

### **Number of Youth Served**

Boys & Girls Clubs of Silicon Valley (BGCSV) served 72 youth at the Lori Escobar El Toro Clubhouse (“El Toro”) during the summer of 2014 and 77 youth during the 2014-2015 school year. In the year prior to BGCSV taking over, El Toro Youth Center served 40 youth during the summer and 60 youth during the 2013-2014 school year.

### **Summer 2015 Programming**

Our summer enrichment program at El Toro is in full swing. Between June 15 and July 31 (7:30a.m. – 6:00 p.m.), members are participating in a variety of engaging activities that focus on:

- Academic summer loss prevention
- Pro-social activities engagement
- Increased resistance skills and healthy lifestyle habit
- Good character and leadership
- FUN!

72 members are currently enrolled in El Toro’s summer program, with an average daily attendance of 60 youth. El Toro currently employs six Junior Staff members between the ages of 14-17, and the total number of regular staff has increased to seven employees.

A new component to our 2015 summer program is Read-to-Succeed, a daily reading and reflective writing program. El Toro also participates in tabling events at the Friday Night Music Series at Morgan Hill Community Center, Summer Fun in the Park at Galvan Park, and field trips to local amusement parks such as the Aquatic Center.

### **Fundraising**

In addition to funding from the City of Morgan Hill, we have secured funding for the El Toro Clubhouse from the following sources: The Office of Justice Programs, Santa Clara County Community Development Block Program, Ross Stores, Rotary Club of Morgan Hill, Morgan Hill Community Foundation, Fry’s Electronics, and individual donors.

### **Programming**

El Toro Clubhouse has done the following in the past year:

- Implemented Boys & Girls Clubs programming in the Core Areas of Education & Career Development; Character and Leadership; Health and Life Skills; Arts and Cultural Enrichment; and Sports, Fitness, and Recreation. El Toro members participated in the following programs for the first time:
  - **Skill Tech 1 and 2:** Members learn skills in various productivity software programs.
  - **NetSmartz:** Members learn about the benefits the Internet and media while helping them realize the importance of behaving responsibly in the online community.

- **ArtisTech:** Digital arts program including web page and graphic design; photography and photo illustration; music composition and production; filmmaking and editing; and stop-motion animation.
- **NeoSci:** Hands-on life, earth and physical science program.
- **KidzLit:** Develops literacy skills for a lifetime commitment to reading and learning.
- **MediaLitocracy:** Provides practical tools for navigating today's global media culture.
- **Game Tech:** Members learn how to create their own computer games and animations.
- **WeDo Robotics:** Members work in teams to build and program a LEGO model featuring working motors and sensors.
- **Khan Academy:** a Common Core-aligned math program that allows our members to practice and master skills through both small group and individual tutoring.
- **Junior Staff Career Development Program (JSCDP):** Designed to prepare youth ages 13-18 for employment by developing leadership and job-readiness skills.
- **Junior Achievement:** a business and economics education program meant to educate and inspire our members, ages 9-12, to value free enterprise, business and economics.
- **SMART Moves (Skills Mastery and Resistance Training):** life-skills training promoting self-efficacy and responsible behavior.
- **Torch Club (11-13) and Keystone Club (14-18):** chartered service clubs dedicated to citizenship, leadership and fellowship.

### **Highlights**

Other recent highlights include:

- Hosted their first National Worldwide Day of Play where parents and members participated in activities together.
- Celebrated their first S.T.E.M. Decathlon, a week designed to encourage members to learn and get involved in science, technology, engineering and math.
- El Toro Member Armando Banuelos gave a speech at our 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Recognition Luncheon. He remarked, "[Through the Club] I have seen teens transform into independent and community-driven individuals. I am proud to be part of an organization that has changed the lives of so many teens and has created new leaders for the future."

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- Participated in the Boys & Girls Clubs of Silicon Valley cook-off. Every year a specific ingredient is chosen as the theme for the competition. This year's ingredient was Chia Seeds. Clubhouses were judged based on verbal presentation of their recipe, poster display, overall table and dish display, overall taste and originality.
  - Ran the Gamma Alpha Reading program every Tuesday, where several enthusiastic volunteers help our members improve their reading skills.
  - Hosted its 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Thanksgiving dinner and hosted over 200 members, families and friends.
  - Established sports leagues that compete with local Clubs, including flag football and soccer.
  - Established Teen Night to serve teens in the community for the first time; every Monday from 6:30-8:30pm, the program provides teens with a safe place and positive environment. Teens participate in activities including bowling, movie outings, miniature golfing and Santa Cruz beach trips, giving the group a sense of unity and belonging as members of El Toro Clubhouse.
  - Participated in Martin Luther King Day of Service by making baskets for patients at the Lucile Packard Children's Hospital.
  - Worked closely with Gamma Alpha, Morgan Hill Rotary, Zuzu's Petals, Morgan Hill Historical Society and Los Amigos Advisory Board to put on fun and enriching events for our members.
  - On March 24, Los Amigos de El Toro Community Advisory Board hosted an Open House, inviting the community to visit the Clubhouse to learn about all of the exciting programs offered. The Open House featured tours led by members, hands-on program demonstrations, the chance to talk to members and youth development staff, and information regarding volunteer opportunities.