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OF REDLANDS**

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Club Kid Leads Boys & Girls Club's Programs

***Mark Davis announced as the New Director of Program Services
at the Boys & Girls Clubs of Redlands***

REDLANDS—Mark Davis started going to the Boys & Girls Club when he was 8-years-old.

After college and a brief career in teaching, he has come full circle, embarking on a career with the Boys & Girls Club—most recently with the Boys & Girls Club of Redlands, where he has been named director of program services.

Davis was once a member of the Boys & Girls Club of Palm Springs, where he later worked for seven years, having established the Teen Center there. He also worked for the Boys & Girls Clubs of Southwest County in Temecula.

He assumed his position in Redlands June 2 after a brief stint with the Boys & Girls Club of San Bernardino.

Davis replaces Kathy Dunn, who left in March after serving at the Club for more than eight years.

“It’s one of the greatest jobs in the world,” Davis said. “You know you’re doing your job when a kid comes through our doors after a long, sometimes hard day and you can see it in their face—they’re beaming.”

He can empathize when “a parent comes to pick them up, and the kid’s crying because they don’t want to go home.”

Davis will oversee the Boys & Girls Club of Redlands’ site directors at Bryn Mawr and Mentone elementary schools, as well as at the organization’s Brockton Avenue site, the Teen Center and the programs at the Dennis Hansberger Clubhouse.

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NEW DIRECTOR OF PROGRAM SERVICES

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“Mr. Davis was a very valued staff member for a long time” according to Lupe Branson, director of program administration for the Boys & Girls Club of Palm Springs. “He will be a great asset for Redlands. He was excellent at recruiting and seeking funding, and is really supportive of education.”

Branson credited Davis for making “a little bit of a lot of miracles” and for “making the difference in a lot of kids’ lives, many of whom I know still keep in touch with him today.”

Davis holds a bachelor’s degree in social science from California State University, Fullerton; and is working on his MBA through the University of Phoenix.

He lives in Palm Springs and is engaged to C.J. Johnson, also of Palm Springs.

Boys & Girls Club of Redlands Chief Professional Officer P.T. McEwen was excited to bring a colleague aboard from another Club.

“Mark brings his passion for Boys & Girls Clubs, his knowledge of programs, and his experience with administrative realities,” McEwen said. “I’ve known him for six years and collaborated with him many times, and we’re excited to welcome Mark Davis as our director of program services.”

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