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OF REDLANDS**

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Supervisor Hansberger, Mayor Harrison to Celebrate New Clubhouse

REDLANDS – San Bernardino County Supervisor Dennis Hansberger and Redlands Mayor Jon Harrison will join with community leaders and supporters of the Boys & Girls Club of Redlands at a December 7th ribbon cutting ceremony, opening the doors on the organization's new Clubhouse. The ceremony will begin at 4:00 p.m. at the new facility, 1251 Clay Street, at the corner of Lugonia Avenue.

The ribbon cutting culminates a seven-year journey that brought together elected officials and community supporters to make the dream of the Clubhouse a reality, said P.T. McEwen, chief professional officer of the Boys & Girls Club of Redlands. A \$500,000 appropriation from U.S. Rep. Jerry Lewis began the capital campaign. Along the way, Supervisor Hansberger and the Redlands City Council stepped in to keep the dream alive.

“Our seven-year project is finally coming to fruition,” said Monte Stuck, facilities committee chair for the Club, who oversaw the Club’s construction. “It has been a pleasure working with the Club’s strong leadership team.”

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Members of the club expressed their delight at the new facility. “The new clubhouse will be amazing,” said Michael Lopez, 10, of Redlands. “We will have areas to do our homework and play sports. I will be here almost every day after school.”

The Boys & Girls Club of Redlands, established in 1968, played an integral role in the Redlands community for over 35 years, providing daily programs and services to young people, and until now, has yet to have a permanent home of its own. This will be the first time in the Club’s history to have a flagship Clubhouse where all key operations can be under one roof.

The Club is open Monday through Friday, after school until 6:00pm, providing programs in character and leadership development, education and career enhancement, the arts, health and life skills, and sports, fitness and recreation.

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