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Stolen Van at Boys & Girls Clubs of San Dieguito Gets Repaired by Local Solana Beach Business

Solana Beach, Calif. (July 7, 2014) – The Boys & Girls Clubs of San Dieguito was left astonished that someone could steal a 12 person van from the Club's parking lot during the weekend earlier this year. The van was eventually found in Del Mar after numerous news stations aired the story, but there was about \$700 in damage to the ignition caused by the heist.

With van repairs needed quickly, with the doctors of Great Smiles Pediatric Dentistry & Orthodontics stepped up to the plate and covered the costs of fixing the van. As a non-profit, unexpected expenses at any level can put strain on the organization's ability to provide its core services.

"Taking from a non-profit where the vans are used for kids is disheartening," said David H. Crean, CEO of the Boy & Girls Clubs of San Dieguito. "But we're extremely thankful for supporters like Great Smiles who came to the rescue and paid for the damages so we can continue to serve the community and the kids who need us most."

The van, one of a handful the Club owns, is now fixed and back in service to be used to transport dozens of kids after school, during the summer months for camp transportation between branches, and to transport kids to field trips throughout the year.

"We see ourselves playing a larger role in the community than just taking care of teeth," said Dr. Christopher Hydo, an orthodontist at Great Smiles. "We're thankful to be a part of the North County Coastal community and for the support our neighbors have shown us. The Boys & Girls Clubs of San Dieguito does great work and we're happy to support them in their mission to help our youth become healthy, successful adults."

The 2002 white Ford E-350 Super Duty was left in the rear lot of the club's Harper Branch on Lomas Santa Fe Drive on Friday, April 25th. The following Monday, it was gone, with shattered glass on the pavement where it had been parked.

Even though there were two surveillance cameras monitoring the club's rear parking lot, because of where the van was parked off to the side, the van was not captured on video and the perpetrators were never caught.

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About Great Smiles Pediatric Dentistry & Orthodontic

Great Smiles Pediatric Dentistry & Orthodontics is a dual specialty dental practice focused on pediatric dentistry and orthodontics. With a deep understanding of the nuances that come with treating infants, children and teens, pediatric dentists Drs. Crystal L. Angelopoulos and William D. Rawlings specialize in providing an exceptional experience for the patient families they treat and delivering the highest quality care. Orthodontists, Drs. Christopher S. Hydo and Natalie G. Miller produce industry leading results through comprehensive orthodontic care for children, teens and adults. The doctors and staff of Great Smiles have been serving North County Coastal communities for over 30 years through state-of-the-art facilities in Solana Beach and Encinitas. For more, see www.GreatSmiles.org or call (858)-755-4223 for their Solana Beach office or (760)-944-5115 for their Encinitas location.

About Boys & Girls Clubs of San Dieguito

The Boys & Girls Clubs of San Dieguito, founded in 1966, is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing positive activities to develop the education, health, self-esteem and character of youth. Today, the organization is one of the most successful Clubs in the country serving more than 20,000 youth in the San Dieguito community to include Carmel Valley, Del Mar, Encinitas, Solana Beach and Eden Gardens. Our various branches offer exceptional programs for youth to include:

- Personal development through six 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, and healthy living

For more information on Boys & Girls Clubs of San Dieguito, please visit us at BGCSanDieguito.org

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