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### **The Boys & Girls Clubs of San Dieguito Foundation Completes Capital Campaign Funding for the Boys & Girls Clubs of San Dieguito**

Solana Beach, Calif. (June 30, 2015) - The Boys & Girls Clubs of San Dieguito is thrilled to announce that it recently received the fifth and final donation from the Boys & Girls Clubs of San Dieguito Foundation to complete the Share the Dream Capital Campaign.

“Thanks to many Board Members and other dedicated donors, the BGC Foundation, was able to contribute \$1.3 million over the past three years to the Operating Club for the completion of the Harper Branch Capital Campaign,” said Eric Nelte, Foundation President.

“The Boys and Girls Clubs of San Dieguito is extremely grateful to the Foundation for its incredible generosity and philanthropic gifts in support of our mission and the kids we serve,” stated Marineke Vandervort, Executive Director. “The Foundation has provided significant support to further our mission and helping us deliver greater impact to the more than 5,700 registered members each year. We are blessed to have such strong partners in our journey.”

In addition to the recent funding received by the Foundation, the Foundation gave a \$1 million gift to kick-start the Share the Dream Capital Campaign. The Share the Dream Campaign renovated the Boys & Girls Clubs of San Dieguito Lomas Branch, now the Harper Branch in Solana Beach, and constructed the second swimming pool to help alleviate the wait list of youth swimmers at the branch. This pledge was a significant gift that helped the \$9 million campaign get underway and become successful. The Harper Branch now serves hundreds of kids and teens every day in the after school program, athletics, middle school sports, and Center for a Healthy Lifestyle which helps mitigate childhood obesity. In addition, the RSD Swim Team has over 500 youth swimmers on the team at this branch.

The Boys and Girls Clubs of San Dieguito Foundation was established in 1977 and is an independent 501(c)(3) managed by 19 Trustees. The Foundation is a tax-deductible receptacle for donations aimed at long-range facilities planning, as well as being a backup for existing operations. The Foundation also acts as a custodian for major grants and bequests in support of specific Boys & Girls Clubs of San Dieguito programs and activities, and will administer them at its own cost. Contributions arrive through direct gifts (cash, land, stocks, insurance and mortgages) and delayed gifting via bequests and charitable trusts.

The Foundation supports the operating Club by: Providing non-interest-bearing loans to assist the operating Club’s cash flow; Undertaking studies and demographic surveys to project future needs; Seeking land to acquire for new Club facilities; Making grants for off-budget items such as capital grants and special projects; and Providing scholarships to deserving youth. The Foundation has given the operating Club over \$2.5 million since 2004.

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For more information on the Boys & Girls Clubs of San Dieguito Foundation, please visit us at [bgcsandieguito.org/home/foundation/](http://bgcsandieguito.org/home/foundation/)

### **About Boys & Girls Clubs of San Dieguito**

The Boys & Girls Clubs of San Dieguito, founded in 1966, is a 501(c)(3) non-profit community asset and neighborhood resource that serves not only youth and teens, but adults and families. It is an organization dedicated to providing positive activities to develop the education, health, self-esteem and character of youth. Today, the organization serves more than 5,700 youth in San Diego County every year to include seven branches in Carmel Valley, Del Mar, Encinitas, Solana Beach and Eden Gardens. Our various branches offer exceptional programs for youth to include:

- Personal development through Core Program Areas
- Clean facilities with dedicated, caring staff members who provide a safe environment for youth
- Quality after-school programs and activities at affordable prices
- Diverse summer camps to fit the needs of all campers
- Innovative specialty programs in academics, music and arts, athletics, volunteering, and healthy living

For the past 49 years BGC San Dieguito has been at the forefront of identifying and acting on the needs of the community it serves.

For more information on Boys & Girls Clubs of San Dieguito or for a tour of one of our facilities, please visit us at [bgcSanDieguito.org](http://bgcSanDieguito.org) or call (858) 755-9371.

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