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**BOYS & GIRLS CLUB**  
OF VALENCIA COUNTY

## Monthly Report

Boys & Girls Club Programming,  
SMART Girls, One-on-one Mentoring  
April, 2015

### **Boys & Girls Clubs programs...**

71 youth members were served throughout the month of April through programming provided by the Boys & Girls Club of Valencia County. No youth exited the program.

SMART Moves was the program focus for the month. Pre-tests were concluded and programming continued. National curriculum includes instruction, activities, and discussions, which encourage youth to make more positive decisions in regard to the issues they face. Such topics include bullying, gang involvement, tobacco, drug and alcohol use, to name a few.

SMART Girls programming was provided to the girls that attended the club.

Members continue to walk or run laps, and the number of completed laps is recorded. Other Healthy Lifestyles Daily Challenges conducted this month included relay games and 30-minute free play.

Youth worked on Mother's Day gifts throughout the last several weeks. Cards were handmade by each child for the Mom in their life. Then, specially scented hand and foot scrubs were made, jarred, labeled and wrapped in preparation of the holiday.

### **One-on-one time with mentors...**

Our 18 matched youth continued meeting on a one-on-one basis with their mentor. Mentors encourage their mentees to discuss issues they may be facing, accomplishments they've achieved, and/or challenges they may be experiencing. Mentees are always guided toward staying in school, making positive life choices, and staying away from negative behaviors and influences.

### **Other news...**

Preparation and planning took place, and arrangements were made for children to have access to Boys & Girls Club Summer programs. Our organization will be providing morning and afternoon programming at La Merced Elementary School. Programs will run from 8:30am-5:30pm to help accommodate working parents.

We have been working diligently to expand our programs to other areas in our county. We have been focusing on securing a facility in the Village of Los Lunas. We are looking to provide programs to youth that reside in or near the Village and potentially children who reside within the Eastern communities in Valencia County. Plans are currently in the works.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Boys & Girls Club of Valencia County*