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STATE FARM INSURANCE COMPANY PROVIDES \$7,500 GRANT TO BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF THE WEST VALLEY

The Boys & Girls Club of the West Valley has received a \$7,500 grant from State Farm Insurance Company to support Project Learn education, character and leadership development programs. The funds will be used to expand financial and entrepreneurship programs at the main Clubhouse in Canoga Park.

The primary purpose of the Project Learn program is to help youth develop the skills and knowledge they need to grow into responsible, productive adults. Project Learn has been in existence since the Club's inception in 1995 and the Financial Literacy & Entrepreneurship programs were established in 2007.



"We make it our business to be like a good neighbor, helping to improve the quality of life in the communities where our associates live and work," says Samona Caldwell, State Farm Public Affairs Specialist. Local agent Joyce Greenberg added, "Since the inception of the Good Neighbor Citizenship program in 2001, State Farm and the State Farm Companies Foundation have made an impact in homes, classrooms and neighborhoods across the nation in many ways."

According to Gary Thomas, Chairman of the Board of the Boys & Girls Club of the West Valley, "State Farm Insurance Company has generously contributed to the Boys & Girls Club over the last three years and we appreciate their commitment to good neighbor citizenship in our community."

The Boys & Girls Club of the West Valley was founded in 1995 as a response to the local need for safe, healthy, productive activities for youth during non-school hours.

There are more than 2,800 members of the Club, and approximately 100 youngsters visit the main Clubhouse each day. In addition, approximately 500 children participate in after-school activities at Blythe, Reseda and Topeka Drive Elementary Schools; Canoga Park High School; and the affordable housing community of Tierra del Sol.

The Boys & Girls Club of the West Valley is located at 7245 Remmet Ave., Canoga Park. Telephone: 818-610-1054. Website: www.wvbgc.org.

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