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**BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
OF CENTRAL ORANGE COAST**

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MESSAGE FROM THE CEO ROBERT SANTANA

LITTLE THINGS - THE SMALL ACTS...

... MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE – especially to impressionable children and youth. As we reflect on our summer season, it is evident that even the smallest gestures of kindness, support and encouragement have a great impact on our youth. We are grateful that through the support of our volunteers, donors, staff and community members, we are able to do everything we can to help our youth become the best versions of themselves.

We are dedicated to ensuring every child has mentors and champions in life. As we look towards this school year, **we aim to serve more youth, broadening the reach of our holistic programming and investing in resources** that provides them with equitable access to the opportunities that help them achieve their greatest potential.

As a champion for youth, ***I ask you to join me in seeing the greatness in them. I want you to imagine with me how much better this world will be when we prepare our kids for the world that is waiting for them to lead.*** Each of us has the power to make an impact – big or small – and I ask you to join us, in whatever capacity you can, to ensure that the future leaders of our community are confident and empowered to thrive in school and in life.



Robert Santana, CEO

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



JOIN OUR CHAMPION'S CLUB!

BY BECOMING A MONTHLY DONOR, YOU:

1. Make a lasting impact
2. Are part of the Club's growth
3. Help those who need us most

Scan the QR code below to learn how you can maximize your impact and help our youth pursue greatness.





Profit Recovery Partners Don Alvarado Distinction Fund Scholarship Recipients from Class of 2023 College Bound Graduates

FEATURE STORY

Empowering College Dreams & Financing Success

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. Our College Bound program supports students throughout their high school careers, to graduation, to higher education, and beyond by offering academic case management, educational enrichment, family counselling, and financial assistance.

Since 2014, Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Orange Coast has helped over 10,000 students prepare to thrive during their post-graduation journey, whether that includes a four-year university, community college, trade school, or the military. The majority (89%) of our College Bound members are first-generation college students and 91% come from low-income to middle-class households. To ensure youth achieve their higher education goals, our Academic Advisors prepare them for scholarship opportunities and mentor them throughout the entire college application process.

For the Class of 2023, we reached new heights in ensuring our members' higher education financial sustainability through the College Bound Scholarship program. With over 200 College Bound seniors graduating and progressing to higher education, **61 received \$160,000 in scholarships**

and an additional \$40,000 was awarded to 20 College Bound alumni.

The primary goal of the College Bound Scholarship program is to support students who wish to pursue higher education and ease the financial stress of achieving that dream. Since its inception in 2016, we have seen an annual growth in members served, scholarship recipients and financial assistance awarded. These achievements are made possible through investments of corporate partners and our Club community, including Brown-Forman, Pacific Life Foundation and Profit Recovery Partners, and more.

“PROFIT RECOVERY PARTNERS HAS RAISED \$115,000 IN SCHOLARSHIP DONATIONS THAT HAVE BEEN AWARDED TO 23 EXTREMELY GIFTED [COLLEGE BOUND] STUDENTS... RAISED IN REMEMBRANCE OF DON ALVARADO, WE CONTINUE AND HONOR HIS LEGACY THROUGH OUR FUNDRAISING EFFORTS WITH OUR ‘DON ALVARADO DISTINCTION FUND’ (DAD FUND).”

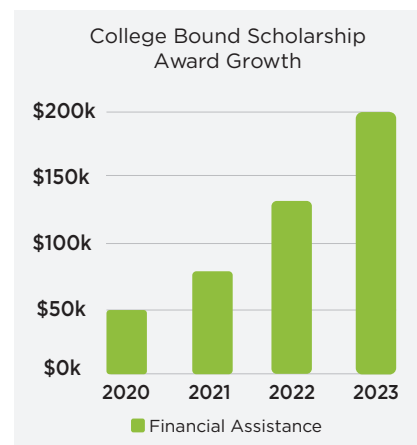
— **Jana Obeid**, Profit Recovery Partners, LLC

With over \$3 million in additional scholarships, grants, and financial

aid secured for the Class of 2023, our College Bound alumni will be attending their first semester of college in various schools including UC Berkeley, USC, Harvard, Vanguard University, and Santa Ana College.

By investing in the scholarship fund, you are investing directly in our members' pursuit of higher education, supporting them by making a degree more financially sustainable. Your support ensures more youth are given the opportunity to achieve their goals of a brighter future.

To learn more about College Bound or make a gift to our scholarship fund, please contact David Blair, Director of Philanthropy, Corporate at dblair@boysandgirlsclub.com or (714) 543-5540, ext. 307.



REDUCE YOUR TAXES & MAKE A **LASTING IMPACT** 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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DONOR SPOTLIGHT

Panda Cares Foundation

IN A HEARTWARMING COLLABORATION WITH BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF AMERICA AND PANDA EXPRESS, our Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Orange Coast was awarded a \$45,000 grant to establish a brand new Panda Cares Center of Hope at our Boys & Girls Club of Santa Ana Joe MacPherson Center for Opportunity.

Since 2020, Panda Cares Foundation, the philanthropic arm of Panda Express, has partnered nationally with Boys & Girls Clubs of America, including our Club to foster academic success among Club members across the country. Panda Cares Centers for Hope are designed to deliver joy, education, and critical social-emotional development to local communities.

On August 8th, in celebration of Panda Cares Day, we unveiled the new Center during a ribbon-cutting

ceremony with more than 150 of our Club kids and community members, including Panda representatives and city council members.

From interactive learning stations, literacy corners, and areas designated to calm and promote healthy coping skills, the Panda Cares Center of Hope is an extension of the Clubs commitment to curiosity, discovery, and potential. We are excited for this Center to be a dynamic and flexible 21st century space to support the programs, activities, and technology that have become synonymous with our Club as we empower the youth in Santa Ana.

As we celebrate the collaboration with Panda Express and our Boys & Girls Club, we recognize the impact that can be achieved when community partners work together toward a shared goal.

To learn how your company can partner with the Club, contact David



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“OUR VISION FOR THE PANDA CARES CENTER OF HOPE IS TO CREATE THOSE OPPORTUNITIES BY PROVIDING A SAFE AND EMPOWERING SPACE WHERE STUDENTS CAN LEARN, LEAD, AND THRIVE FOR A BETTER FUTURE.”
—Patty Mihara, Panda Express

EVENT HIGHLIGHT

Ensuring Back 2 School Success

School is back in session and as many students begin the school year equipped with their brand-new school supplies, other students are forced to reuse their supplies from the previous year, limiting their academic potential.

For many of our families, purchasing school essential is an overwhelming financial burden. Our Boys & Girls Club knows that through our Back 2 School campaign, we can work together to alleviate this financial stress and make sure children have the supplies they need to succeed. This year, we did just that!

Thanks to our steadfast supporters, we gave out nearly 700 new backpacks filled with school supplies to youth in our communities, exceeding our goal of 500! 320 backpacks were given to youth in our Santa Ana community, 153 in Orange Unified School District, and 195 for our partner sites in Newport Mesa School District.

“HEARING HOW EXCITED KIDS WERE TO GET THEIR NEW BACKPACKS... REALLY SHOWED HOW MOVING THE BOYS & GIRLS CLUB IS BECAUSE IT GIVES EVERY SINGLE CHILD THEIR THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE SUCCESSFUL, FEEL CONFIDENT AND BE EXCITED TO LEARN AND GO TO SCHOOL.”

— **Christien Lindblom**, Campos EPC

We'd like to extend a huge thank you to every partner, volunteer and sponsor who helped us make an impact this summer. Your belief in the power of education and community impact ensures the future leaders of our community are confident and empowered to thrive in school and in life.



A special thank you to Antis Roofing & Waterproofing for sponsoring a California Love Drop where youth in our Santa Ana community enjoyed a delicious Wahoo's Fish Tacos lunch and Yogurtland during our first Backpack Distribution. Additionally, we'd like to thank Charles Antis for his recognition of the Club through his David Chow Humanitarian Award and donating the \$2,500 gift to support the Club. Another special thank you to Brown-Forman for hosting our team of volunteers for a backpack build where over 300 backpacks were put together with new school supplies. Additionally, thank you to the Newport Balboa Rotary Club for donating all the backpacks and supplies for our Newport Mesa school sites and volunteering at our distribution event.

The success of our Back 2 School campaign could not have

been successful without the support of our Club community. As the excitement of the school year settles, we invite you to please continue supporting our mission. By providing our youth with more tools, resources and mentorship throughout the school year, we are empowering young minds and shaping the trajectory for their future.

If you were unable to join us this summer, there are still ways for you to make an impact during the school-year. Scan the QR code to make a gift or contact our Director of Corporate, Philanthropy, David Blair by email or phone at dblair@boysandgirlsclub.com or (714) 543-5540 ext. 307.





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