



# BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF SONOMA VALLEY

*Providing positive opportunities for youth to learn and succeed*



## Our start:

The roots of Sonoma Valley's Boys & Girls Clubs were planted in the early spring of 1962 by a group of local citizens to establish a Club housed at the Community Center that focused on recreational activities and sports for boys.

In the '80s, The Club moved to a location on 1st Street West and served more kids each week during the critical after-school hours. Many supporters today fondly remember taking their kids to that location.

In 2000, the community of Sonoma Valley united as Dream Builders to complete construction on a stand-alone facility in Maxwell Park, where Maxwell Clubhouse can be found today, teeming with joyful, happy kids! We currently have six locations and still growing in Sonoma Valley!



**Impact100 Sonoma awarded its first \$100,000 Impact Grant to the**

**Boys & Girls Clubs of Sonoma Valley for its *College Bound Program (2010)* and a *Community Grant of \$15,000 for a collaborative action plan focusing on gang prevention (2013)*.**

## What we do:

Boys & Girls Clubs of Sonoma Valley impact 2000 children and teens annually through athletic leagues, summer camps, and after-school enrichment. Our programming focuses on developing healthy lifestyles, good character, leadership, and academic success. For a low annual fee, families are able to rely on The Club to help develop their children into bright, caring citizens. The Club never refuses service for financial reasons. We're here for the families and future of Sonoma Valley.

## A single story:

Maribel Campos, BGCSV 2015 Youth of the Year, shared a beautiful story about her experience growing up in The Springs and the importance of The Club in her life. "I am a first generation American and will be the first in my family to graduate from high school, as well as attend a four-year university. My parents weren't able to offer me help in school because they never attained an education past third grade. With the help of The Club, my life has prospered in numerous ways.

I found relief from my home circumstances by volunteering at multiple places, but my favorite was the Boys & Girls Clubs. I had attended The Club in second grade, but stopped going in middle school. I returned during my sophomore year of high school. The Club gave me the chance to help younger kids by tutoring third and fourth graders. The staff were a beneficial support system – something I didn't always have at home.

At The Club, I also learned the importance of going to college. In my junior year, I joined Keystone Club and College Bound (which is now Future Focus). From then on, my grades and life improved. The staff is the main reason I go to The Club. The amount of support and dedication they put in every single day is inspiring. I don't know where I would be without them or The Club."

## Our future:

The future of Boys & Girls Clubs of Sonoma Valley is bright! The Club is entering its 53rd year serving youth in Sonoma Valley, changing lives for the better for generations of families with generations more to come.