

## Quarterly Donor Update January 2020 – March 2020

Dear BGCNLT Family,

These past few months have been a powerful reminder of just how connected we are to one another – and how our choices today determine our options tomorrow. With Club member safety in mind, we made the difficult decision to suspend operations of all sites beginning Monday, March 16, 2020 until further notice. Amidst the closure, generous support from partners and friends across all sectors has enabled us to continue to serve local families facing hardship.

As a result of your gifts, we quickly adapted services and continue to carry out our mission. We remain focused on providing a Club experience and basic support to kids in our region. We have implemented a series of initiatives in direct response to the immediate needs that have emerged.

**Virtual Club and Activity Packs:** BGCNLT staff members have produced 124 "Virtual Club" videos totaling nearly 1900 views collectively (as of 4.30.20) and 1200 weekly Activity Packs of supportive and imagination-sparking activities for our Club Member's school-at-home journey.

**Meal Service:** BGCNLT staff members are supplementing efforts by local school authorities and hunger relief agencies by providing grab-and-go dinner service to local families in Incline Village, Kings Beach, and Truckee. As of April 30<sup>th</sup>, the BGCNLT team has served over 11,000 meals across 3 sites.

**Surveying Families to Assess Basic Needs:** Lastly, BGCNLT staff members have conducted over 700 calls to local families to survey their health and well-being, offer our support, and inform them of resources that are available in our community. This assessment has allowed the team to identify any specific needs that are not being met currently and address them.

We are profoundly grateful to the BGCNLT family of supporters for their extraordinary investment in our organization. This is important now more than ever, as we all adjust to the challenges and changes that the pandemic has created. We are doing whatever it takes in this moment to ensure our kids and families are stable, safe, and supported. We know, however, that circumstances will evolve and that opening our doors will become more important than ever. We will be ready for this moment when it arrives and look forward to providing kids with a safe and fun Club experience that they know and love.

In this time of uncertainty, there's a fundamental truth that gives us hope - that together we can do extraordinary things. Today is #GivingTuesdayNow and we are asking that you spread the word on this global day of giving about our organization, what we are currently doing, and what we will need to do in the future. Please visit our webpage and encourage others to do the same.

Thank you so much for your past and future support of the Club.

Sincerely,

Mindy Carbajal Chief Executive Office

## **Donor Spotlight: Roger Peterson**

During the Annual Clubbies Award Night in February, we were delighted to present Roger Peterson with the *Dave Ferrari Community Hero Award*. This award honors an individual who has provided exceptionally devoted service to our organization.

Roger began volunteering with Club in the early 2000's and has served on the Board of Governors ever since. He has been one of the Club's biggest cheerleaders and advocates over the years and helped recruit and steward donors and stakeholders from across the country.

In the words of Ken Yagura, founding member of BGCNLT: "Roger has been and continues to remain an enthusiastic supporter of the Boys & Girls Club of North Lake Tahoe and probably has raised more funds for the Club than any other individual donor. He has done this even though his own children and grandchildren did not grow up at North Lake



Tahoe, because Roger knows the importance of protecting, nurturing, and helping to educate our young residents. Roger's enthusiasm and successful fundraising efforts have been an inspiration to other supporters of the Club and its staff members, helping the Club grow from its initial 30 members in 1998 to over 2000 members currently."

He truly personifies the mission of BGCNLT, and his selfless acts of kindness and altruism are an inspiration to the North Lake Tahoe community.

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## Youth of the Year Spotlight: Felipe Neri Guevara

We're pleased to introduce the Boys & Girls Club of North Lake Tahoe's Youth of the Year: Felipe, Jr.

Felipe grew up in Kings Beach and has attended Club since 2010. In his words, "As a kid, my favorite BGCNLT program was Lego Robotics - it's definitely the reason why I'm such a Math and STEM nerd now-a-days." Presently, he's a senior at North Tahoe High School and considering pursuing a degree at Cuesta College in San Luis Obispo after graduation. In his capacity as a Youth Development Professional at BGCNLT, he loves working with kids - from board games to outside play.

As Youth of the Year, Felipe serves as an ambassador for the Boys and Girls Club mission, exemplifying outstanding

leadership, service, academic excellence, and dedication to living a healthy lifestyle. He's a role model for all youth in our community, and we are so proud to recognize him!



## **Stay In The Know**

We want to make sure that you are kept up-to-date on what is happening at the Club and informed about the amazing programs that you make possible. This newsletter will be sent out quarterly. In addition, our website and social media outlets have tons of information about programs, partnerships, and more. Visit our website at www.bgcnlt.org and find us, @bgcnlt, on Facebook, Instagram, or Twitter!