

The Boys & Girls Clubs in Ventura County offer kids positive choices and empower them to live up to their greatest potential. As kids spend time at the Clubs learning and having fun, their parents can work, confident that their kids are in a safe place. This positive ripple effect significantly impacts our local economy.

IT ALL ADDS UP

For every dollar invested in the Boys & Girls Clubs in Ventura County, \$8 is reinvested in the community.

THERE'S A POSITIVE PLACE FOR KIDS NEAR YOU!

Boys & Girls Club of Camarillo

1500 Temple Ave., Camarillo
(805) 482-8113 www.bgccam.org

Boys & Girls Clubs of Conejo and Las Virgenes

5137 Clareton Drive, Suite 210, Agoura Hills
(818) 706-0905 www.bgcconejo.org

Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Oxnard and Port Hueneme

1900 West Fifth St., Oxnard
(805) 815-4959 www.positiveplace4kids.org

Boys & Girls Club of Moorpark

200 Casey Road, Moorpark
(805) 529-1140 www.bgcmoorpark.org

Boys & Girls Club of Santa Clara Valley

1400 East Harvard Blvd., Santa Paula
(805) 525-7910 www.bgcscv.org

Boys & Girls Club of Simi Valley

2850 Lemon Drive, Simi Valley
(805) 527-4437 www.bgcsimi.com

Boys & Girls Clubs of Ventura

6020 Nicolle St., Suite D, Ventura
(805) 641-5585 www.bgclubventura.org



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“Emma” sat, head in hands, wondering why and how others made such bad, life-altering choices. An older sister pregnant at 16. A young neighbor agonizing over whether or not “to party.” Reflecting, she sighed with relief and pride, facing her big decision: which college to attend. “Emma” was a typical Boys & Girls Club member who found herself and her potential.

THE POSITIVE CHOICE

Building a healthy
economy and community

ONE SMALL CHOICE CAN MAKE A BIG ECONOMIC IMPACT.

Nearly 23,000 kids throughout Ventura County attend a Boys & Girls Club. Working parents choose the Clubs because they're safe, nurturing and provide cost-effective care for their kids. Club members choose engaging, enriching activities that improve grades and build meaningful relationships with peers and adults.

A recent study found that being involved with a Boys & Girls Club teaches kids about positive choices and creates an incredible economic ripple effect for the

community. The study was authored by Dr. Jamshid Damooei, co-director of the Center for Leadership and Values at California Lutheran University and chair of the department of economics, finance and accounting, and Alidad Damooei, vice president of Damooei Global Research. For the full report, visit one of the Ventura County Boys & Girls Clubs' websites.



OPENING A PAYCHECK INSTEAD OF A FINAL NOTICE.

Teen moms are less likely to finish high school and more likely to depend on public health care and welfare. Their children are more likely to perform poorly in school and are at a greater risk for abuse and neglect. Sons of teen moms are 13% more likely to end up in prison and commit violent crimes.

With the Boys & Girls Clubs in Ventura County investing in programs that teach self-esteem and health, the pregnancy rate for girls at the Club is zero.

CLUTCHING A DIPLOMA INSTEAD OF A BEER.

Education is a top priority at the Clubs. They support students academically and with programs that combat negative influences that derail students from graduating high school.

70% of Ventura County youth pass the high school exit exam.

97% of Club members pass the high school exit exam.

Based on data relating educational attainment and average annual earnings, Club kids' combined earnings per year will be \$106,586 more each year and \$3,045,306 more over their lifetime, compared to those who do not graduate from high school.

BE GREAT

HOLDING A BASKETBALL INSTEAD OF A BABY.

Through self-esteem and health classes, Club girls learn how to say no to teen pregnancy and yes to positive activities that build self-confidence.

3% of teen girls in Ventura County give birth.
0% of Club members give birth.

That saves \$308,448 in childbirth expenses and a lifetime cost of \$12,788,307.

STEALING HOME BASE INSTEAD OF A BICYCLE.

The Clubs are open during the peak juvenile crime hours of 3-7 p.m., giving kids the chance to choose healthy activities over crime.

9.1% of youth in Ventura County are arrested.
4.7% of youth at the Boys & Girls Clubs are arrested.

That saves \$21,384,000 in juvenile justice system costs each year.

GRABBING AN APPLE INSTEAD OF A CANDY BAR.

With so many programs promoting physical activity, 6,542 kids lost weight this past year at the Boys & Girls Clubs in Ventura County.

64% of Club parents agree their children now make better food and drink choices.

83% of Club parents say their child is more interested in physical exercise.

That means for each boy who lost 10% of his body mass index, \$2,300 is saved in lifetime medical costs; \$2,200 for each girl.



THE BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS IN VENTURA COUNTY

The Boys & Girls Clubs in Ventura County work to inspire and enable all youth in the county to realize their full potential as productive, responsible and caring citizens. In Ventura County, seven Boys & Girls Clubs organizations operate a total of 46 sites, serving nearly 23,000 youth. Program areas offered to youth include character and leadership development, education and career development, health and life skills, the arts, technology, and sports, fitness and recreation.

Community members recognize the Clubs' role in helping raise caring adults, saving significant taxpayer dollars in the short- and long-term, and show their support through financial contributions.

"At first glance, the Clubs can be praised for the social benefits that they create in the region. By digging deeper, it becomes readily apparent that the clubs create tremendous economic value in the community."

--Jamshid Damooei, PhD

The Boys and Girls Clubs in Ventura County: Serving the Economic Interests of the Region while Providing a Positive Place for Kids, 2010