



BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
OF COACHELLA VALLEY

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Dear Boys & Girls Clubs Supporters,

With school OUT, our extended-day summer programs are IN! Hundreds of kids are coming to the Clubs to have fun, learn from our educational-based activities to curb summer learning loss, enjoy a free breakfast, lunch and snack while keeping cool in a safe place. Many kids will be experiencing new adventures like week-long Zoo Camp at the Living Desert, deep sea fishing, golf lessons, and cool indoor activities like going to the movies! Thirteen members from the leadership group, the Keystone Club, plus four staff members will be going to Dallas in July for the annual peer-to-peer conference. Then it's back to school in August!

You are making a difference: This year we will be awarding 25 young people with college scholarships including graduate and soon-to-be graduate student Yaire Cabrera. Yaire graduated with a B.A. in Psychology from CSU San Bernadino, Palm Desert Campus, and will be attending UMass Global (formerly Brandon University) this fall in pursuit of a master's degree in psychology. Yaire, who attended the Club in Indio, was a prominent member of the Keystone Club and currently continues to support the program by working part-time. Yaire is the first to attend college in her family and she's dedicated to finishing her master's program so she can be of service to her community. **Because of your ongoing support - we can help Yaire and others reach their full potential.**



Club alum and former scholarship recipient, Manny Gaitan

Speaking of alums, our 9th annual Tony Reagins Alumni Association Golf Tournament was held in May. Lots of former Club kids came from all over the states to raise scholarship funds to give back to their beloved life-changing Club. **Tony Reagins** is an Indio Club alum who was inducted into Boys & Girls Clubs of America's Alumni Hall of Fame in May 2022. Tony is the Chief Baseball Development Officer with Major League Baseball. Recent scholarship recipient and BGC of CV alum

BGC of CV scholarship student Daniel Cid.



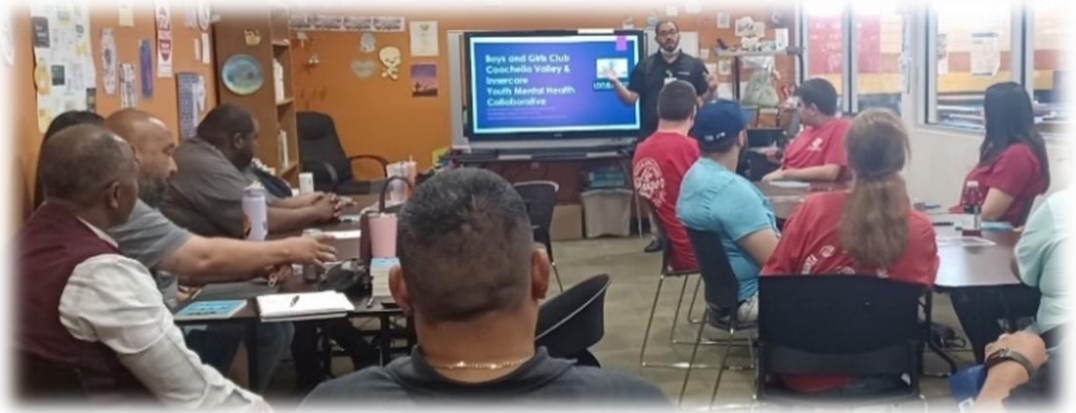
Manny Gaitan traveled from Imperial Valley. He works for Rain for Rent - a leading provider of temporary liquid handling solutions – and loves his job! Current BGC of CV college scholarship recipient/Indio Club alum **Daniel Cid** attends University of California at San Marcos studying Business Administration and he also traveled to play in the sold-out golf tournament field. Mecca Club alum **Adriana Torres** will begin her Junior year at Stanford next fall pursuing a double-major in Public Policy and Comparative Race and Ethnic Studies. The daughter of immigrant farm laborers, Adriana is flourishing at college and next year will have a leadership position in the Stanford Women in Politics club, one of many activities she is involved with.

Adriana Torres (R) celebrating the graduation of her college mentor and friend.



With the help from state and local grant-funding, new this summer will be the addition of a weekly onsite therapist to help our kids and their families deal with mental health challenges. Many of our existing programs like **Triple Play** and **Healthy Habits** have already helped our kids combat health/behavior issues by helping them to be more active physically, socially and emotionally.

Understanding the prevalence of trauma and adversity and how that impacts health and behavior is a topic we may all be learning more and more about as research continues.



BGC of CV is partnering with Inncare Youth Mental Health Collaborative to conduct Adverse Childhood Experiences screenings at the Clubhouses, train staff members in Trauma Informed Care practices, and work alongside Club Unit Directors to identify at-risk youth and connect them to a licensed therapist and/or social worker.

Experience. Exposure. Education. That's what we provide to help youth reach their full potential. Until the next time, thank you for making Boys & Girls Clubs of Coachella Valley a desert youth development icon for 57 years and helping to build these inspiring young adults!

Quinton Egson,
President & CEO

A word from our Board Chair, Lee Osborne...

Did you know Boys & Girls Clubs of America have now chartered over 5,000 Clubs here in the United States and around the globe?

For more than 160 years, BGCA has been known as a second home for generations of families, providing more than 40 million youth with mentors, meals and meaningful life experiences.



Doug Miller and a young "fisherwoman" show off their catch of the day!

Like fishing!

Many thanks to BGC of CV Board member **Doug Miller and wife Debbie** for coordinating the annual April fishing derby hosted by members at The Lakes Country Club in Palm Desert.

