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**2010
ANNUAL REPORT**

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Dear Friends of the Boys & Girls Club of Whittier,

It has been my pleasure to serve on the Board of Directors for the Boys & Girls Club of Whittier for more than 11 years now. While the physical accomplishments, such as the addition of two school sites, the opening of our free-standing Teen Center, and the renovation of our gym, are easy to see from the outside looking in, it is the personal accomplishments of our children that are the true testament to our success.

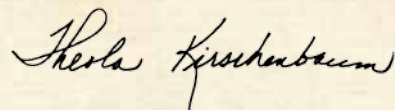
One Club member would not speak or even acknowledge when spoken to when she came to the Club because of a special condition that she has. Week after week, our staff members worked to connect and engage with her and slowly progress was made. First it was a nod of the head, and then a single whispered word. Very slowly with daily attention, she began to talk and play with other kids. Now, we regularly hear her playfully shout across the gym to her friends. Mom says it's because of the love and attention that she gets at the club.

As you read through our 2010 Annual Report, it is my hope that you will get a strong sense of the opportunities our kids are receiving through the Boys & Girls Club of Whittier, as well as an understanding of the resource this Club is for our community. For every dollar invested into the Club, the positive economic community impact is \$16.42. For more than 43 years, the Boys & Girls Club of Whittier has been keeping kids off the streets; helping them graduate from high school at a much higher rate than the state average; lowering crime rates and pregnancy statistics for our community; as well as providing a safe, fun, and challenging environment during after-school hours and throughout the summer so that parents may continue working and not have to sacrifice their income during these trying economic times.

*Some people give time, some money,
some their skills and connections,
some literally give their life's blood.
But everyone has something to give!*

If you are already actively engaged with the Boys & Girls Club of Whittier, I thank you from the bottom of my heart for your precious friendship and your invaluable support! If you have not yet experienced the joy of spending time at the Club or giving to one of our programs, then I strongly urge you to consider doing so today. I promise that you will receive back ten-fold what you give to our kids!

Thank you in advance for your thoughtfulness and generosity!



Theola Kirschenbaum
President

Summary of Financial Activities Year Ended June 30, 2010

Revenue & Support

General Donations	\$121,385
Community Campaign	\$78,696
Foundations & Grants	\$731,358
United Way Designated	\$21,913
Interest & Dividends	\$51,335
Special Events (net)	\$184,214
Gain on Fair Value of Investments	\$97,646
Other Revenue	<u>\$12,279</u>
Total Public Support & Revenue	\$1,298,826

Expenses

Program Services	\$1,194,468
Development & Fund Raising Management	\$99,195
	<u>\$103,551</u>
Total Expenses	\$1,397,214
Net Operating gain/(loss)	(\$98,388)

2010 Audited Financial Statements available upon request.

Did You Know?

- 100% of our seniors graduated from high school.
- After school, all Club members (7-18 years) receive one hour of homework help, a free healthy snack, and one hour of physical activity.
- Membership for any youth ages 7-18 is \$15 for the school year and \$10 for the entire summer.
- During the school year, the Boys & Girls Club of Whittier has four sites, the main Clubhouse, the McCabe Foundation Teen Center, Katherine Edwards Middle School, and Walter Dexter Middle School, and we serve nearly 500 kids every day.
- More than 350 kids participate in our summer program on a daily basis.

Our Mission:

The Club offers young people what they need most: adults who respect and listen to them; a safe environment where they can have fun and be themselves; and interesting, constructive activities that channel youthful energy into challenging pursuits. The mission of the Boys & Girls Club of Whittier is to inspire and enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to realize their full potential as productive, responsible and caring citizens.

Get Involved with the Boys & Girls Club of Whittier!

Be a part of an organization that is positively impacting and transforming the communities surrounding us.

Enroll Your Youth

All kids between the ages of 7-18 years old are welcome to join the Boys & Girls Club of Whittier.

Contribute To The Club

We depend on generous financial contributions from individuals, corporations, and foundations in our community to fund our diverse programs and daily services.

Volunteer Today

The Boys & Girls Club of Whittier is looking for volunteers and mentors to make a difference in a child's life! A variety of opportunities are available to match your interests, time availability, and desired location.

Become A Corporate Partner

The Boys & Girls Club of Whittier continually creates partnerships designed to meet the needs of our Club, as well as the needs of our partner corporations.

Alumni Association

The Boys & Girls Club of Whittier is currently searching for our Club alumni. If you, or someone you know, attended any Boys & Girls Club as a youth we would love to hear from you!

Parent Association

Learn how to partner with the Club to create a more successful environment for your children – and all children who participate in Club activities. Find strategies to help you support your child's success, plus an overview of programs for youth and family support programs.



2010 Highlights

Former Club Kids Stay In The Family



Often being a member of the Boys & Girls Club family doesn't stop when you graduate from high school. Gustavo Anaya has worked for the Boys & Girls Club of Whittier as an Outreach Leader for more than three years, but the Club has been his second home since the age of seven when he first became a member. Currently he is attending

Fullerton College, where he is studying architecture and is a member of their soccer team.



Before becoming our McCabe Teen Center's Membership Assistant, Wendy Guzman spent her days here at the Club as an active member where she credits the Club with helping her overcome her extreme shyness. She also became a junior staff mentor at the age of 15. Wendy is currently working towards her Bachelor's degree

in Sociology at CSU Fullerton and hopes to receive her Master's Degree in Social Work from USC.

Volunteers Make A Difference At BGCW



At the heart of every organization are amazingly dedicated volunteers and that rings true for the Boys & Girls Club of Whittier. Throughout the year, volunteers play an integral part of the Club's everyday operations by working closely with Club members

in a variety of different capacities. Volunteers such as Eric Bravo, owner of Back-To-Basics Personal Training and a former Club member, spend countless hours working with and mentoring our Club members, helping to give them every opportunity available for success.

Bill Davies dedicates his time to being a mentor to our Club members. Twice a week he comes to the Club to meet with his mentee and they play a variety of games, read books together, and spend time sharing about their lives.

The Boys & Girls Club of Whittier is always looking for volunteers and mentors to make a difference in a child's life and a variety of opportunities are available to match your interests, time availability, and desired location. As to be expected, all volunteers and mentors receive the training and support necessary to become a successful part of our team and Club family. For more information regarding volunteer opportunities, please contact Susan Halliday, BGCW Volunteer Coordinator at (562) 945-3787 x114 (applications may also be download at www.bgcw.org).



BGCW Awarded Carol M. White Grant from the Department of Education

In September 2010, the Boys & Girls Club of Whittier was awarded a three-year grant through the Carol M. White Physical Education Program (PEP). BGCW was one of only 77 grant recipients throughout the nation and only one of two Boys & Girls Clubs that received funding this year.

The PEP grant is enabling the Boys & Girls Club of Whittier to develop and implement the programs necessary to ensure that every Club member receives 60 minutes a day of physical activity, access to lifelong physical recreation activities like walking and biking on the Greenway Trail, the education and tools needed to learn how to track their daily consumption of fruits and vegetables, as well as weekly nutrition and cooking classes.



BGCW Club Members Give Back



Members of the Teen Center's Leaders-In-Training program, hosted multiple car washes to raise money for their American Cancer Society's Relay for Life team.

Our teens joined forces with the Whittier Host Lion's Club to raise money to help the victims of the Haiti earthquake.



Our teens participated in United Way's Homewalk in Downtown Los Angeles. They also worked to collect new blankets and bottles of water which they then distributed that day to those on Skid Row.

2010 Highlights

Jewels Mesa Named 2010 Youth of the Year

Jewels Mesa was honored as the Boys & Girls Club of Whittier's 2010 Youth of the Year. As a sophomore at Whittier High School, Jewels is consistently on the Dean's List and is a member of the school's water polo team. When she is not at school, practice, or competing in games, Jewels enjoys spending time at the Boys & Girls Club of Whittier, which she lovingly calls her "second home."



A Club member for more than five years, Jewels is an intelligent and ambitious student athlete; she maintains a strong sense of self in everything she does, and her amiable personality, love for learning, and willingness to help others is what continually sets her apart amongst her peers.

It was here at the B.C. McCabe Foundation Teen Center that Jewels joined our Leaders-In-Training program and has volunteered with her fellow teens in more than a dozen community service activities over this past year. Whenever there is a chance to help others, Jewels is among the first to sign up. Whether organizing a toy drive that raises hundreds of toys for children in need, or developing weekly activities for the kids residing at the Salvation Army's Transitional Living Center, Jewels is always giving of herself for others.

BGCW Club Members Visit Vietnam Wall

Members of the Boys & Girls Club of Whittier visited the Dignity Memorial Vietnam Wall at Rose Hills Memorial Park to pay their respects to our fallen soldiers. With the sun shining and the wind blowing, Club members walked the Dignity Wall while reading the names of those who gave their life for our freedom. Adilene Castaneda, age 12 worked diligently on her rubbing and when asked why she chose to do a rubbing of soldier whose name was Samuel, she replied "My grandpa's name is Samuel."

In addition to Club members seeing and experiencing the Wall, they were also given an opportunity to explore a military vehicle; sit with a former member of the USMC under a traditional canopy that was used for shelter and camouflage; and write letters of encouragement to active members of our military. Sitting pensively, Tiffany Hendricks, age 10 writes a short note to a soldier she will never meet. "I wanted to say thank you and let them know that we are proud of them."



2010 Gala Auction

On Saturday, October 23, 2010, the Boys & Girls Club of Whittier hosted its 36th Annual Gala Auction where the second annual Lee Owens Award was presented to one of our community's most benevolent and extraordinary couples, Karen and Jim Shepard.

The Lee Owens Award has been created to recognize a recipient from within the Boys & Girls Club of Whittier's service area who exemplifies Lee Owens' own Spirit of Giving. For more than 30 years, Lee was an avid cheerleader for the Club's growth and development and a grand supporter who always stepped up when there was a need. But most of all he was a compassionate man who wanted to see our youth have a safe and fun place to call their own...a place that was founded on respect for others, belief in talents, and the potential for all.

Driven by compassion and their unselfish commitment to this community, Karen and Jim Shepard have spent their lives helping those who cannot help themselves through the generosity of their time, their talents, and their philanthropy. As an amazing social worker, Karen gave of herself everyday to help meet the needs of countless children, as has Jim done through his leadership of the B.C. McCabe and BCM Foundations. The Shepard's have led by example and their passion to improve the lives of our children, especially those who find their second home at the Boys & Girls Club of Whittier, has made them the perfect recipients for the Lee Owens Award.



Thanks to our donors!

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