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Boys & Girls Club awarded \$200,000

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Bank of America has named Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Redlands-Riverside the 2015 Neighborhood Builder. Boys & Girls Club is being recognized for its work in helping Inland Empire youth and teens of need achieve academic success, healthier lifestyles, and good character and citizenship.

The Neighborhood Builders award combines leadership development resources for the nonprofit's executive director and an emerging leader within its organization, along with \$200,000 of flexible funding intended to help increase the nonprofit's capacity and impact in the Inland Empire.

Since 2005, 18 nonprofits throughout the Inland Empire have been awarded a cumulative total of \$3.6 million in Neighborhood Builder grants.

"We recognize that nonprofits and their leaders are on the front lines as they tackle tough community issues that are vital to the economic growth of the Inland Empire," said Al Arguello, Inland Empire market president, Bank of America. "Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Redlands-Riverside provides vital services that help the teens and youth of our community succeed and through Neighborhood Builders we hope to help grow and expand its services so that they can do even more in our community."

Today, more than 30 percent of young people still do not graduate high school, a problem not just for parents or schools, but a problem that affects our community and nation as a whole.

Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Redlands-Riverside provides diversified activities that meet the interests of all young people. Core programs encourage activities with adults, peers, and family members that enable kids to enhance self-esteem and fulfill their potential.

The Club offers diversified program activities in areas including: academic success, healthy lifestyles, and good character and citizenship.