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# Monthly Moments

News, Events, and Updates

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**BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS  
OF FRESNO COUNTY**

*Welcome* to our monthly eNewsletter! Thank you for staying connected to our Clubs.

Our Clubs are now safer than ever. Come see for yourself! We welcome pre-scheduled visits and Club tours. Contact **your local club** for more details. Looking for a membership application? Visit our website to join a Club for just \$5 a year!

It truly is a wonderful experience to make a difference in the lives of young people in Fresno County. Give today for your chance to be a part of the BGC Movement. Visit our [website](#) to learn more about our mission, values, and programs. Or visit [BGCA](#) to see how we're making a difference nationally.



## March Madness at the Zimmerman Club

The pressure was on as our Zimmerman teens battled Planet Fitness Staff Members in a basketball tournament on March 18<sup>th</sup>. March Madness has been a great tradition in our Clubs and has resulted in many new members experiencing the Club for the first time. Players bring their friends and family to watch the game and existing members cheer on their friends from the sidelines.

Sandra Dee Chaney, BGC Director of Community Relations & Special Events said, "It's a lot of fun watching members play their heart out and working together for a common goal. I think they inspire the younger kids to play too!"

The tournament started with teens checking in at 4:00 PM and warming up in the gym. When Planet Fitness Staff Members arrived, the games were on. Four teams were created and one was victorious. At 6:00 PM Buffalo Wild Wings arrived with dinner for the entire Club.

We are grateful for community partners who come along side us and motivate young people to do their best. Organized sports has been a fan-favorite activity for members and their families for years. This year, many sports leagues who had to pause due to COVID safety concerns made a comeback. This has resulted in young people lining up to join the Clubs.



## Selma's 1st Annual Women's Conference



The You Can Too Conference is a women's conference designed to inspire young women and girls to fight stereotypes, be brave, and dream about future careers. It was held on Friday, March 25<sup>th</sup> at the Selma Club.

*"What do you want to be when you grow up?"* is a question a lot of young people dread these days. In response to this, Unit Director Rubie Torres, has decided to show young girls that they CAN dream by inviting five inspirational women to share their stories.

"Providing help. Providing Hope. That is what we are all about," says Rubie, "My wish is for our members to hear stories from women in our community who have overcome because they need to be inspired right now. They need to know that they can do it too."

Read the full story [here](#).



Partner Highlight:  
Anthem Blue Cross of Central Valley

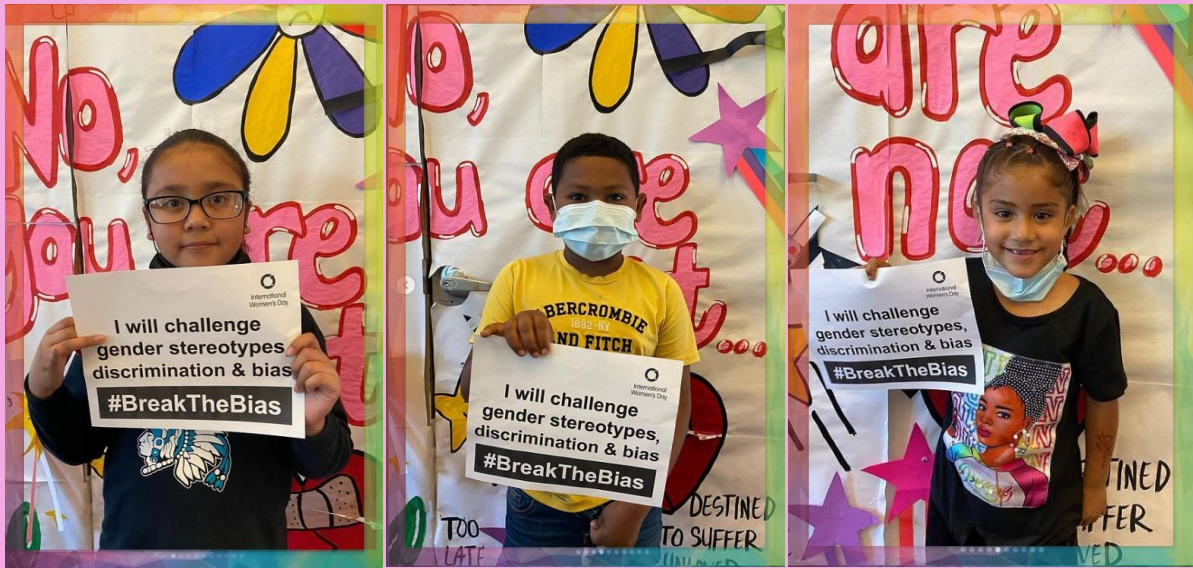




For nearly 20 years, Anthem Blue Cross of Central Valley has supported the Boys & Girls Clubs of Fresno County because they understand that having access to high quality health care professionals is only the first step of achieving great care for our members and their families. Anthem has stayed faithful to our mission throughout the pandemic with financial gifts and health care supplies. Most recently, we were given Covid-19 test kits and masks. We appreciate the partnership we have with Anthem Blue Cross and generous gifts they have been able to share with our Clubs.

## Instagram Post of the Month

Happy Mujeres Day from the Mendota Club! Members learned the importance of "Breaking the Bias" in culture stereotypes on National Woman's Day.



Follow [@mendotabgc](https://www.instagram.com/mendotabgc) to stay connected!

## WE ARE OPEN!

Contact a Club to get involved, learn more, and become a member!  
Visit our website at [www.bgcfresno.org](http://www.bgcfresno.org) or **visit your nearest Club!**

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JUVENILE JUSTICE CAMPUS | OAKHURST | SELMA | REEDLEY  
SANGER | DEL REY | ORANGE COVE | MENDOTA | FIREBAUGH | HARRIS FARMS

### CLUB SAFETY

Clubhouses are modified to support small group learning, temperature checks, parent registration, sanitary practices, and social distancing.

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