



## Our Mission

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

2017

# IMPACT REPORT



## The Club Experience

Boys & Girls Clubs fill the gap between school and home. We provide welcoming, positive environments in which kids and teens have fun, participate in life-changing programs, and build supportive relationships with peers and caring adults.

“The experiences I’ve had at the club helped me discover who I am.”

**Gabriela Santos**

2017 Youth of the Year

Although I didn't grow up in the safest neighborhood, there was a Boys & Girls Club nearby. I felt safe at this place. A sense of peace and calm came over me when I first enrolled. I felt comforted, accepted, and loved. The Club helped me realize that I was not alone in my struggles and that there were plenty of other kids in the world just like me and my sisters. This was quite different from other places I had been.

I have been afforded so many wonderful opportunities because of my involvement at the Club. I do not take any of them for granted. In fact, we recently toured two university campuses in Northern California.

The mentors at the Club have always made me feel welcome and special. They are all like family to me! I am forever grateful to them for their encouragement and support.



## The Need in Our State

Every day 1,247,699 kids in California leave school with nowhere to go.<sup>1</sup> They risk being unsupervised, unguided and unsafe.

## Our Reach



## Member Demographics



# Demonstrating Our Positive Impact



## ACADEMIC SUCCESS

### The Need

8% of young people in Santa Barbara County fail to graduate from high school on time.<sup>2</sup>

### What We Do

Project Learn, Money Matters, Power Hour, Diplomas to Degrees (d2D), Graduate for Más, Summer Brain Gain, Career Launch, and BE GREAT: Graduate

### Our Impact

Among our teen-aged Club members, **98%** expect to graduate from high school, and **77%** expect to complete some kind of post-secondary education.

### The Need

18% of high-school youth in Santa Barbara County were involved in a physical fight in the past year.<sup>3</sup>

### What We Do

Million Members Million Hours of Service, Torch & Keystone Clubs, and Youth of the Year

### Our Impact

**37%** of Club teen members volunteer in their community at least once per year, while **84%** volunteer in their community at least once per month.



## GOOD CHARACTER AND CITIZENSHIP



## HEALTHY LIFESTYLES

### The Need

37% of young people ages 14-18 in Santa Barbara County are overweight or obese.<sup>4</sup>

### What We Do

Passport to Manhood, SMART Girls, Date SMART, SMART Moves, and Healthy Habits

### Our Impact

**67%** of Club members ages 9 and older report getting at least an hour of physical activity on five or more days per week.

## How You Can Help



With your generous support, Boys & Girls Clubs of Santa Maria Valley will create opportunities to help more kids and teens achieve great futures. To make a donation or to learn about other ways you can help, contact **Jeremy Deming, CEO, Boys & Girls Clubs of Santa Maria Valley**, 805.922.7163. [www.bgcsmv.org](http://www.bgcsmv.org)

## GREAT FUTURES START HERE.



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS**  
OF SANTA MARIA VALLEY

In a Harris Survey, **90% of Club alumni** reported they earned a high school diploma or equivalent.

**90%**  
OF CLUB ALUMNI  
GRADUATED

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<sup>1</sup> America After 3PM, Afterschool Alliance, <http://afterschoolalliance.org/AA3PM/>

<sup>2</sup> [www.kidsdata.org](http://www.kidsdata.org)

<sup>3</sup> [www.kidsdata.org](http://www.kidsdata.org)

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