



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUB
OF REDLANDS**

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**Boys & Girls Club of Redlands Receives Funding for
PROJECT LEARN: making minutes count
An Educational Support Program**

The Boys & Girls Club of Redlands has launched a new homework assistance program to help children in the Redlands area succeed in school, and ultimately in life. The educational support program is designed to raise the academic proficiency of Club members. The shared objective of the components that make up Project Learn is to encourage young people 6 to 17 to complete homework, become self-directed learners, and assume responsibility for their own educational success or failure.

Project Learn reinforces and enhances the skills and knowledge young people learn at school during the hours they spend at the Club. "It is great to have these resources from Ronald McDonald House Charities to help staff with meeting the academic needs of our youth," said Kathy Dunn, Unit Director for the Boys & Girls Club.

Through Project Learn, club staff use all the areas and programs in the Club to create opportunities for high-yield learning activities, which include leisure reading, writing activities, discussions with knowledgeable adults, helping others, homework help and tutoring, games like Scrabble that develop young people's cognitive skills, and incentives to reward Club members for positive academic participation.

Extensively field-tested and formally evaluated by Columbia University with funding from Carnegie Corporation of New York, Project Learn has been proven to boost the academic performance of club members.

Ronald McDonald House Charities of Southern California is currently funding this program in the Inland Empire at Six Boys & Girls Clubs throughout San Bernardino County. Incentives for participants include t-shirts, jackets, sweatshirts, school supplies, and hygiene products.

Boys & Girls Club of Redlands (www.bgcr.org) known as "The Positive Place for Kids," provides guidance-oriented programs on a daily basis for children 6 - 17 years old, conducted by a full-time professional staff. Key programs emphasize character and leadership development, educational enhancement, career preparation, health and life skills, the arts, and sports, fitness and recreation.

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