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Message from the Director

We're hearing the word "unprecedented" continuously, whether from the news media, friends, family, neighbors or coworkers. We're also hearing words like "surreal" and "challenging" used to describe the COVID-19 pandemic ravaging our country and our world. Our daily lives have been intensely disrupted and changed. The lines between home and work are gray and fuzzy and far from normal for most of us. While it's understandable to crave the normalcy of routine, familiarity and stability (not just in our work but our day-to-day lives), it's important to acknowledge that "business as usual" has ceased to exist, and we must lead differently now.

This pandemic has changed our landscape. As we face economic challenges and greater restrictions on how we operate, kids and families are going to need more from us. And we are going to have to think differently about how we meet those needs. With your support we have reopened, expanded and we will build to be stronger than ever!



John Whann
Executive Director
Boys & Girls Clubs of Inland Valley



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COVID-19 Club Heroes

Deepest gratitude to the following generous donors who have donated to our Covid-19 Relief Fund. You are ensuring that our organization, and our families, stay strong through this crisis, and that we will emerge with renewed purpose to create great futures for our Club members!

\$10,000+

Inland SoCal United Way
The Rite Aid Foundation

\$5,000+

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Thank you to local businesses and community groups!

Rotary Club of Menifee

The Rotary Club of Menifee has been volunteering every week at the Menifee Clubhouse since the Club started the Grab & Go meal program. Volunteers have been helping pass out food to local families. With their help, the Club has been able to give out hundreds of meals. “Menifee Rotary focuses a great deal of community service efforts to the youth of our community,” says Debbie Manion, Club President. “Assisting with packaging weekend meals at the Boys & Girls Club just feels like what we can do to help others in Menifee. What we do with our time and resources is our way of living out our ‘service about self’ orientation.”



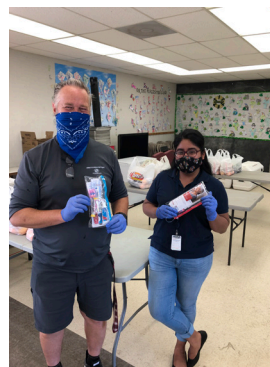
George Mills-A Better Look Home Inspection

George Mills has been helping feed families in Menifee during the COVID-19 pandemic. For every donation made to the Club, George has been delivering yard signs that say “Feeding Menifee Together.” This has helped fund the Grab & Go Meal program and shows the strength of our community coming together.



North County Health Services

North County Health Services partnered with the Clubs during the closures to pass out tooth brush kits to families. Amaris from NCHS passed out 425 toothbrush kits at all three Club locations-Menifee, Perris, and Quail Valley-helping families with dental hygiene.



Lake Elsinore Storm

Lake Elsinore Storm donated 15 free car tickets to our Club families to enjoy a drive-in movie night. Club families were able to watch Back to the Future at the drive-in at Storm Stadium on July 9th. Thank you Storm!

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Wells Fargo

Wells Fargo graciously packaged and donated over 1,000 goodie bags for kids to take home during the Grab & Go program. These goodie bags were full of healthy snacks, drinks and some kid appropriate goodies. Thank you to Wells Fargo for providing a fun surprise for our Club kids and local families! The kids loved them!



Chuck E. Cheese

Back in May, Chuck E. Cheese in Murrieta donated lunch to our workers and volunteers!



West Coast Dental

Kim from West Coast Dental in Menifee came out to the Menifee Clubhouse in July and August to pass out toothbrushes to kids. She dressed as the tooth fairy and passed out toothbrushes as families came to pick up meals.



County of Riverside Emergency Operations Center

The County of Riverside Emergency Operation Center distributed masks, gloves and hand sanitizer to the Clubs in April. Thank you for helping keep our Club staff and volunteers safe during Grab & Go meal distribution!

Arts Council Menifee

Arts Council Menifee donated over 30 art making kits to the Clubs. When the Perris Clubhouse reopened, each kid came back to their own art making kit and the kids loved them. Thank you Arts Council Menifee.

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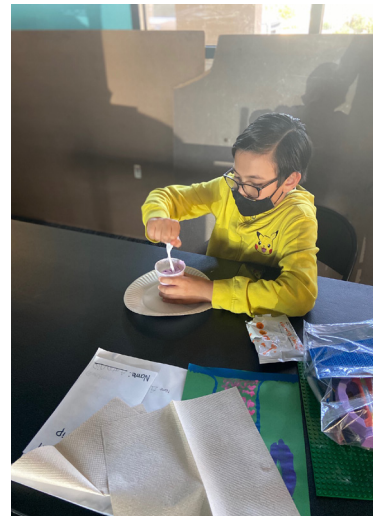


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Perris Clubhouse reopens for those who need us most.

We're happy to share that our Perris Clubhouse has reopened for summer camp and distance learning assistance! We strive to respond to the needs of our families and community. When parents started returning to work, they needed us to reopen in as safe a manner as possible. It has been humbling each day to hear such gratitude from our families and see such joy in our youth once again. Emma, who's grandson attends the Perris Clubhouse said, **“I am very thankful to the Boys & Girls Club for creating a sense of normalcy and bringing joy to my grandson once again.”** Our staff is working hard everyday to keep everyone safe and healthy with social distancing, masks, and temperature checks. And it turns out, the sky's the limit on what activities you can do with kids, even socially-distanced ones! The kids have had fun doing yoga, making slime, doing arts and crafts, educational activities, making Tik Tok videos and more. We have extremely creative Club staff who are doing whatever it takes even in the most challenging of times.



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Grab & Go Meal Program

When the COVID-19 pandemic caused the Clubs to shut down, the Club still wanted to help families.

The Club partnered with The Lighthouse to serve Grab & Go meals at three locations for youth in the community. The Club still serves Grab & Go meals Monday through Friday at its Menifee, Perris, and Quail Valley locations. All meals include milk, a breakfast snack, fruit, and a dinner meal. During regular Club operations, members receive this snack and dinner during the after-school program.

Over **20,000**

Grab & Go meals 
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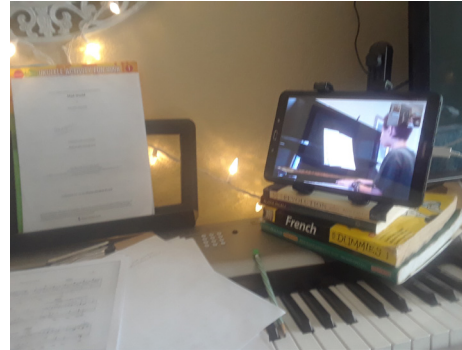
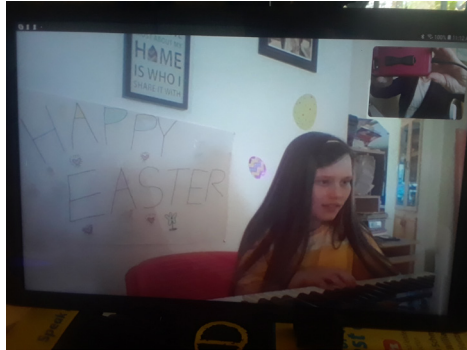


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Program Highlight

Music Lessons Go Virtual



The Boys & Girls Clubs of Inland Valley is blessed to have wonderful instructors from the community who come to the Club and teach kids a variety of enrichment activities whether it's Taekwondo, acrylic paint, dance, etc. When the Club's shut down, the music teacher Miss Melissa wanted to find a way to still teach kids and quickly pivoted to virtual music lessons.

Miss Melissa said, "While schools struggled to find a way to continue education, those of us who were teaching our children in the classroom, were plunged into a bit of chaos, not knowing if all of the progress the kids had achieved would be lost. Thankfully, we live in a digital age, with technology able to provide online distance learning. As a music teacher at the Menifee Clubhouse, we were able to transition the music students from live lessons to virtual lessons."

Miss Melissa was able to stay connected with her students and provide a sense of normalcy during an uncertain time and has continued to do so during the shutdown.

"The parents were amazing", said Miss Melissa. "They were quick to set up with virtual lessons, so we were able to get back to lessons without skipping a beat. Being able to continue teaching online not only gave the students an opportunity to have consistency with weekly lessons, something extremely important when learning something as complex as music, but pushed them into being more reliant and independent on where to find notes, key and strings on their various instruments. Many parents enjoy the online lesson experience, and actually have been able to be more interactive during the student's lessons. Some remark how they too have been learning along with their child. It's such a wonderful option to be able to continue with lessons, especially in such an unusual and challenging time."

The Club plans to continue virtual lessons until it can reopen and is using this as an opportunity to serve kids in a new way.

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Opening to door to Great Futures in Quail Valley

In August, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Inland Valley opened our third Club site, the Quail Valley Clubhouse. The building, which was once the volunteer fire hall, was graciously gifted to the Club by the Quail Valley Volunteer Fire Department. The Club will serve kids from Quail Valley and the surrounding area providing much-needed programs like distance learning assistance and cooking corner. The Club owes thanks to many people for helping with facility upgrades to get the location ready to serve youth. Thank you to the Quail Valley Volunteer Fire Department for gifting us this building and providing a safe place for kids. Thank you to NPG Asphalt for repaving the asphalt and adding a basketball court, foursquare and hopscotch. Thank you to Gary Cringan for purchasing basketball courts for the Club. Thank you to QTC Landscape Construction Inc. for putting in artificial turf at no cost to the Club. Thank you also to Morton Res/Com Painting Services for making the Club look beautiful with new paint and to John and Linda Denver for providing the funds for the paint costs. The community came together to make this Clubhouse look great and to help those who need us most, the kids in our community.



How to support or get involved

Make a donation at www.menifeebgc.org

The Club is hosting its first ever Whatever It Takes Inland Valley Virtual Auction from October 19th-October 30th. During these uniquely challenging times, we've all had to come up with innovative ways to manage our day-to-day lives. The one thing that hasn't changed is our commitment to our youth and families. Funds raised from the auction will provide kids with distance learning assistance and other impactful programs to give every child access to opportunity! To become a sponsor, donate to the virtual auction, or learn more please contact Julia Burch at juliab@menifeebgc.org or 951.246.8845.

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