Boys & Girls Club of Pasadena: Were You a Club Kid?

Chances are — you were. For more than 80 years, the Boys & Girls Club of Pasadena has served the children and teens of the Pasadena area. By informal count, that amounts to about 30,000 kids. You may indeed have been one of them (or maybe you went to one of the other 4,000 plus clubs in the United States). Or maybe your kids are now Club kids.

Club Kids gain the opportunity to reach their full potential as productive, caring, and responsible citizens through impactful programs in five key areas:

- Character and leadership
- Education and career development
- Health and life skills
- Arts
- Sports, fitness and recreation

The club experience fills the gap between school and home — year-round — providing a welcoming, safe and positive environment in which kids and teens have fun, participate in life-changing programs, make friends and find encouragement with caring adults. We say that “great futures start here.” And it works.

- 32% of program alumni say the club “saved my life.”
- 62% say the club “helped me commit to my education.”
- 94% of alumni expect to graduate from high school.
- 49% of alumni volunteer in their community at least once per month.
- 66% of club members report getting at least an hour of physical activity on five or more days per week.

Meet Kenneth*

Kenneth* has been a member of the club for five years, during which time he has attended three different schools. This transition created a difficult time for him. He would come to the club, not participate in programs and generally have a negative attitude. Teen Staff members accepted the challenge, knowing they could help. One day they had a heart-to-heart conversation with Kenneth, and learned what motivated him to be bad.

They then challenged him to reach his potential, working with him daily and encouraging him to find comfortable ways to participate at the club. A few months later, Kenneth’s grandmother expressed to the staff that “the Boys & Girls Club is saving Kenneth’s life!”

Maybe you remember the pingpong and foosball. Or the music lessons and jazz band. Or not being alone in the classroom. Or the homework help and studying in the library. Or maybe you remember the pingpong and foosball. Or the music lessons and jazz band.

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