

Our Mission:

TO ENABLE ALL YOUNG
PEOPLE TO REACH THEIR
FULL POTENTIAL AS
PRODUCTIVE, CARING,
RESPONSIBLE CITIZENS.

What's up?

The Boys & Girls Club of Las Cruces



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THE HOLIDAYS ARE UPON US

As we near another Holiday season, the fear of bills piling up, credit cards, shopping, crowds, and all of that come to mind.

It is also a time where we begin to think of friends, family, good times past. It is also a time of giving.

As you go through the Holidays with those that you love, remember those who are less fortunate. The Boys & Girls

Club kids have done just that. Through their canned food drive, the choir singing at local retirement homes, and many more projects, the kids at the Club have truly adapted the spirit of giving this Holiday Season.

Some of these kids not only participate in the choir, they are the ones who headed up the food drive, and really took the spirit of giving to heart.

We could all learn something from these kids, that it is not about the economy, about bills, or anything else. It is about giving, about others, about friends, and about family.



The kids enjoy Christmas Dinner in 2007. This year's dinner will be held. Contact the Club for details and dates, and come by to celebrate with us!

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THE CLUB JOINS FORCES WITH JARDIN DE LOS NINOS

A new collaboration between the Boys & Girls Club and Jardin de Los Ninos has begun. Jardin has a great program for homeless children from 5 months old until 11. This is where the Club and Jardin compliment each other very

well. Since the Club has opened up the new Teen Center, the perfect opportunity presented itself for the two organizations to work together. The kids who are too old to participate in the programs offered at Jardin will now re-

ceive a free membership to the Boys & Girls Club. These kids will be able to participate in all the Club programs and activities.



FROM THE CHIEF

As we near the end of the year, it comes a time to look back and reflect upon the past year. We have a new President-elect, a financial crisis, and the country is headed into uncharted territory. It is an exciting time, yet also one of the scariest that we have ever been in. The threat of a recession is ever-present, and the unrest of the stock market has affected us all.

In times like these, it is often where we all tighten the proverbial belt, buckle down, scrimp, save, and take care of ourselves. It is also in times like these where businesses fold, and non-profits especially struggle. Even those who have been successful for years will face challenges in the upcoming months.

Now more than ever, the Boys & Girls Club needs you. We have a Club that we are proud of, and the results are easily measured. When you get a chance, check out the passing rates of any public school., then compare it to the fact that all of our kids passed their classes last year, and we are on track to do that again this year. That is only one example of the work that the staff here at the Club is

doing. There are many more examples, all of which I would be happy to share with each and every one of you, just give me a call or stop in.

I truly believe in giving back to the community, and giving back to the world at large. We have some kids here who do not have much, and it warms my heart to see these kids spearhead our projects, giving their time, their energy, and sometimes their money or food to help out others.

I ask of you, what can you give? Time, money, food, ideas, energy? All of the area non-profits are in need this Holiday Season, especially since the economy is in such disrepair. I ask of each of you, please remember the deserving people and organizations who are worthy of your support. In many cases, it is just a matter of you taking the time to call or stop in, and we all would be glad that you did.

The Boys & Girls Club is worth your time and effort. These kids are worth your time and effort. Please do not forget that

we are all in this together, and that there will be struggles without your continued support.

Again, it is always my honor to be a part of this great organization. From our staff, to our great Board, to the kids who come in every day, the Club has become something that the entire community should know about, and be able to be proud of. The work that is done here will affect the lives of many.

John F. Kennedy said it best: "Children are the world's most valuable resource, and its best hope for the future."



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CLUB CHOIR



Mr. Billy's choir has been hard at work preparing for the upcoming Holiday schedule. The kids have worked very hard, and have a concert schedule planned.

If you get the chance, stop by one of the upcoming performances and see all what they have worked very hard for.

Upcoming concerts:

The Choir prepares to sing at our Steak & Steak Dinner last May.

BE SURE TO JOIN US FOR BREAKFAST!

We all know that it is very difficult to schedule all of the great events which take place here in Las Cruces, nevertheless trying to make all of them!

Well, the Club understands this, and has come up with a great program to tell everyone just what it is we do here. Early next spring the Boys & Girls Club will be holding its first ever Lou and Mary Henson Community Breakfast for the Boys & Girls Club.

Its breakfast, in the middle of the week. We all have to eat, right? And breakfast is

the most important meal of the day!

The program will begin at 7:00 am, with a buffet style breakfast. We promise to have you out by 8:45.

A free breakfast, under two hours of your time, and for a good cause.

Check in with us about the date, and further details. We will keep you up-to-date on all of the specifics. You can also call to R.S.V.P. at 526-1519.

You can also check out our website for updated information. www.bgclublc.org.



See you there!!!

THE CLUB RECEIVES A \$10,000 GRANT!

We are proud to announce that the Club has received a programming grant in the amount of \$10,000 from the Con Alma Foundation.

The Club received the grant to run a new health related program called Club Health-E. Club Health-E is a fitness program designed around the Olympics, and emphasizes the importance of health and

fitness to the kids. The kids will be competing against themselves in many areas, and striving to improve not only their own personal fitness, but their awareness as well.

Con Alma Health Foundation is New Mexico's largest foundation solely dedicated to improving the quality and access to healthcare for all New Mexican.s



“Every day, while I am working, I feel that my children are in a safe place where they will learn and have fun. I don’t worry about them when they are at the Club.” - Parent



THE BOYS & GIRLS CLUB HAS AGGIE PRIDE!

With the partnership between the Boys & Girls Club and NMSU blossoming, we here at the Club would like to thank NMSU for its continued support of our programs.. From our work study students who are valuable staff members, to tickets to football and basketball games, to our basketball day camp that will be

held this coming January, to all of the staff and individuals at NMSU who have helped the Club out many times, we greatly appreciate you.

Without the continued support of NMSU faculty, staff and students, the Club would not be where it is today. There is not enough space to thank

each and every one of you who have supported the Club.

Again thank you for your support, and we here at the Club look forward to working with you even more in the future!



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- Yes! I would like to donate to the Boys & Girls Club.
- \$25 Like Mike—Sponsors one child for our basketball league.
- \$50 Hungry Harry—Purchases snacks for one of the Club sites for a week.
- \$100 Traveling Tina—Sends 20 kids on a special field trip.
- \$250 Phillip Miles—Fills up our Vans for a week to ensure 75 kids get picked up at school and taken to the Club.
- \$500 Kelly Watts—Keeps our Electricity on for one month.
- \$1000 Members Only—Sponsors membership costs for one month for 10 kids who cannot otherwise afford to come to the Club.

CLIP AND MAIL

Your Name: _____

Address: _____

City/ State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Please make your check payable to:
The Boys & Girls Club of Las Cruces
All donations are tax-deductible.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

The Boys & Girls Club of Las Cruces has needs in many areas. We can always use volunteers, mentors, tutors, referees and coaches to work directly with our kids.

Programming needs:

- School Supplies
- Art Supplies
- Xbox 360 console
- Xbox 360 games
- Sports equipment
- DVD Player
- Snacks

Monthly Birthday Celebrations:

- Birthday cakes
- Ice Cream
- Toys or gifts

General Club Needs:

- Club Vans
- Office supplies
- Cleaning Supplies
- Vacuum Cleaner
- Paint & paint brushes

Please call the office for a complete list of items needed for programming, operating, and enhancing Club services for youth and their families.

Stop by the office, call 575-526-1519 or email Clint Ziehl at clint@bgclubc.org

Thank you for your support, and have Happy Holidays!

