



Boys & Girls & Safe Places & Guidance & Leadership



Whatever It Takes to Build Great Futures.

December 8, 2021



**VACAVILLE NEIGHBORHOOD
BOYS & GIRLS CLUB**

MISSION: To enable and empower the youth of our community, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as responsible, caring and contributing citizens.

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CENTERS:

Trower Center

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Vacaville, CA 95688
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Acacia Center

- Fairmont Elementary ASES**
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- Jepson Middle School**
- Vaca Pena Middle School**
- Meadows Teen Center**

Tax ID 13-4223488
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Dear Supervisor Vasquez and Supervisor Mashburn,

At the Vacaville Neighborhood Boys & Girls Club, we believe that every child deserves a safe and supportive place to spend their out-of-school time, a place that offers life-enhancing experiences, opportunities, and hope for their future. Since we opened 18 years ago, we have made a positive difference in the lives of thousands of area girls and boys ages 6-18.

I am writing this letter to seek your support of our request that a portion of the ARPA funds be directed towards the Building Brighter Futures Capital Campaign. This campaign, currently underway, is at 75% of our 4.5m goal to build an 8000 square foot clubhouse vastly expanding our capacity to inspire and empower the county's youth. Especially during trying times such as this pandemic, having adequate space to support the care needs for working families is vital.

With strong partnerships in the community we opened eight sites in addition to our Trower Center, our headquarters which doubled the number of youth served to over 850 kids per year, and about 425 daily.

Nevertheless, we cannot keep pace with the overwhelming demand for youth programs. Our sites currently have wait lists year after year and we have outgrown the limited capacity of our facilities. We foresee the need increasing as more families seek solutions to out of school time, new neighborhoods move into development around the city, and the rising cost of living in California pinches household budgets. The stage is set for our new phase of expansion.

The Need

The Trower Center, our current homebase, was designed for retail but has been adapted for Club use serving up to 60 elementary students each day (pre-pandemic numbers) and housing our administrative staff. To replace this cramped and insufficient building, VNBGC plans to build a new, 8,000 s.f. flagship facility with space for a computer lab to teach children 21st century skills like coding, a homework center/STEM room conducive to academic success, a studio dedicated to music and dance, and a games room for recreation and fun. Twice as many youth each day - up to 120 - will benefit from the Club experience. A 2000 s.f. sport court, just outside the new facility, will enhance the Club's ability to take recreation, games and sports to the next level. VNBGC will purchase the site on Brown Street from the City of Vacaville. The Brown Street location was intentionally selected to keep the Club accessible in the largest, low-income neighborhood of the Vacaville community. The most recent data collected from the 413 youths we served this past year include families in the following income ranges based on the Housing & Urban Development guidelines:

48% families in the low to extremely low income range
29% families in the moderate income range
23% families in the moderate to high income range

This capital expansion plan fulfills our strategic plan to reach more of the youth in our community who need us most. It also represents an overdue investment in VNBGC's future by establishing modern facilities that reflect the vitality and promise of what happens within, and a home that we can call our own. We invite you as a partner and our community to invest in our community's future - our youth.

COVID Impacts

This past year has been unlike any other and really has shined a light on systems needing to cooperate and function together in order to fully bring the economy back. With the school remaining closed for more than a year, many families especially those who needed to report to work, had a tough time addressing education and care needs for their kids during the day. Those who could not navigate the options simply had to leave their jobs, and those who could, took on the additional stress of working while managing their child's education.

There was already a desperate need for the 3-6pm out of school time supervision but beyond those hours, a full day of supervision needed to be addressed. Left unattended, youth may engage in unhealthy or risky behaviors, which contribute to climbing rates of school dropout, depression, obesity and violence. Our Clubs stood in the gap, adjusted to full day operations, served as distance learning centers, continued to provide after-school care and life skill programming, and supported the business community by giving parents the opportunity to continue working. While COVID restrictions limited the amount of youth we were able to serve, an expanded facility would have allowed us the space to serve more children and have a larger impact on the economic recovery of businesses.

Campaign Update

While our operations made quick adjustments to support distance learning for our youth, we developed a Campaign Team comprised of various committees to facilitate this heavy lift of raising 4.5 million. We entered into Exclusive Negotiating Rights with the City of Vacaville for collaborative work on the Brown Street development. We also hired local architects to begin drawing out our vision which is attached to this appeal and we started the fundraising work. To date, we have raised \$3.4 million in cash and commitments which is 75% towards our goal. Some of these commitments have been made over 5 years to maximize the donor's ability to give.

Our Request

The campaign to fund this bold facility expansion project will rely on our partners and supporters who share our goal to inspire and empower the young people in our community to reach their full potential – individuals, foundations, businesses and corporations alike.

Our request is that you, and all Solano County Supervisors, join us and the many community donors and leaders in making this vision a reality for many generations of children. We humbly ask for your consideration to direct \$2,000,000 to this campaign. Your legacy on this facility will be felt and appreciated for years to come.

I thank you for your consideration and am available to meet by any method to answer any questions you may have.

I surely hope you are inspired to Build Brighter Futures!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "AEaton". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of each word being capitalized and prominent.

Anna Eaton

Attachments: 20-21 Organization Statistics, Campaign Organization Chart, Club renderings, Club blueprint, Naming Opportunities



**VACAVILLE NEIGHBORHOOD
BOYS & GIRLS CLUB**



**BUILDING
BRIGHTER
FUTURES**

Our Kids. Our Club. Our Community.

At the Vacaville Neighborhood Boys & Girls Club, we believe that every child deserves a safe and supportive place to spend their out-of-school or summer time, a place that offers life-enhancing experiences, opportunities, and hope for their future.

Since we opened 18 years ago, we have made a positive difference in the lives of more than 6,000 girls and boys.

Despite rapid growth, our Club sites cannot meet the need of many more kids who have no place to go after school or during summer. Especially during trying times such as this pandemic, having adequate space to support the care needs for essential workers is vital. We intend to build a new 8,000 square foot Clubhouse vastly expanding our capacity to inspire and empower Vacaville's youth. This will be funded through a \$4.5 million capital campaign.

Building a Healthier Generation

96%

of Club members try to help when they see people in need.

74%

Eat 3-5 fruits or vegetables per day.

96%

of Club members understand how their feeling influence their actions.

80%

of Club members are physically active for 60 minutes for 2-6 days

FACILITIES



Facilities were condensed during the pandemic due to access and mandates. All 9 sites will open and operate in the 2021-2022 school year.

MEMBERS



318 children served since the pandemic, ages 5-18 with precaution protocols in place.

SERVICES



Open 8am to 6pm school day support, breakfast, lunch & snack service, mentorship & life-skills programs

Increase Impact:

Based on research, youth who attend the Club more often and over a longer period of time are more likely to be better prepared after high school. Increasing average daily attendance and frequency of attendance, therefore, are the gateways to positive outcomes for our youth.

327 produce boxes given to families



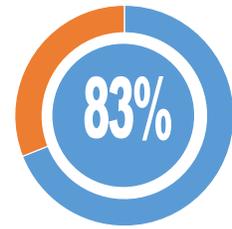
Creating 21st Century Leaders



feel like they can stand up for what they think is right, even if friends disagree.



of regularly attending members said they volunteered in their community, Club, school or neighborhood at least once in the past year with 53% of those volunteering at least once per month.



feel like they can make a difference in the community.

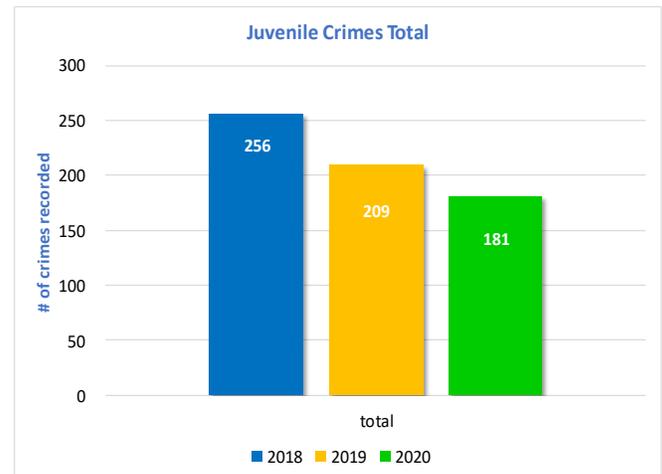
Building Futures & Inspiring the Community

We believe that every young person deserves a Great Future. By helping our youth develop character today, we set them on the path to have a positive impact and play a major role in our community's future. 75% of our youth believe there are fun programs at the Club, and 92% feel encouraged to make positive choices. Building a new home base for the VNBGC is not just building a place of brick and mortar; it's building a place for stability, acceptance, inclusion, diversity, and success. We are building for the future of our Club, the future of our kids, and the future of our community.

57%
OF ALUMNI SAY THE CLUB
saved my life.

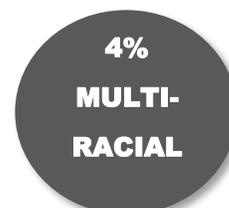
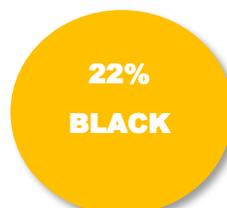
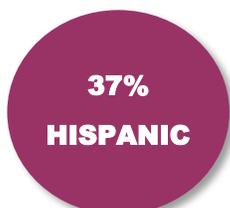
Benefits of a Club in the Community

- We reach the underserved community also within public housing and schools.
- Every \$1 invested in a Boys & Girls Club returns \$9.60 in current and future earnings and cost savings to their communities based on a University of Michigan study.
- Recent data from the Police Department demonstrates the trends in declining juvenile crime rates.
- Clubs help kids avoid risky behaviors: 92% abstained from cigarettes, 58% from alcohol use, and 83% abstained from marijuana
- Club teens graduate from high school prepared for their Great Futures!



62%
OF ALUMNI SAY THE CLUB
helped me commit
to my education.

Club Membership



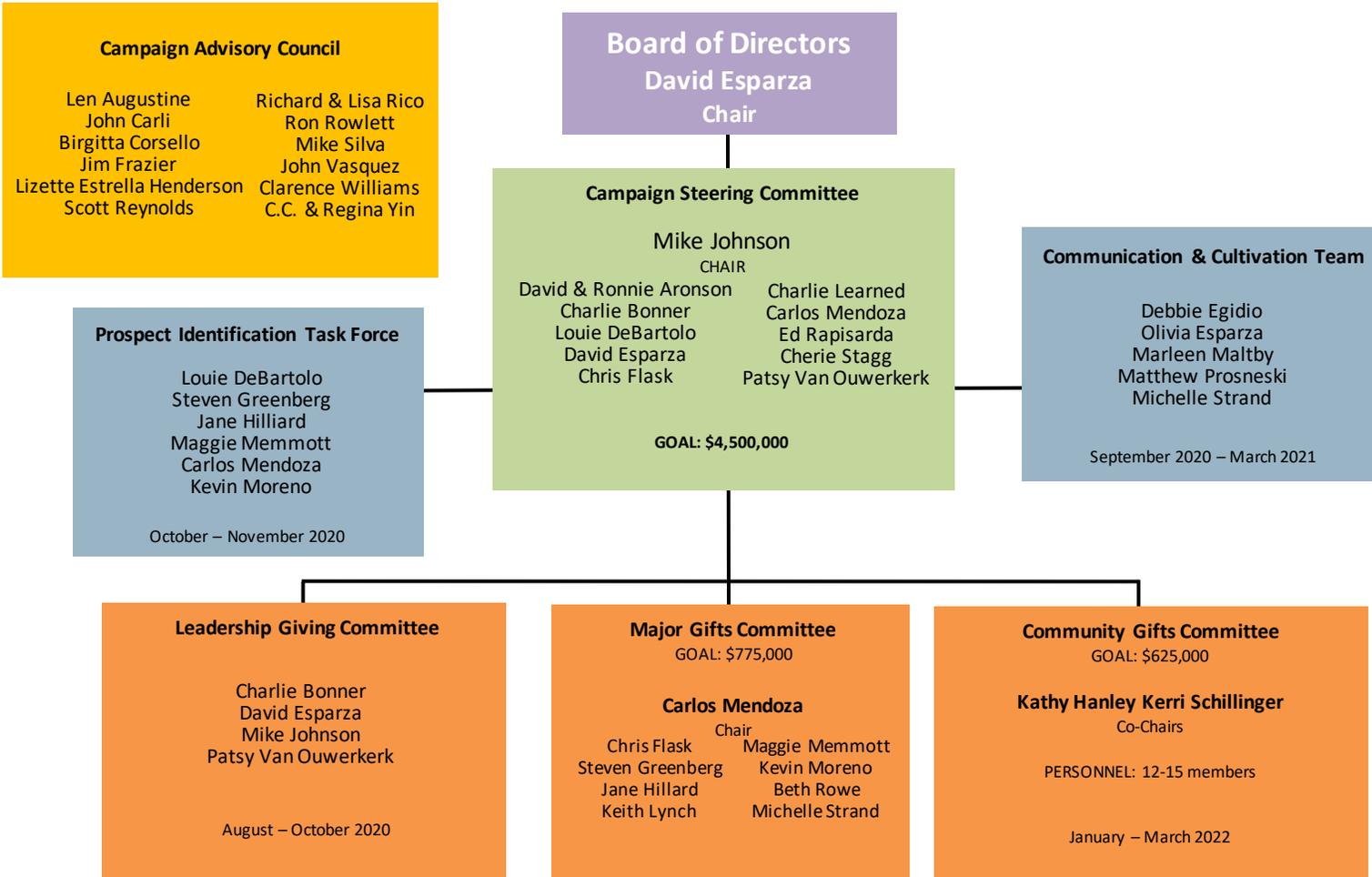
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Building Brighter Futures

Capital Campaign

Chart of Organization

As of 8/18/21





D1 WEST
1/8" = 1'-0"



C1 SOUTH
1/8" = 1'-0"



B1 EAST
1/8" = 1'-0"



A1 NORTH
1/8" = 1'-0"

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**BROWN STREET
VACAVILLE, CA
95688**

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C1 PERSPECTIVE VIEW -2



A1 PERSPECTIVE VIEW - 1

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VIEW**

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C1 AERIAL VIEW



A1 PERSPECTIVE VIEW - 3

Vacaville Neighborhood Boys & Girls Club

Capital Campaign

Naming Opportunities

Naming an area of the new Vacaville Neighborhood Boys & Girls Club's new clubhouse is an excellent way to perpetuate the name of an individual, a family, a business, or an organization as a legacy. Named gifts are a meaningful way to honor, recognize and memorialize loved ones. Naming Opportunities are in recognition for generous gifts above \$10,000.

All donors of \$10,000 or more to the capital campaign will be recognized on a handsome Donor Wall located prominently in the reception area.

Naming Opportunity	Gift <i>payable up to five years</i>	Notes
<i>Gift Chart \$100,000 and Above.</i>		
<i>Clubhouse Name</i>	\$2,000,000	
<i>Outdoor Multi-Sport Court Name</i>	\$1,000,000	
<i>Social Game Room</i>	\$500,000	<i>Jarrett Bush</i>
<i>Celebration Center (multipurpose room)</i>	\$500,000	<i>Valero Energy Foundation</i>
<i>Technology/STEM Hub</i>	\$300,000	<i>Travis Credit Union</i>
<i>Homework Center</i>	\$300,000	<i>Private Donor</i>
<i>Art Studio</i>	\$250,000	
<i>Nutrition Kitchen</i>	\$200,000	<i>Syar Foundation</i>
<i>Clubhouse Entry</i>	\$100,000	<i>Dave & Ronni Aronson</i>
<i>Flagpole</i>	\$100,000	<i>Reynold's Law</i>
<i>Gift Chart \$10,000- \$99,999.</i>		
<i>Reception Area</i>	\$50,000	
<i>CEO's Office</i>	\$50,000	
<i>Child Pick-Up Zone</i>	\$25,000	<i>Carlos Mendoza</i>
<i>Operations Office</i>	\$15,000	
<i>Development Office</i>	\$15,000	
<i>Conference Room</i>	\$10,000	<i>Lisa Nouchi</i>
<i>Garden Boxes</i>	\$10,000	
<i>Sport Court Benches</i>	\$10,000	<i>5 opportunities available</i>
<i>Break Room</i>	\$10,000	

Note: Amounts indicated do not necessarily reflect actual construction costs; rather, they are an indication of the memorial or tribute value. Donors will be offered a selection of commemorative naming opportunities based on the amount and date of their gift commitment.

