

BE GREAT ARCHIVES



BOYS & GIRLS CLUB
OF BURBANK AND GREATER
EAST VALLEY

GREAT FUTURES START HERE.

JULY 2011

Achieve at the Club!

At our Boys & Girls Club, **GREAT FUTURES START HERE.** Futures are possible for 1,100 daily Club members we serve in the Burbank and Greater East Valley areas everyday.

Please take a moment to read about the dreams turned into reality for Sylvia and our Broadway Dance Team. I'm also very proud of our 2010 Youth of the Year Aaliyah. Our Teen Program continue to grow and provide healthy opportunities for teens to live in challenging times.

The highlights in this newsletter are just a few of the great achievements made possible through the generous support of our donors. Our Club needs your help to continue making **GREAT FUTURES START HERE.** On behalf of all of our Club members, THANK YOU.



Shanna Warren
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Executive Director



BE INVOLVED!



BE INVOLVED like the Burbank Sunrise Kiwanis (BSK) Club! Volunteering projects with companies, service groups, and individuals are always needed! THANK YOU BSKs for our beautiful garden!



Club Member, Sylvia is accepted into highly recognized School of Arts.



Our Broadway Dance Team in New Orleans!



HP & LA LAKERS Presents our New Tech Lab!

Dreams Come True at the Boys & Girls Club!

Youth are encouraged to dream big at our Boys & Girls Club. Dreams start with each child's talented heart, supported with positive youth development professionals, and with a bit of luck, dreams really do come true at the Boys & Girls Club of Burbank and Greater East Valley.

Sylvia had her dreams about entering the highly recognized Los Angeles County High School for the Arts (LACHSA). Only at 13 years of age, Sylvia has already accomplished more than most aspiring adults in the performing arts industry. Most recently, Sylvia accomplished her dream of being accepted at LACHSA to further achieve greater dreams.

Girls from our Club had dreams of winning the National Boys & Girls Club Talent Search Competition. Winners of the competition will perform in New Orleans. With the choreography of volunteer instructor Michelle Bouse, and guidance from Creative Arts Director, Sherry Delizia, 6 girls formed The Broadway Dance Team and submitted their entry to compete with 1,200 other contestants. Greta, Margo, Laura, Tyler, Annika, and Sylvia all had their dreams fulfilled when they received a standing ovation after their performance in New Orleans!

Everyone at our Boys & Girls Club had their dreams of a brand new Tech Lab turn into reality when HP and L.A. Lakers teamed up together to present 20 brand new computers and equipment valued over \$15,000 for our Tech Lab. Steve Blake, L.A. Lakers player, and Don Huff, HP executive, cut the ribbon for our brand new Tech Lab.

Thank You for all of your support in making it possible for 1,100 daily Club members to have a positive place to **DREAM BIG.**

Chess Champions



Chess Coach, Kevin Bulone organizes free chess classes at our afterschool programs. Jordan Middle School chess winner, David N. (6th grade), was the middle school champion. Over 50 chess players competed throughout 5 schools. This is the first year Jordan Middle School entered the competition. "David is a fast learner and loves chess. He continues to improve and is preparing for a larger tournament," Kevin stated.

Youth of the Year - Aaliyah



The Youth of the Year is Boys & Girls Club's recognition program for Club members, promoting service to the Club, community and family, academic success, strong moral character, life goals, poise, and public speaking ability.

Aaliyah has been a member at the Boys & Girls Club for over five years. Growing up at the Boys & Girls Club, Aaliyah has been

involved in numerous activities: Hip Hop class, Dance level 2 and 3, Secretary of our sports leadership program "Swoosh Club," acting classes, a member of Keystone Club, a host for our T.V. show "My Life my Conflicts," and volunteer with the Teen Program. Even through all of her successes, Aaliyah managed to stay humble and supportive of her peers. Regardless of the activity, Aaliyah strives for the best with 110% effort. The professional staff agrees Aaliyah is always willing to try a new activity or participate in something she has never attempted. She has set the tone for other members to follow in her lead and participate! From a leadership club, to sports and even dance, Aaliyah loves it all. Through Aaliyah's eyes there is something for everyone at the Boy's & Girls Club.

Around The Club!



Club Member, Rosio, is teaching other club members how to make origami to send to the Japan Relief efforts.



Our Teen Leadership Program, Keystone Club, were the beneficiaries of the Leadership Burbank class project.



Nestle assembled and presented 10 bikes to our Club Members. Thank You Nestle!

Thank You Walt Disney Company for their generous grant and Disneyland tickets!



Middle Schools



Club Members at Jordan Middle School receive help with their homework assignments.

Club Members at Muir Middle School enjoying the school carnival snacks.



BE GREEN



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Girl Scouts Spelling Bee



Volunteers from the Girl Scouts hosted a Spelling Bee contest in our Learning Center. Over 30 Club Members participated in three different age categories. Isabelle and Gabrielle both were Spelling Bee Champions!

Soccer Champs

Our Athletics Director, Jay Jackson, organizes a free Soccer Program every year. Over 150 elementary and middle school players participated at 5 schools. The champions this year was the Fourth Grade team, Chivas. Daniel P. was awarded the most improved player of the season. Daniel continually improved game after game. During the final game of the season, he was critical to his team championship win.



Teen Adventure Challenge

Race to solve puzzles, kayak across the creek, and mountain biking are just some activities at the Teen Adventure Challenge. With the generous support of our Board Members, Hotel Amarano, and others, 26 teens from our Club were able to participate in the Teen Adventure Challenge. Our Teen Director, Julio, led the Blue Team. Julio shared, "it helped each of our teens grow because it made them value team work and communication. We had to work together to complete the challenges."



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