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**BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
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MESSAGE FROM THE CEO ROBERT SANTANA

“May your choices reflect your hopes, not your fears.” - Nelson Mandela

I CHOOSE TO BE A LEADER and an optimist and see the challenges we face today as opportunities. I choose to believe that every child has the potential to do great things. And I choose to be a disrupter because that’s how change is born.

Change only happens when we are so uncomfortable with something that we’re motivated to adjust behavior. Our Boys & Girls Club has a responsibility and the privilege to find solutions to problems so that our youth are equipped for a better tomorrow. We have to be innovative and bold. We have to challenge ourselves.

This is the DNA of this organization: take something that makes us uncomfortable and bring innovative solutions in order to see change. We’re making decisions and investments today for kids who are not yet born. And we’re preparing kids today for jobs that don’t yet exist by teaching them the skills they’ll need to be successful: how to innovate, think, process information, use judgment, leverage collaboration, and communicate.

We will always do what’s best for kids and raise the bar for what it means to be a Boys & Girls Club. As we look to the future, we are defined by our collective impact, all of us doing our part to support our kids. As a change-maker and innovator, **I ask you to join me in seeing the greatness in our kids. I want you to imagine with me how much better this world will be when we prepare kids for the world that is waiting for them.** Each of us has the power to change the world, and I ask you to join us, in whatever capacity you can, to reach those kids and families who need us most.



OUR MISSION: To ensure every child has mentors and champions in life.



Pyle Family Community Challenge

benefitting Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Orange Coast

\$250,000 matching gift opportunity

1 you donate

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#PURSUING GREATNESS



CEO, Robert Santana; Argyros Family Foundation, Julia, George Jr., Lisa, and Shannon Argyros; Board President, Nicole Carrillo Hall

FEATURE STORY

We Are Pursuing Greatness

OUR GOAL AS AN ORGANIZATION IS TO HELP YOUTH REACH THEIR FULL POTENTIAL by ensuring they have access to the tools they need to pursue greatness. To the core of our DNA, we believe every child and teen we serve has the potential to do great things, and it is our privilege to **invest in opportunities to help them unlock that potential.**

That's why the Pursuing Greatness Capital Campaign is such a bold initiative. Throughout this campaign, we have been focused on developing a true 21st century Boys & Girls Club experience for all kids—those we serve today and generations to come—and ensuring that every child has access to the mentors and resources needed to be successful in life.

We reached a major milestone in the campaign on Tuesday, May 7, with the groundbreaking ceremony at our Costa Mesa Club. That day, elected officials, community partners, parents, neighbors, and donors came together to celebrate the progress of the campaign thus far and share in our vision for the youth and families we serve.

During the event, we were very excited by the surprise

announcement from local business and philanthropy leader, Julia Argyros that her family would make a \$1.5 million gift to the campaign! Additionally, she announced they would give the entire gift at one time to alleviate all construction-related financing the Club was anticipating incurring.

“THIS IS A MISSION WE CAN TOTALLY PUT OUR HEART AND SOUL IN, THAT HAS EVERYTHING WE WANT OR EVER WOULD HOPE FOR OUR CHILDREN TO BE EXPOSED TO.”
—Julia Argyros, Argyros Family Foundation

Having partners like the Argyros family believe in our mission and invest in this project underscores the importance of providing children and families with the ideal Club experience and the resources they deserve. We are grateful for the lifelong impact this gift will have on generations to come.

We also want to recognize a few other very special donors who have made this campaign and our kids a

priority. Please join us in thanking: Joe MacPherson Foundation, From My Heart Foundation, Ueberroth Family Foundation, Curci Family, Sharon D. Lund Foundation, and all the other donors who have supported the campaign to date. To see the full list, please visit our website www.boysandgirlsclub.com/pursuinggreatness.

We are proud to announce that, in the weeks since the ceremony, construction has begun and is currently underway at all our Clubs. During the summer months, investments are being made in all four facilities to expand capacity to serve more kids, improve functionality and safety, and allow for greater community partnerships.

If you would like to join us in making a difference while leaving a legacy, we invite you to learn more about the Pursuing Greatness campaign. Please contact Chiemi Lee, Director of Individual Giving, at clee@boysandgirlsclub.com or (714) 543-5540, ext. 322. You can also visit our website www.boysandgirlsclub.com/pursuinggreatness to see renderings and specific plans for each Club location.

REDUCE YOUR TAXES WITH AN IRA GIFT

YOU CAN REDUCE YOUR TAXES BY MAKING A GIFT TO THE BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF CENTRAL ORANGE COAST FOUNDATION. If you are 70 1/2 years or older, you can roll over up to \$100,000 from your IRA to charity free from federal income tax. Better yet, an IRA rollover gift qualifies for your required minimum distribution, permitting you to **lower your income and taxes for this year while helping the kids and teens we serve in our community.**

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Foundation

DONOR SPOTLIGHT

David A. Pyle Family

DURING THE GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY IN MAY, the Club was excited to get notice of another generous donation by the David A. Pyle Family in the form of a Community Challenge matching gift to benefit our Pursuing Greatness Capital Campaign.

The family has issued a challenge to the community to join them in support of our Clubs. **For every dollar raised in support of our Pursuing Greatness Capital Campaign between now and October, they will match - dollar for dollar - up to \$250,000!**

For more than three decades, David Pyle has been a leader and innovator in the private, postsecondary education community. As passionate about the community as he is about education, Mr. Pyle is a renowned philanthropist who is especially supportive of health care and

education programs that aid underserved and at-risk children and families.

He and his family have a passion for education, believe in the power of mentors, and support numerous causes that benefit youth. They have strong ties to the City of Costa Mesa and our Boys & Girls Club of Costa Mesa. David's sons are both alumni of the Club and have spent numerous years in our basketball, summer, and after-school programs.

This challenge is an opportunity for donors to engage with the campaign and have their gifts matched thereby doubling their impact!

If you have questions, would like additional information, or are ready to make your gift, please contact Chiemi Lee by email or phone at clee@boysandgirlsclub.com or (714) 543-5540 ext. 322.



Henry, Willie, and David Pyle

“I'M HONORED TO BE A PART OF THIS CAMPAIGN. MY FAMILY HAS BENEFITTED DIRECTLY FROM THIS CLUB, AND I'M VERY, VERY PROUD TO SUPPORT THIS. I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING THE DREAM COME TRUE AND MORE KIDS ATTENDING THIS GREAT ORGANIZATION.”

—David Pyle, David A. Pyle Family Foundation

MEMBER HIGHLIGHT

Youth of the Year: ANA GONZALEZ

EACH YEAR, OUR CLUB HONORS AN INDIVIDUAL MEMBER TO SERVE AS YOUTH OF THE YEAR; he or she acts as an ambassador of the Club, speaks in front of City Officials and Board Members at Club events, and most importantly, acts as a role model for all the younger kids in our program.

To become Youth of the Year, nominees go through a rigorous process with an essay application and a panel interview comprised of Board Members and Strategic Partners. Picking one outstanding teen is always a difficult decision, but it's also really rewarding to see all that our teens have accomplished thus far in their young lives and to hear about their goals for the future.

We are excited to announce this year's Youth of the Year: Ana Gonzalez.

A recent graduate of Middle College High School in Santa Ana, Ana was simultaneously enrolled in both high school and community college classes for the past two years. **In June, she graduated with a high school diploma from Middle College High School and TWO associate of arts degrees from Santa Ana College.**

Ana was a 4.0+ student and member of her school dance team. She was awarded the school's student of the month five times and earned top department honors in algebra, drama, biology, reading, and physical education. Beyond her academics, though, she is a natural-born leader who commits to making a difference in her community and the people she meets.

Her goals are simple, yet bold and beyond her years: to motivate other students to have a better academic and healthy lifestyle; to be an agent of change in her community and become involved in the national conversation on immigration reform; and to lead others in a global, diverse, and integrated world economy.



Ana Gonzalez, 2019 Youth of the Year, UC Berkeley class of 2023

As a testament to just how outstanding Ana is, she was also selected as the **Orange County Youth of the Year**. The honor recognizes an individual between the ages of 14-18 who demonstrates academic achievement, leadership skills, and service to the community. Ana also competed on the state level for California's Youth of the Year. The winner from the state then goes on to compete regionally, and finally nationally against other recipients across the country.

For nearly 70 years, the Boys & Girls Clubs' Youth of the Year program has honored and celebrated the nation's most inspiring teens and their incredible journeys. Stories of outstanding leadership, service, academic excellence, and dedication to living a healthy lifestyle have made Youth of the Year America's premier leadership and recognition program for teens. The

amazing young people selected represent the voice and spirit of hope for America. Inspiring all kids to lead. To succeed. To inspire.

As Youth of the Year, Ana has already received a \$5,000 scholarship from our Club and an additional \$6,000 from the Orange County Area Council for Boys & Girls Clubs of America to use toward her education. We are excited to see what the future holds for Ana as she continues to pursue greatness.

Our College Bound program provides additional scholarships to help deserving kids pay for college. Want to be a part of it? Visit our website at www.boysandgirlsclub.com/donate to make a gift.

Thank you for helping us fulfill our mission to ensure every child has mentors and champions in life and for giving high school students a better opportunity to reach their **GREATEST POTENTIAL!**

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10/26**

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