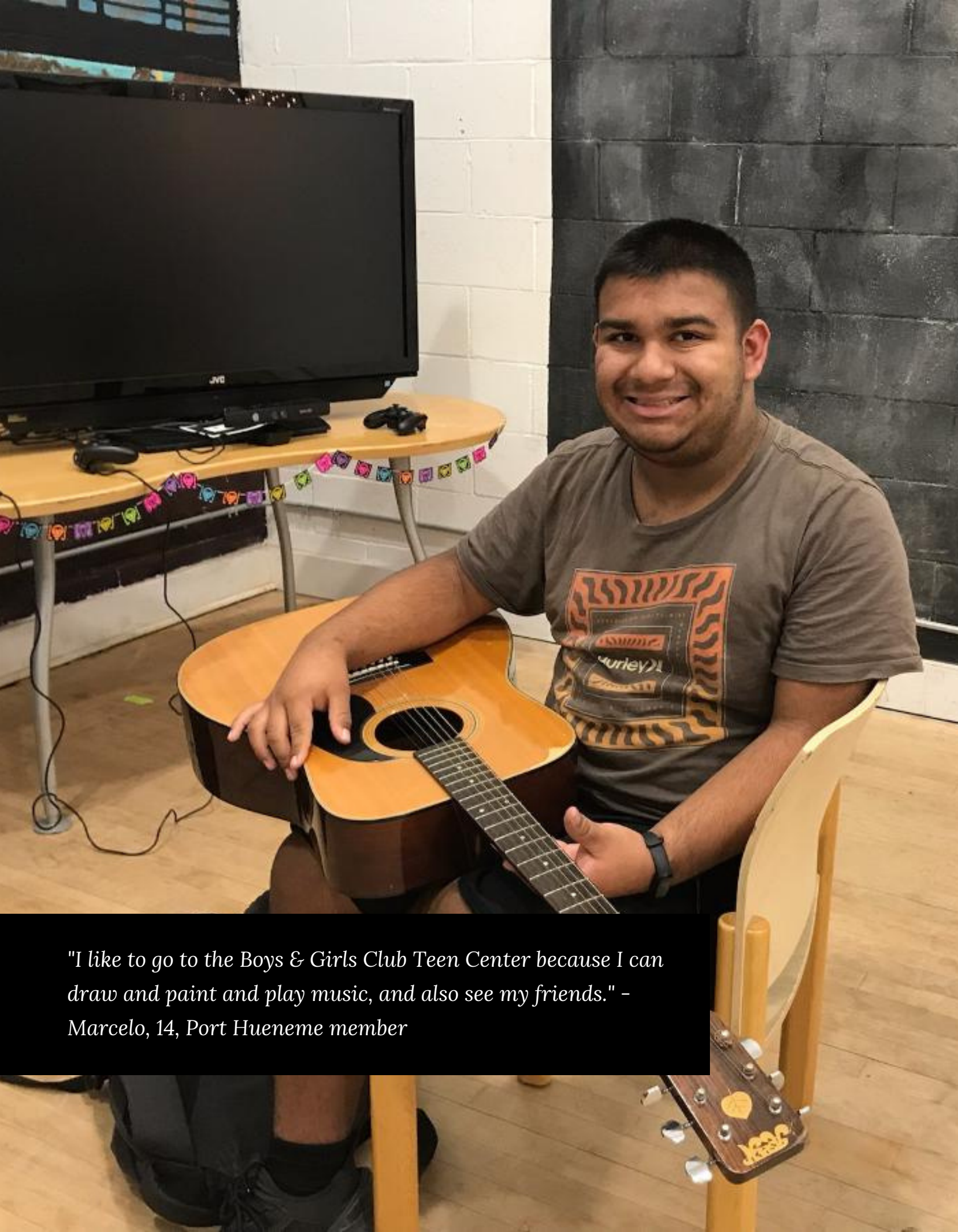
2022 was the year we shifted from doing whatever it takes to get kids past a crisis to a long term evidenced based strategy to guide recovery. We reopened our clubs in Squires and the Juvenile Justice Center. We opened more clubs across more schools with more staff. We expanded training to prepare our Youth Development Professionals for new challenges.

2022 was the year we opened the Gene Haas STEAM Innovation Center and completed vital renovations on our clubs.

2022 was the year we were honored to receive \$3.2 million from MacKenzie Scott, a gift that not only secures our financial future, but shows our impact is seen far beyond Oxnard.

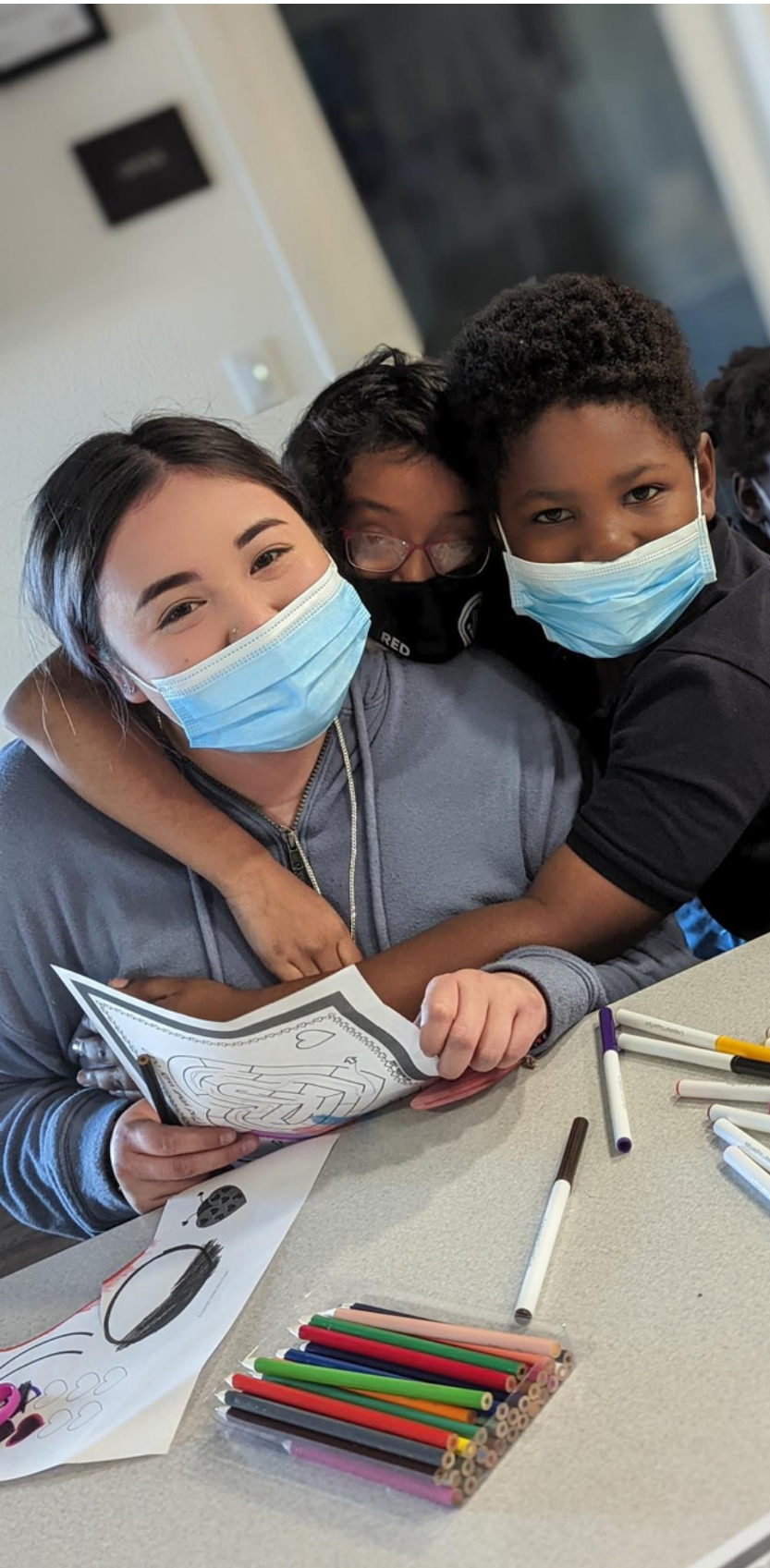
All of this was made possible by an incredible group of professionals, volunteers, Board Members and donors. I am grateful to stand alongside all of you.





"I like to go to the Boys & Girls Club Teen Center because I can draw and paint and play music, and also see my friends." - Marcelo, 14, Port Hueneme member

2022 OVERVIEW



TOTAL YOUTH SERVED

2,981

MEMBER VISITS

191,327

AVERAGE DAILY ATTENDANCE

742

HEALTHY MEALS & SNACKS
SERVED

192,223

TOTAL STAFF MEMBERS

162

LOCATIONS IN OXNARD &
PORT HUENEME

21

WHO WE'RE SERVING

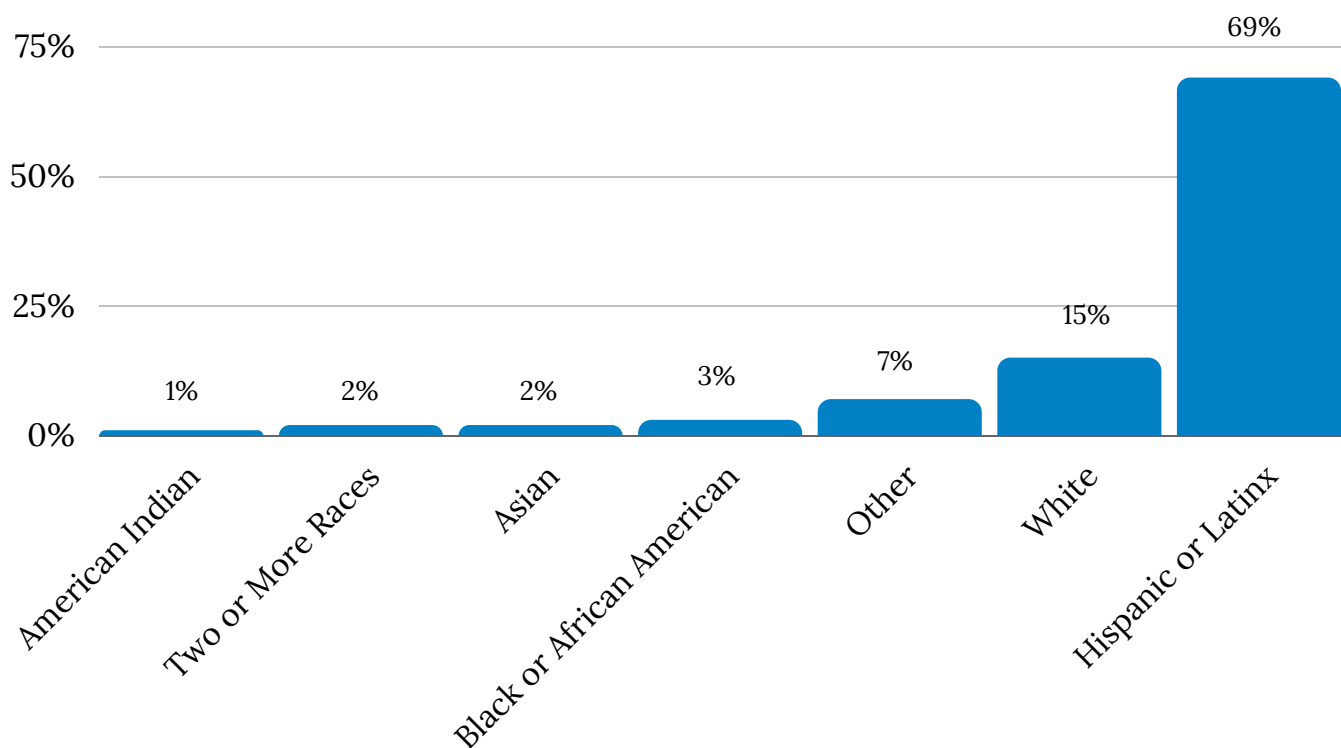
Membership fees are \$20 per year.

Scholarships are provided for families who need it - no questions asked.
The Reiter Family Youth Center in Nyeland Acres is always free.

Our mission centers around nurturing the enormous potential inside every young person. All kids and teens deserve access to experiences and opportunities that change their lives for the better, regardless.

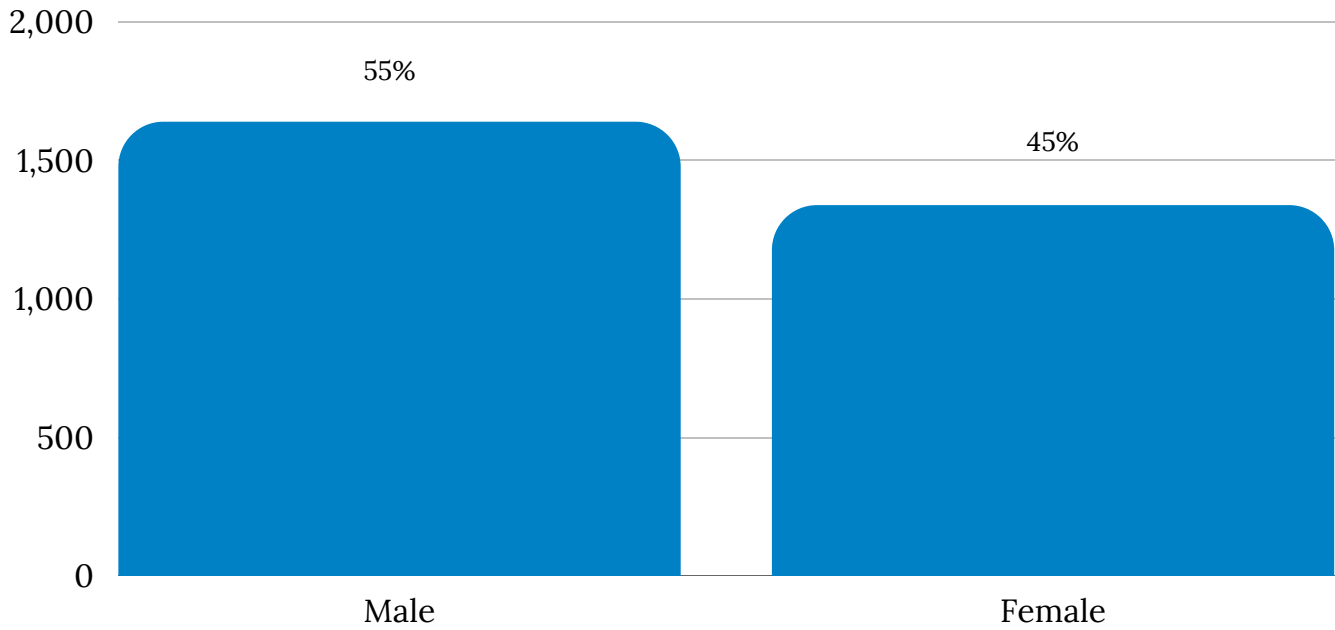
Clubs provide inclusive environments where youth of all races, abilities, gender expressions and backgrounds are encouraged to express themselves and deepen their understanding of and respect for others.

Member Demographics

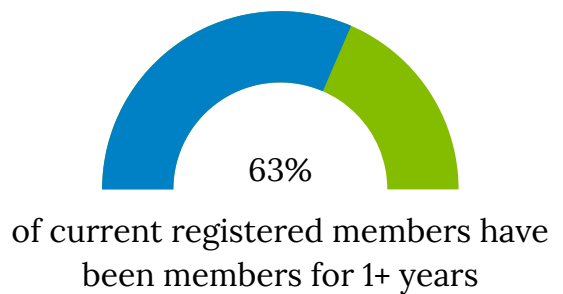
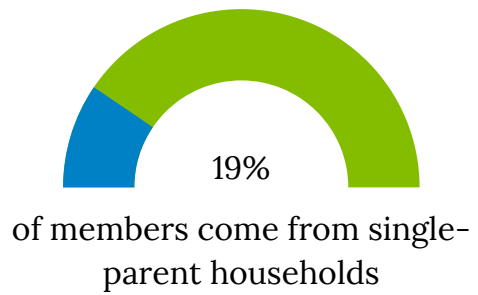
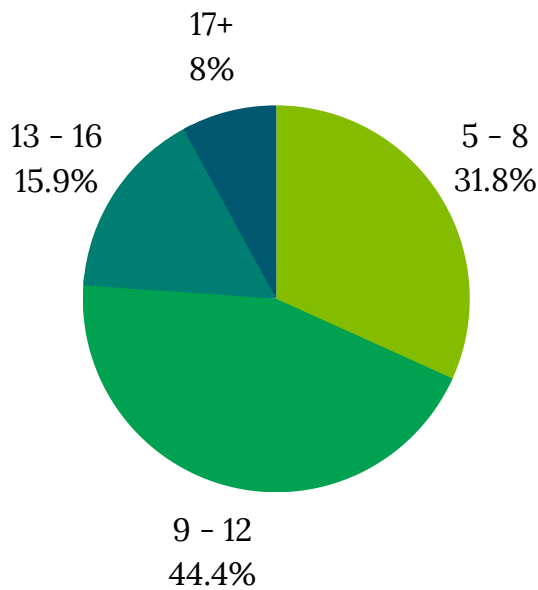


WHO WE'RE SERVING

Members by Gender



Ages of Youth Served





"The STEAM Innovation Center pushes kids to keep trying and to keep realizing their full potential. Be the best you, that you can be!" - Andrew A. Franco, STEAM & Data Coordinator



Gene Haas

STEAM INNOVATION CENTER



Open since October 26, 2022, the Gene Haas STEAM Innovation Center is the first and only lab of its kind in the county. It exposes members - from elementary to middle school ages - to a huge variety of career fields that can be found right here in Ventura County.

Dozens of unique modules can be explored here. Each are centered on a STEAM Career Area, including everything from titration and chemistry, to digital design and videography, to nursing and hospitality.

Over the course of 7 weeks, under guidance of a

dedicated STEAM coordinator and trained Youth Development Professionals, they will complete hands-on experiments and engage with new technology.

After completing a module, members will earn micro-credentials and have the opportunity to meet with local professionals working in STEAM.



SUCCESS STORIES



Jesus, 17*

“I love coming to the Teen Center – it keeps me off the street,” Jesus* shares. He knows how important that is for him. He was not always on the positive path he is on now. At age 16, Jesus was arrested, but was given the opportunity to fulfill his probation hours by attending the Harriet H. Samuelsson Teen Center through the Evening Reporting Center (ERC) program.

Initially, Jesus was reserved and reluctant to get involved in programming. However, he slowly started warming up to staff, members, and programs – so much so, that he eventually joined all program areas including art, tech, gym, and Brent’s Club. Eventually, he grew to be fully engaged and excited to learn, and even voluntarily participated in drug testing. He is set to be one of our first ERC members to receive the Brent’s Club certificate once he graduates.

Jesus has completely flourished at our Teen Center. Though he fulfilled his hours months ago, he has continued to attend the Teen Center. Other members look up to him and he uses that to be a positive role model for them. Staff have witnessed him be a problem solver with other members, and he always offers to help staff as well. He has been consistently generous in helping everyone be successful. Jesus is also an extraordinary athlete, and he dreams of becoming a football player at USC or Stanford. We are so proud of him, and look forward to being part of his bright future!

**Name & photo have been changed to protect member’s privacy*

SUCCESS STORIES

Alex, 9, and Jason*, 6*

Your actions may seem small at first, but the "little" things add up to the "big" things. When someone asks how your day was and care to hear your answer.

When someone finds you in a vulnerable place and simply meets you where you are.

In the first half of this year, this is exactly what Alex*, 9, did for Jason*, 6, in their time together at the Club. When COVID shut the world down, Jason was only 4 years old. When the Clubs reopened in-person, he had never gone to school or regularly been in any setting around other children his age. He was overwhelmed, and developed crippling social anxiety.

Alex saw Jason's struggle. He never asked why he was crying, or screaming, or not playing with anyone else. Alex sat on the ground with him. He played with toys and games that Jason wanted to play. He helped him feel safe.

It is not only the role models of staff, mentors, and volunteers that make the Boys & Girls Club a positive place for kids. Sometimes, it is also kids helping kids, in a way that only they can.

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CLUB HIGHLIGHTS

For the second year, our teens were granted the amazing opportunity to attend the Distinguished Speaker Series through AndersonAutos' Share the Vision Program!

Taking place at the Thousand Oaks Civic Arts Plaza, these coveted presentations are given by a wide variety of renowned speakers, such as professional ballerina and Boys & Girls Club alumna Misty Copeland (pictured right); astrophysicist Neil deGrasse Tyson; Nobel Peace Prize laureate Malala Yousafzai; and TV host Jay Leno.



In honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, members of the Ormond Beach Club created and displayed this banner to share some of their own dreams, including traveling more, being able to fly, becoming an artist, stopping animal abuse, and seeing an end to the COVID pandemic.

Local credit unions helped change the lives of our teens through financial education! Teens were assigned a fictional adult "life" and each booth teaches a different aspect of making financial decisions and gives them a better understanding of the challenges of living on a budget.

Thank you, Premier America Credit Union, Premier America Foundation, Ventura County Credit Union, Pacific Western Bank, Citizens Business Bank, and Consulado de México en Oxnard for hosting the Bite of Reality event.



CLUB HIGHLIGHTS

On a trip to the Channel Island National Park Museum, Port Hueneme Club members were immersed in our local and national nature! They learned so much, including more about America's National Parks, the nation's animals, and how and why Park Rangers conduct research.



For Halloween, the Squires Housing Community Club members transformed their Clubhouse into a scary clown themed haunted house! Members from other Club sites took a field trip here to go through the maze themselves, and everyone had a blast!

The Reiter Family Youth Center in Nyeland Acres held its 1st Annual Club Strawberry Festival, where all game and strawberry-themed food booths were operated by teen members! Everyone, including special guests from Reiter Affiliated Companies and Driscoll's had an awesome time.



For their winter donation drive, our leadership programs for youth ages 13-18 collected and donated over 200 hygiene items, 40 blankets, and 40 pairs of socks for our unhoused community! Blankets and socks were donated to The Commission on Homelessness, who distributed them directly to the homeless. Hygiene products were donated to Community Action of Ventura County, who offer one shower a day to the homeless.

BRENT'S CLUB: STAYING SOBER



Brent's Club is a sober club that is offered to middle and high school youth. The club provides incentives for participants to abstain from the use of drugs and alcohol. Members of the club voluntarily participate in a saliva drug test once a week.

Participants who test positive receive private, discreet counseling. Those who stay sober are rewarded with incentives which include field trips, gift cards, and special events.

All Brent's Club members are expected to attend every week, where there can be curriculum sessions, guest speakers, field trips, special events, community service, or

"I used to drink a lot... but I changed that because Brent's Club taught me about consequences"

a combination of these.

Member Angela*, 18, said, "Taking weekly tests has helped me make a commitment to staying sober. I used to drink a lot of alcohol but I changed that because Brent's Club taught me about consequences like it can cause diseases as well as mental health problems. I also like learning about drugs in detail because I learned about information I didn't know before, and it helped me stay away from these bad influences."

Brent's Club is generously supported by The Brent Shapiro Foundation.

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Elena's Success



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Elena* was referred by probation to the ERC (Evening Reporting Center) program at the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Oxnard and Port Hueneme Teen Center. Because she committed a felony while being under the influence of alcohol at age 16, she was expelled from all high school districts in Ventura County.

However, with the desire to make a positive change, Elena completed an entire Brent's Club course: 10-sessions of drug & alcohol prevention workshops. During these workshops, we discuss the effects of alcohol and drug addictions. Members volunteer to be drug tested weekly and incentives are provided for remaining sober.

Elena has successfully remained sober, continues to attend the Boys & Girls Club Teen Center, and is now working towards her goal of graduating from high school.

CLUB RE-OPENINGS



Ventura County Juvenile Justice



Port Hueneme Teen Center



Squires Housing Community

As COVID cases declined and in-person activities became safer, Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Oxnard and Port Hueneme were able to re-open the following Club sites this year:

JUVENILE JUSTICE, 4333 E Vineyard Ave, Oxnard, CA 93036 - In groups, individuals housed here get an hour in this Clubhouse each week, and sometimes a spare hour in the gym next door. We hope to give incarcerated youth a similar experience to the three regular Clubhouses, including career prep, leadership development, and recreation. The Clubhouse, which opened in 2007, was the first in California to open in a secure facility.

PORT HUENEME TEEN CENTER, 550 Park Ave, Port Hueneme, CA 93041 (new location!) - For community members ages 13-18, this standalone Clubhouse includes games, homework/tech, art, and lounge areas and a kitchen for their meals.

SQUIRES HOUSING COMMUNITY, 5123 Squires Drive, Oxnard, CA 93033 - For community members ages 6-18, this standalone Clubhouse includes games, homework/tech, art, and lounge areas and a kitchen for their meals.

VOLUNTEERS ARE INVALUABLE

“If you want to touch the past, touch a rock. If you want to touch the present, touch a flower. If you want to touch the future, touch a life.”



Board member Ronnie da Motta & friends



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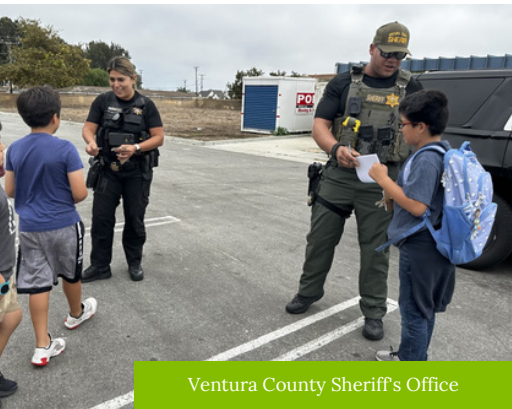
Board member Tracy Blois & friends



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2022 MAJOR EVENTS

20th Annual Great Futures for Kids Breakfast - May 12, 2022

With a total of over \$160,000 in donations, this was our most successful Breakfast to date! Special thank you to our amazing keynote speaker, Dr. Jose Hernandez, who went from migrant farmworker to NASA astronaut, for inspiring our community.



32nd Annual Donald K. Facciano Kids Auction & Gala - Nov 19, 2022

In our largest fundraiser of the year, the auction features incredible live and silent items, and an elegant dinner with more than 350 business and civic leaders in attendance. This year's was our most successful to date - raising over \$480,000 and counting!





How does a shy, fearful young boy who was bullied in school become the confident, outspoken Youth of the Year (YOY)? Through his own resilience - of course - but also through the deep, positive bonds he has built with his role models and peers at the Boys & Girls Club. We were so proud to have Carlos Perez serve not only as the BGCOP 2022 Youth of the Year, but also as the California Coastal Youth of the Year!

"The impact I will make as Youth of the Year is leading my peers to inspire them to value themselves and each other," Carlos said. "I respect other people's opinions, backgrounds, and treat others the way I want to be treated. I have hard days with school or family problems, but I always smile, laugh, and maintain a good attitude with everyone. I know every day is a new day and chance to better myself."

Carlos, who was 16 when he became the YOY, was a junior at Oxnard High School. He has already experienced many hurdles in his life, but every day, he shows up to the Teen Center with a great, positive attitude and is an excellent role model to his peers. He is passionate about helping the homeless - he even led the Teen Center's winter donation drive that brought in nearly 300 items - and wants to become a housing developer in the future.

Thank you to our 2022 judges: Yezmin Carrasco of Reiter Affiliated Companies, Adam Vega of The Port of Hueneme, and Jeremey Lux, CEO of Anderson Auto Group.

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