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# Monthly Moments

News, Events, and Updates

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**Welcome** to our monthly eNewsletter! Thank you for taking the time to stay in touch with what's happening in our Clubs. Highlighting what youth and staff are doing is vital in making sure we have your support. We never take a single approach to help kids succeed. It takes caring mentors, a safe place, innovative quality programs, and much more to make sure we do whatever it takes to ensure all kids have a great future. So again, thank you for being a part of upholding our mission-- *To enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens.*



## More Than a Learning Hub

### One Family's Story and How this Club Impacted Their Lives

Jensen (Front row, left) is like thousands of children trying to find his way during this pandemic. At age nine, he is a part of the learning hub recently developed at the Boys & Girls Club West Fresno location. Jensen started the program with a failing grade in math but in a few short weeks was able to bring home an A. His mother, Leticha (Back row, Right), says parents all around her community keep asking her how she did it. Leticha credits her son's dedication to his studies and the BGC staff's dedication to their mission.

"When parents ask me, I say 'I take them to the learning hub'. This place is great. If my kids trust them, I do too," she says.

A Learning Hub is a pre-registered group of youth, ages 6-12 years old, who complete their virtual school day at the Club.

The Callaway family joined the Inspiration Park Boys & Girls Club five years ago, but when that club closed, that meant the nearest Club location was miles away from their home. At the time, the Callaway's believed they wouldn't be able to attend, but a few days after the relocation Leticha knew the support her family received from the Club was unparalleled. They now make the drive every day because they know her children belong there.

"That couldn't have been easy for them, but it's worth it for her kids," says Club Director, Richard Saldivar.

Richard has been a part of BGC for over 20 years and in his third as Unit Director for the West Fresno location. He says the learning hub has played a big part in restoring children's grades. Since the pandemic started in 2020, studies estimate students have suffered more than 9 months of learning loss and that is evident in the children served at the Boys & Girls Clubs. Without a safe place to go and an encouraging environment for education advancement, students not only struggle, many stop working.

"A lot of the kids we see now were behind. They had missing assignments since day one [of the school year]. Now those same kids are getting Student of the Month Awards," Saldivar said, "We're not teachers. We had to learn with them but we got to encourage them to get things done. That's how it works around here-- we're in it together."

Jensen's siblings, Samuel (Front row, Right) and Jennessie also attend the learning hub. Samuel, age 8, received the Grid Award from his elementary school. The Grid Award is given to one student who has proven to never give up in their studies. BGC has proven to this family that even during a global pandemic, they're not alone. BGC transitioned to a learning hub because they will continue to do whatever it takes to support Fresno County kids.

Learning Hubs are currently available at these locations:  
Zimmerman, Mendota, Del Rey, and West Fresno.

## A Lasting Effect on BGC Kids

How a donation from Comcast is effecting us today

Children and teens continue to benefit from a generous donations made by Comcast and Telemundo. Comcast's gift of \$50,000, free WiFi for a year, and their partnered donation with Telemundo of 225 laptops, and 225 boxes of food to feed families during the holidays was made on December 15, 2020. Although the food is long gone, the kids continue to benefit from the laptop they received and free access to the internet. Children use their laptops every day at our learning hubs....

[Read the Full Story](#)



## 67th All Star Football Game

How BGC-Fresno is a part of this tradition

What could be better than a good football game played by some of the best high school football stars in the Central Valley? When that game raises money for a youth-serving, non-profit organization, it's a win-win! The Boys & Girls Clubs of Fresno County is excited to announce the 67th Annual City-County All Star Football Game will take place on Friday, June 18th at Sanger High School in the Tom Flores Stadium....

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## WE ARE OPEN!

**Current Camp May 3rd - May 14th**

Next camp runs from May 24th - June 4th

Contact a Club today to learn more and register your child!

Visit our website at [bgcfresno.org](http://bgcfresno.org) or visit [your nearest Club](#)

**Clubs closed May 28th & May 31st!**

## COVID UPDATE:

Clubhouses are modified to support small group learning, sanitary practices, and social distancing.

**15 Boys & Girls Clubs are open in a few capacities:**

**Learning Hubs** support elementary youth during their virtual school day.

**MENDOTA | DEL REY | ZIMMERMAN**

**BGC Camp** provides after-school mentoring and programming for Club members.  
**EAST FRESNO | PINEDALE | CLOVIS | SANGER | SELMA | REEDLEY | JJC**

ORANGE COVE | FIREBAUGH | HARRIS FARMS | OAKHURST

Hybrid Learning Hubs support youth during their school day and teens afterschool.  
**WEST FRESNO**

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