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A glimpse of the BGCNV, spring 2011.

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Paradise Member Represents BGCNV as the 2011 Youth of the Year

By Jaclyn Percy

Growing up isn't an easy task—especially when you have classmates calling you stupid, a rough home atmosphere and severe dyslexia. Kiya Yates, however, was able to overcome these setbacks and become the 2011 Youth of the Year at the Boys & Girls Clubs of the North Valley.

Yates, 18, was given this prestigious award after competing against the Chico and Oroville representatives. All participants were required to give a speech to the Community Leadership Board, explaining their life story and how the BGCNV has helped improve their lives.

After all the speeches were given, Yates was chosen to represent the BGCNV, an honor she humbly received.

"I've never had an award like this or been

recognized like this," Yates said. "It felt nice that they actually cared and recognized all of my improvements."



Described as upbeat and charismatic by Paradise Club director, Kiya Yates, 18, represents the BGCNV as the 2011 Youth of the Year.

Yates began attending the Boys & Girls Clubs of Paradise Ridge after being introduced by a friend during her freshman year of high school. She said she was immediately drawn to the staff, and

Did You Know?

It costs the club \$1,200 a year to serve one youth, but we only charge a \$10 annual membership fee.

because all of her friends were already members, Yates began participating in the programs the Club had to offer.

The program that had the biggest effect on Yates was Reach for the Future, a three-day program designed to teach kids to lead their own lives and encourage them to step out of their comfort zones.

"At that conference I learned a lot of things about myself and I learned that it was OK to cry there," Yates said. "Reach for the Future was one of the best experiences of my life."

Through the programs and support from the staff, Yates began to open up. She explained how the Club's staff helped her to talk about her problems and things she had previously held in.

Growing up, Yates had a difficult home life. Her biological father was verbally abusive, threatening Yates and her brother.

"It kind of made me afraid of men growing up. Like if I hear a man yell it scares me," Yates said.

Though her mother has remarried, Yates explained that she and her stepfather don't always get along, which creates occasional difficulties at home. The Club and staff, however, have offered her another place to go while growing up.

"I just came here for the fun of it and it slowly transformed into my second home," Yates said. "I love the Boys & Girls Club."

Four years after first coming to the BGCNV, Yates is now a role model to other members at the Club. Joshua "Hoppe" Campos, Paradise Teen Center unit director, described Yates as an upbeat and charismatic person, someone who has a definite leadership role at the Club.

While Yates has earned the regional title of Youth of the Year, she did not advance past the Northern California Youth of the Year Competition where she competed against nine other youth. She was, however, asked to emcee the state competition April 14 in Sacramento.

When her duties of Youth of the Year come to an end, Yates plans to attend Butte College for two years and hopes to transfer to Humboldt State University to pursue a degree in zoology.

Annual Fundraiser Joins Community Members and Raises Money for BGCNV

By Jaclyn Percy

White linen tablecloths, manzanita trees draped with cutout snowflakes, and blue and white lights illuminated the room. Hundreds of elegantly dressed donors and supporters had gathered at Manzanita Place with one thing on their minds: to support the Boys & Girls Clubs of the North Valley.

It was the 12th Annual Valentine's Gala, the biggest fundraising event of the year put on by the BGCNV. Held February 5, the event hosted more than 300 guests while raising more than \$100,000 to put toward the eight sites that make up the BGCNV.

Courtney Danehy, chief development officer, said the feedback she received from donors and supporters has been very positive.

The Gala's festivities began with mingling of donors and supporters as well as a silent auction. Located around the perimeter of the room, nearly 100 items were up for grabs in six different categories: apparel and accessories, food and beverage, eclectic, sports and recreation, health, wellness and day spas, and art.

Between bidding on the silent auction and listening to the slow jazz tunes of the Kings of Swing, attendees were able to savor a full-service dinner provided by Bacio, the "top catering company in our community," Danehy said.



With a goal of raising around \$100,000, the BGCNV auctioned off nearly 100 items in both a silent and live auction.

As plates were cleared, Chris DiGiovanna, the master of ceremony, took the stage and set the tone for the evening.

"We are here to celebrate the great work of the Boys & Girls Clubs of the North Valley," DiGiovanna said. "We are here to spend money."

The fundraiser and its attendees accomplished both.

To start off the special presentations, a video created by the marketing and advertising agency Half a Bubble Out was played to display some of the members and staff of the BGCNV, and to show how the Club has had an effect on their lives. As the video came to a close, the audience gave a standing ovation to the youth present at the event.

"The energy in the room was really positive," said Development Associate Paige Gilbert. "People were excited to be there."

Next came speeches by President of the Board Bruce Hagerty, CEO Rashell Brobst, and Kiya Yates, the BGCNV 2011 Youth of the Year. The speeches reminded the attendees why donations were an integral part of keeping the Clubs' doors open and why it is so important to do so.

Brobst explained how the BGCNV serves the kids who need it most, while Hagerty touched on how the BGCNV is recognized as one of the best of the 4,000 Boys & Girls Clubs worldwide.

In her speech, Yates explained why the BGCNV is important to her. She talked about her rough home life while growing up and how the Club taught her how to cry in a healthy way.

"Going there makes me feel safe and it is a fun place to go," Yates said.

As the speeches came to an end, DiGiovanna took control of the mic to lead the "Bids for Kids" portion of the live auction. Attendees were able to write down how many kids they wanted to support at \$25 per kid, or shout out their bid cards to place a bid. Each \$25 donation covered the average expenses a Club spends per child per week.

To encourage more people to donate, DiGiovanna began to make bets with attendees by playing "heads or tails." If he won, the bidder would support a predetermined number of kids, and if the bidder won, DiGiovanna, a partner with La Cocina Economica, would provide a 15-person catered event from the restaurant.

The highest bid came in at 100 kids for \$2,500 before the night drew to a close with the live auction, which was led by

auctioneer Rob Ramay from BidCal, Inc.

Like something straight out of the movies, Ramay rambled off the items one by one. A ticket package for the San Francisco Giants and sailing on the bay sold for \$3,000, making it the highest selling item of the night. Other high-selling items included Cupid's Court—VIP treatment to next year's Gala—for \$2,700, a Green Bay Packers jersey signed by Aaron Rodgers for \$2,250, and a weekend getaway at Lake Almanor for \$1,700, which was added to the list by an attendee during the Gala.

The fundraiser would not have been possible without the continuous efforts of the BGCNV supporters. Umpqua Bank (diamond sponsor), Darlene Paise and Jim Brogden, Lindsay Olives (emerald sponsors), A Main Hobbies, Smucker Natural Foods, Inc., and Tittle & Company (sapphire sponsors) are among the many donors that helped put on this year's event.

CEO Points to Long-term Relationships for BGC Success

By Danielle Maglione

A collage of colorful cards and letters decorate the office of Rashell Brobst, CEO of the Boys & Girls Clubs of the North Valley. They are from adults Brobst mentored as children and serve as a reminder for her passion and dedication to the Club.

However, one note stands out from the others. The letter was written from a recent nursing school graduate who requested Brobst's presence at her graduation. The individual was one of the first children Brobst mentored when she started working for the Boys & Girls Clubs of the North Valley 15 years ago. These success stories let the Club know its importance, value and ability to change lives.

"Kids that come out of our program become family," Brobst said. "They continue to check-in and share their successes."

Brobst attributes these lifelong relationships with the Boys & Girls Club mission and its incredible program that emphasizes putting children first, which differentiates the Club from other organizations.

Not only has the BGCNV focused on preserving relationships with the children, it's focused on preserving its presence in the North Valley.

"We won't give up on the kids," Brobst said. "We will do anything we can to give kids what they need and we will find the resources to get kids what they need."



CEO Rashell Brobst attributes the success of the BGC to the preservation of lifelong relationships.

Photo Courtesy of Chuck Nadeau

Though the BGCNV faces challenges due to the economy, the ongoing theme to never give up on the children enables the organization to sustain what it created.

The BGCNV encourages people to build an endowment to have a sustainable future,

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Why do you come to the Club?



"The Club has made my grades go higher. I'm able to be with friends, hang out and have fun."

-Daniel



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Brobst said. The BGCNV appreciates the community support that assists the organization in its efforts to provide services to children.

"This place wouldn't be here without the value of giving from the community," Brobst said. "Therefore, we always give back to the community."

The BGCNV encourages the children to give back and to be active participants in the community. For example, children are enticed to donate canned food prior to entering the BGCNV dances.

Brobst thinks the organization's core values, such as giving back, provide children with more opportunities and make them into well-rounded adults and community members.

"It is our responsibility to make sure the Club continues," Brobst said. "It is our responsibility to give back beyond our mission."

With the continuous help from the community, notes from past Club members will continue to decorate the offices of BGCNV mentors to come.

Smucker's and BGCNV Build Career Skills

By Danielle Maglione

The J.M. Smucker Co. and the Boys & Girls Clubs of the North Valley joined forces in September 2010 under the common goal to prepare Fair View High School students for their future. Through the new program, students learned valuable job hunting skills, the importance of teamwork, equality and the appreciation of all types of employees.

For 13 weeks, the high school students either traveled to the Teen Center at the Chico Club or to the Smucker's facility for their education in career building. Eddie Gandara, a teen recreation counselor at the BGCNV, coordinated the job-mentoring program and led resume and cover letter workshops during the weeks students didn't travel to the factory.

Smucker's hosted the students every other week and introduced them to a variety of career paths such as marketing, advertising,

administration, plant technology and maintenance.

Each week Smucker's had a different theme to keep the students excited and interested.

In the first week, students learned about the intricate, scientific research and development process. Before making their own drinks, students were taught how to use their palate to smell and taste different flavors.

The students soon realized the process was more time consuming and technical than they had initially thought. Upon leaving the factory, students not only took home several jars of their concoction, but an appreciation and understanding for the hard work that is involved in this process.

As part of the marketing theme, Smucker's showed the students a recent advertisement the company made for one of its new products. Initially, students thought the development process took five to



Fair View High School students mix different flavors and colors to make their own juice drink at the J.M. Smucker Co. factory in Chico.

Photo Courtesy of the Boys & Girls Club

seven days. However, they learned this advertisement actually took three months.

Smucker's discussed the step-by-step marketing process in order to show students that teamwork, patience and editing are essential when creating a successful marketing campaign.

Students also took part in a new-product survey to learn the importance of product research and target marketing.

During the third visit, Smucker's taught students the factory's maintenance process. Students were able to repair certain parts of

the assembly line and learned that every employee is a valuable piece of the puzzle.

Smucker's also introduced the students to some of the factory's heavy machinery, such as the forklift. Students with driver's licenses attempted to drive the forklift but were not too successful since the machine drives differently from a car.

One week, Smucker's traveled to the Teen Center to spend time with the high school students.

"Smucker's cooked dinner with our members here at our facility," Gandara said. "It was a way for them to meet our members and gain some insight into our world here at the Club."

The most important lesson occurred on the final visit when a Smucker's representative summed up the experience with the importance of teamwork. The students learned that every job holds the same importance.

Gandara said the youth realized a marketing executive is just as important as a plant technician because each job is essential for the company to be successful. One of the youth took this to heart and figured out he wanted to find a job where he was appreciated at any level.

"Smucker's was amazing and very cooperative," Gandara said. "The best thing they did was give their time, which is the most important service we can provide our members."

Gandara said the students learned a lot from the job-mentoring program and hopes it will run again in fall 2011.

Gandara Comes Full Circle

By Danielle Maglione

Many of the counselors and mentors at the Boys & Girls Clubs of the North Valley have similar background stories: They attended after-school recreation centers as children and then became mentors as adults. However, one BGCNV counselor stands out among the rest for his dedication and passion for the youth.

Eddie Gandara, 28, holds many positions at the Club, but he said his favorite position is being a strong, positive role model for boys at the Chico Teen Center. Gandara accepted and embraced this position after he realized many of the boys looked up to him like a father figure.

As an adult in this role, Gandara still remembers his own childhood mentor, Jimbo Fuller.

Growing up in a single-mother household, Gandara spent most of his youth in various recreation centers in San Diego, such as the Boys & Girls Club. Every day Gandara looked forward to seeing Fuller. Though Gandara did not want to admit it at the time, he said Fuller became a father figure to him.

"This man was my entire vision of what a man should be. He was the closest thing to a male role model I had as a teen," Gandara said. "He taught me to work hard and most of all appreciate the people in my life who care about me. He let me become his shadow."

Gandara applies his childhood experiences to his work as an adult at the Chico Teen Center.

He allows the children to be a part of many areas in his life. For example, Gandara is a disc jockey who appreciates artists such as Tech N9ne and Krizz Kaliko. In the music room at the Chico Teen Center, Gandara teaches the children the basics of deejaying.

"I show them how to set up and break down the equipment, beat matching and matching tempo, different scratch techniques," Gandara said.

Gandara also teaches the business side to deejaying, such as getting the proper license and picking a good target market. He said he



Chico Teen Counselor Eddie Gandara interacts with teens in various activities.

hopes to start a record label at the Chico Teen Center.

When Gandara gave a tour of the Chico Teen Center, teens from all over the room were shouting his name. The teens either wanted to share a story, have his opinion or play basketball with him.

Gandara hopes these teens will remember him like he remembers Fuller.

"The greatest feeling would be that at least one member remembers me when they get old like me," Gandara said. "They better remember me because I will never forget them."

What is your favorite part about the Club?

"Hanging out with friends and playing with all of the Club equipment and games. SMART Girls is my favorite program."

-Nicole



Boys & Girls Clubs of Paradise Ridge Completes the Chain of Service

By Elizabeth Ghiorso

Support, positive relationships and guidance are essential throughout a child's education, but that doesn't mean they always receive those things.

Such was the case for sixth graders in Paradise until February 1, when the Boys & Girls Clubs of Paradise Ridge extended coverage to all children in the area from their first day of school until high school graduation.

Before being awarded a grant through After School Education and Safety (ASES), the Club did not have enough money to support a program for sixth graders. As a result, children would enter the after-school program as first graders, continue through fifth grade, and then be dropped for their sixth grade year before being asked to return as seventh graders.

The problem: Many never came back.

"We were seeing a big disconnect with the Teen Centers," said Joshua "Hoppie" Campos, Paradise Teen Center unit director. "The kids didn't come back in seventh grade because they felt abandoned during their sixth grade year. That's an age when you can start getting into trouble."

The application for the ASES grant was completed in October and the staff was able to open the doors in February, greeting each participant by name and re-establishing a relationship with sixth graders in the area, Campos said.

The intermediate school program, which can hold up to 50 sixth graders, is run under the supervision of Ed Cheveres, who began his work with the Boys & Girls Clubs of the North Valley five years ago at the Paradise Teen Center.

Cheveres is originally from the Bay Area and participated in after-school programs himself. A staff member at the program Cheveres attended as a child made an unforgettable impact on him that stuck with him into adulthood, he said.

"Working with these guys is something I love to do," Cheveres said. "I get to give back to a field that has done so much for me."

A key theme in the mission of the intermediate school program is to give the kids ownership of everything from the room decor to the activities — even the rules and consequences.

In addition to keeping the curriculum fresh and effective, implementing ideas from the participants helps demonstrate the notion that kids can speak up and be the catalyst of positive change in their own lives—a concept that can greatly impact a sixth grader's outlook, Cheveres said.



Paradise Teen Center Unit Director Joshua "Hoppie" Campos oversees the operation of the new intermediate school program for sixth graders.

"We want the kids to help design the program—to feel like it's more theirs than ours," he said. "This place is all about giving them a voice."

In addition to engaging the students in most aspects of the program's operation, Cheveres oversees the wide range of daily activities, all of which address a variety of developmental, educational and social goals, he said.

The program provides basics such as homework tutoring and also delves deeper by using "high-yield learning activities," which enrich the guidance program in areas such as leadership, healthy lifestyle choices and the arts, Cheveres said.

The intermediate school program serves 35 participants and has

room for 15 more to join, Cheveres said. Though it costs the BGCNV roughly \$1,200 per year for each student it serves, the Club only charges the participants' families \$10.

"We never turn a kid away for financial reasons," Cheveres said. "We have scholarships. We find a way to make sure everyone who wants to, can come."

With the addition of the intermediate school, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Paradise Ridge now serves roughly 330 youths ages 6 to 18 every school day and the goal is to keep expanding.

"It would be awesome to see us grow," Cheveres said. "It'll be so great to see the results as we reinforce positive behaviors in the classrooms and in the community."

Pine Ridge School Site Partners with Subway to Reward Excellence

By Elizabeth Ghorso

For many people, a meal at Subway may seem commonplace, but for the students and employees at the Boys & Girls Club Pine Ridge School site in Magalia, that meal signifies a long-awaited nod of recognition from their community.

For five years, employees at the Pine Ridge School site have been reaching out to local businesses seeking a partnership to provide incentives and rewards for outstanding students at Pine Ridge School. February marked the first time someone heard the call and made the choice to act.

Lorna and Dan Lewis recently opened the Subway in Magalia, and when Pine Ridge's

Site Coordinator Lauren Wilson approached them for discounted prices to reward excellence at the Pine Ridge School site, the couple decided to take it a step further.

"When Lauren asked me for discounts I went to Dan, we talked it over and decided to give them 10 meals each month for free," Lorna Lewis said. "We really wanted to show our support."

That support has translated into results for Wilson and her co-worker Cameron Banks, who accompanied the first group of students on the Subway trip.

"When we told the kids about the sandwiches the response was total hysteria," Banks said. "There was real excitement there."

For the students, excitement results in motivation to do well and achieve the goals set for them, Wilson said.

The first sandwiches were given to the 10 students with the best attendance. Among those students were Robert Brown, 14, who had achieved perfect attendance and his two classmates Chris Lopez, 14, and Richard Kirk, 13.

The trip means a lot to students because it is a chance to get off campus and be somewhere they wouldn't normally get to go and have fun, Brown said.

Having a good time is exactly what the incentives are about because fun is easier to sell to the middle school students than homework help, Banks said.

"Rewards like this make after-school programs more palatable for a teen crowd,"



Lorna and Dan Lewis, owners of Subway in Magalia, have partnered with the Boys & Girls Club Pine Ridge School site in Magalia to create rewards for excellence among students.

he said. "When we provide these types of things for the kids it means they get to do things that may not be in their families' schedules, or in their budgets, and that gives them a real motivation to come here."

Once students get to the Pine Ridge School site, they become involved and are exposed to the benefits that set the Boys & Girls Clubs apart, Wilson said. The challenge is getting them there in the first place, and that's where the incentives come in.

"We give the youth our care and support and Dan and Lorna are stepping in to give recognition for the kids who go above and beyond," Wilson said. "It's important because it's not in our budget to give the kids what Dan and Lorna have given them."

While Dan and Lorna Lewis live in Paradise, they consider the students at the Pine Ridge School site in Magalia to be classmates and peers of their daughter, who attends school in Paradise, Lorna Lewis said.

"We want all these kids to know that businesses are run by people who care



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about them," she said. "We know that positivity breeds positivity among young people and we want to be a part of that for our daughter's peers."

The couple plans to continue providing 10 meals a month to the students at the Pine Ridge School site for as long as there is a need, Dan Lewis said.

Since the announcement of the sandwich rewards, students have responded by trying harder and focusing on the goals that will earn them a trip to Subway, Wilson said.

The second reward will be given to students with the highest GPAs in the program, and staff are already seeing more focus during homework time, she said.

"I'd definitely do more homework to go back to Subway," Lopez said. "I'd sprint a mile if I had to."

Proclamation of Nick Carranza

- Nick Carranza is the 2011-2012 Chico Youth of the Year.
- Carranza was awarded a proclamation from Chico Mayor Ann Schwab.
- The proclamation was delivered March 23 during Boys & Girls Club Week at the Chico Teen Center.
- Club members, staff, parents and CEO Rashell Brobst all attended the proclamation in support of Carranza.
- The Youth of the Year honor is an international program that dates back to the beginning of the Boys & Girls Club. Every year each Club - and there are more than 4,000 worldwide - selects a young member to be Youth of the Year.
- The program teaches Club members to reach their full potential by encouraging them to do well in school, lead healthy lifestyles and contribute to their communities.

Oroville Teen Center Honors Role Models

By Melissa Duralia

One of the best ways to encourage positive behavior is through positive reinforcement. With this mindset, the staff at the Boys & Girls Club Oroville Teen Center acknowledges three Club members every month in three different areas of achievement: Athlete of the Month, Scholar of the Month and Youth of the Month.

To further acknowledge Club members' honorable actions and manner of conduct, the Oroville Teen Center holds its annual Youth Recognition Awards event. This year's event was held January 28 and awards given out included Oroville Youth of the Year, Positive Participant of the Year and Attendee of the Year.

A Club member can earn recognition at the annual awards event in an assortment of ways. The director of the Oroville Teen Center, Jon Rango, explained that the 2011 Oroville Youth of the Year recipient, Yahya Dosu, was recognized as a model Club member because of his never-ending effort toward being a leader and role model for other members.

Choosing the Positive Participant of the Year was not an easy choice for the staff at the Oroville Teen Center, which is why two recipients were chosen for this year's award, Rango said. Kellance Brown's bright



Winners at the annual Oroville Teen Club Youth Recognition Awards event proudly display their certificates of achievement.

Photo Courtesy of the Boys & Girls Club

smile and consistent willingness to go above and beyond to try programs and help the staff is why she was designated as one of the Positive Participants of the Year. The second award winner was Beng Thor. Thor's inspiring participation in the Leaders in Training program and his commitment to being a role model are what make him shine as a member.

Rango said the choice for Attendee of the Year was an easy one. Member Matt Fuchs attended the Club more than 150 times last year, which is more than any other Club member. His participation and overall support for the Teen Center made him the obvious choice for such an award.

In total, eight awards were administered, six of which went to Club members and two to the Staff Members of the Year. The staff members who received Staff Member of the Year awards are the program coordinators for the awarded Program of the Year. The Program of the Year is the one that has had the most positive effect on Club members. This year's program was Leaders in Training, which meets twice a week at the Oroville Teen Center.

Rango explained that the qualities possessed by the Athlete of the Year include good sportsmanship, consistent participation in sports programs, and always lending a helping hand to other team members. These qualities were all easily found in Adham Rivers, the Oroville Teen Center's Athlete of the Year.

There were approximately 60 Club members accompanied by their families, along with the majority of the Oroville Teen Center staff in attendance at this year's Youth Recognition Awards event. The Club members that were invited included all of the Scholar, Athlete and Youth of the Month award winners. The event was held in the center's multipurpose room, and refreshments were served after the award recipients were announced and certificates of achievement were distributed.

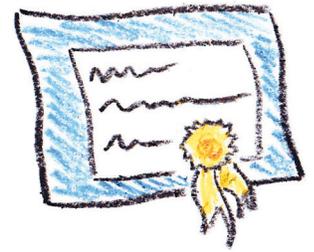
Children are often taught that although good behavior is not always part of the easiest life path, it will lead you down the right path. The Youth Recognition Awards at the Oroville Teen Center is a perfect example of rewards that come from respectable behavior.

Chico Character and Leadership Development Program Inspires Members

By Melissa Duralia

According to ancient Japanese legend, if an individual makes 1,000 paper cranes he will be granted any wish of his choosing. Although undecided on their wish, the children of the Youth for Unity program at the Boys & Girls Club of Chico are well on their way to meeting their goal of making 1,000 paper cranes. Two of the potential wishes are curing cancer or ending homelessness.

The Youth for Unity program is designed for children aged 9 to 12 and is held Thursday afternoons at the Ostrander Clubhouse in Chico.



Oroville Teen Center Youth Recognition Award Winners:

Oroville Youth of the Year..... Yahya Dosu

Athlete of the Year..... Adham Rivers

Scholar of the Year..... Lethiscia Sperling

Positive Participant of the Year Kellance Brown

Positive Participant of the Year Beng Thor

Attendee of the Year..... Matt Fuchs

Staff of the Year..... Lisa Spiegler

Staff of the Year..... Lisa Quinn

Program of the Year Leaders in Training



Each semester, the members of the Youth for Unity program raise awareness and fundraise for an organization they choose. This semester's organization of choice is St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Because members do not have the opportunity to visit St. Jude, they are writing encouragement cards and sending paper cranes to the patients at the hospital. A paper crane symbolizes prosperity, hope and peace. By sending the cranes, the program members are wishing the patients at St. Jude prosperity, hope and peace for their futures.

Making cranes and writing cards are two of the ways program leader Jessica Miley teaches Club youth about character and leadership development. During program meetings the members take part in character building and anti-bias activities to help eliminate stereotypes.

"We are finding our character so we can spread it," Miley said. "We want to give peace that is being lost."

To learn the importance of diversity, the program members go on field trips to places in Chico such as the Jesus Center or WindChime. The Jesus Center is a safe place for homeless people to come and WindChime is an assisted-living center.

The Youth for Unity program has been a major success at the Chico Club and Miley attributes its success to the fact that the program is optional for the youth at the Club.

On an average Thursday, 10 to 12 children come to the program, but there are always new ones wanting to come after a friend's recommendation.

Miley said the kids are excited about the program partially because they love having choices, and participation in the Youth for Unity program is a choice that the Chico staff fully encourages. The staff sees the importance in including character and leadership development in a child's education.

The hope is that the personal growth gained by the participants of the Youth for Unity program will help them to become understanding and compassionate role models to their peers.



Participants of the Youth for Unity program at the Chico BGC are dedicated to their goal of making 1,000 paper cranes for the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Events

Date	Event
June 2	Be a Club Kid – Paradise Club Open House
June 25	Aloha Oroville Event
July 8	Chico Club Birthday Party
August 25	Chico Spaghetti Dinner
October 20	Lights On After School, All Sites
November 14-18	Turkey Time Events, All Sites
November 3	Youth of the Year & Donor Recognition Dinner
February 11, 2012	13th Annual Valentine's Gala

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