

# ***BE IN THE KNOW...***

*...with some more good news*

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Dear Boys & Girls Clubs Supporters,

Two weeks ago, I told you about some pretty good “feel good” community activities our Clubs were involved with. That felt so good, I thought I’d share some more!

The Mecca Club’s CARE package giveaway was more than successful. A local news station thought so too and interviewed our **Director of Operations, Tony Williams**. Click on <https://youtu.be/ZmUAgLhBaFw> to listen as Tony explains just how we turned the negative into a positive.



A note about Tony. He’s a product of the Indio Club. He started at age 7 and is celebrating 47 years of affiliation with Boys & Girls Clubs of Coachella Valley! You may not know this but staff longevity is one of our many strengths. To me, that says a lot about our staff’s devotion to the heart of our mission and making that mission work.

Other long timers are a duo we fondly call “the two Maria’s” who together have a combined total of 43 years with us. No matter which Club they are stationed, they become immersed in the local community but also go beyond their boundaries by applying for grants to run our youth development programs. SoCal Edison and Walmart Charitable Foundations are just a few corporate companies **Maria Jimenez** goes after.

Another grant funder is the local **Bianca Rae Foundation**. You may remember KESQ-TV’s (our media partner by the way) former popular, philanthropic anchor and now rising star in the entertainment news as host of Spectrum News 1 SoCal, Bianca Rae. Well, **Maria Gonzalez**, who has been with us since 1999 forged a relationship with Bianca that resulted in a \$10,000 gift to purchase computers and upgrade our internet service for Club members who are without these vital learning necessities in their homes. “*Bianca Rae is a sweetheart. I have been taking our club kids to events her foundation puts on for the last five years and developed a friendship with her and her staff. She appreciates everything we do for our kids in our community and is always happy to help us in any way possible,*” says Maria. **Now that’s good stuff.**



So, a few seconds ago you were reading how pleased I am to share our good news. **WELL, THIS IS JUST IN!** Our Board of Directors has given us the green light to reopen the Clubs as all-day distant learning centers. This is wonderful news! Our kids and their families need us. Now you know what my next feel good update will be about! And as always, thank you, thank you, thank you for your support!



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**Dr. Quinton Egson**  
President & CEO - 38 years of service

