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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.

**Happy Thanksgiving!**

**Hello Friend of the Club!**

**This Thanksgiving and always, thank you for supporting the next generation of leaders, innovators and problem-solvers.**

**We asked Club kids...**

**"What are you thankful for?"  
this is what they said...**



**Thanksgiving at the Clubs**



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Throughout the week, support from our community made an impact. Many of our Club families received a Thanksgiving dinner from donors, like Affinity Truck Center, Unity Cultural Foundation, and local philanthropic clubs like; Millennium Riders, Boss Up Queens, Unique Women and Full Throttle. Families were grateful, and the generosity from the community wasn't a surprise to them.

"This isn't our first time doing something like this. We go where the need is greatest," said one donor. For the last 16 years, community members have been stepping up to give young people and their families a holiday dinner. Times are tough, and many young people in our community may not get the luxury of a big sit-down dinner on Thanksgiving, but with caring adults and dollars donated by you, we can give kids equal opportunities.

### Dia De Los Muretos



Dia De Los Muertos is a Mexican holiday celebrated from October 31<sup>st</sup> - November 2<sup>nd</sup>. It honors loved ones who have passed away by hosting parties and setting up an

### Early Christmas for Two Brothers



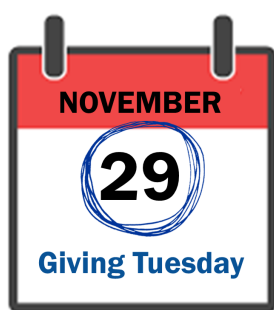
The Firebaugh Police Department stopped by the Firebaugh Club with new skateboards for two members; Xavier, age

offering table (offrendas in Spanish). A traditional offrenda displays photos of loved ones, flowers, candles, and cherished items. Many of our Club members and staff celebrate this holiday. When two mothers in Sanger heard the Club was celebrating, they asked to set up a beautiful offrenda and teach the teens how to create their own. They said learning and keeping cultural traditions are important to them. Unit Director Kim Ozuna was grateful for the beautiful display.

9 and his brother Ulises, age 8.

Recently officers heard of Xavier trying to teach his little brother how to ride with a broken skateboard and took action! Officers spent the afternoon at the Club teaching members how to do tricks on their brand new skateboards. They returned the next day with helmets to encourage safety. WOW! Thank you Firebaugh Police Department!

## UPCOMING EVENTS



Join this global movement of generosity. Make us your first choice! Giving to the Clubs means investing in the next generation.

[Give Here](#)



Teens ages 13-18 have spoken up! They're too old for the toys collected during the holidays. This year, make a teenager smile by donating age appropriate gifts to our Clubs. Contact Sandra Dee Chaney at (559) 266-3117.



Youth of the Year will be an in-person event! Right now, Club teens are preparing speeches and building their interview skills for the big event... Don't miss out. Hear amazing stories! Learn more [here](#).

## ***HOLIDAY HOURS***

The administration office and all clubs will be closed on the following dates.

**Thursday, November 24, 2022**

**Friday, December 23, 2022**

**Monday, December 26, 2022**

**Friday, December 30, 2022**

**Monday, January 2, 2023**

If you would like to make a year-end donation please contact Kathryn Weakland at (559) 266-3117 or [kathrynw@bgclubfc.org](mailto:kathrynw@bgclubfc.org) during regular business hours. M-F 8:30 AM- 5:00 PM. To ensure your gift is promptly processed please donate by December 29th.

Thank you in advance!

## **CLUBS 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!**

**ZIMMERMAN | EAST FRESNO | WEST FRESNO | CLOVIS | PINEDALE  
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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