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No one who achieves success does so without acknowledging the help of others.

November 30, 2020

Dear Supporters,

As this is the time of year our nation takes time to pause, reflect and focus on giving thanks, I want to take this opportunity to **express our deep gratitude to you for the many gifts you have given this organization.** So, on behalf of all the youth that our four Clubs support, our mighty staff of Club professionals and myself, **thank you!** Thank you for helping sustain Boys & Girls Clubs of Coachella Valley's reputation for being one of the desert's most respected, successful organizations.

One of the many things I am thankful for is this organization's "lead by example" Board of Directors. This article recently appeared in *The Desert Sun*:

We are in this together.

I cannot recall living in a more stressful time than the one we are all currently experiencing. But even during these bleak times people are still doing good things for others.

Glenn Miller and Darrell Mike are two local heroes who stepped up during a major time of need when two Indio families' lives were upset when a fire demolished their mobile homes. Leaving them without a place to live, these two gentlemen sprang into action outfitting the families with new homes along with furnishings.

As the president and CEO of Boys & Girls Clubs of Coachella Valley, it's an honor and a privilege to serve alongside people who care about the well-being of the entire community. **These two members of our Board of Directors demonstrated what this organization is all about – taking care of our fellow man.** Glenn Miller and Darrell Mike, you are assets to our community and you are "Difference Makers!"

Quinton Egson

Our donor relationships go well beyond the mere transaction of writing a check or pushing a “donate here” button. **You are engaged** in what the Boys & Girls Clubs are all about. **YOU GET IT** and this perhaps is what I am MOST thankful for! Here’s a fine example of what I mean:

After **Rich Ramsey** toured the Mecca Club not too long ago, he and his wife **Jane Ramsey** made a \$30,000 gift to our “*Help Us Reopen Our Clubs Safely*” campaign. **Peter Hammond and Margo Ritter’s** \$40,000 lead gift got the campaign started and the Ramsey’s gift to retrofit the Mecca Club pushed us over our goal to raise \$120,000. Thank you, Rich and Jane. And Pete and Margo!



And the next story is the “proof in the pudding” why you and folks like the Ramsey’s “get it” about our mission to enhance the lives of youth.

As you well know, we have a stellar scholarship program. I love reporting how our **scholarship**



recipients are faring. But let’s let La Quinta Club member **America Hernandez** tell you herself in [this video](#) as she offers her profound thanks to everyone who sponsored her college dream to become a mechanical **engineer**. She is a freshman at San Diego State University and the **first in her family to attend college**. Her Instagram video has already received over 500 hits!

Did you know we actually operate seven facilities? Four are full-service facilities outfitted with a computer lab, educational center, gym, and social recreational, multipurpose and arts & crafts rooms. Three are middle school satellite locations. All sites are open, albeit the school sites are temporarily remote. **Thanks to your support** we are able to offer an extended full-day program at the Coachella, Indio, La Quinta and Mecca sites which includes assistance and supervision as kids log in to “attend” school. After “school” trained staff help with homework and tutoring before members are given free time to explore the world through books, educational programs, technology and art! In between, breakfast, lunch, dinner and a snack are provided.

Besides the Clubs, many of our kids on Thanksgiving may have had to dig deep to find things to be thankful for. But our members enjoyed a traditional Thanksgiving dinner thanks to the recent **Friends** Thanksgiving Campaign. So thank you again for making this recent holiday a happier one for our Club members!

Safe and happy holidays to you,

Quinton Egson
President & CEO
38 years of humble service!

