



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
OF GREATER REDLANDS-RIVERSIDE**

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Weidner Apartment Homes employees refresh Boys & Girls Club

REDLANDS -- Sixty Weidner Apartment Homes employees volunteered to fix up Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Redlands-Riverside on Wednesday, Oct. 2.

Weidner chose the Club's Dennis Hansberger Clubhouse in Redlands for their annual Weidner Cares volunteer event. Weidner, which is based in Kirkland, Washington, has a Weidner Cares event in each of its regions. The company has six apartment communities in the Inland Empire.

"Giving back to communities through volunteer work is very important to Weidner and is in keeping with its mission, vision and values," said Ilan Kantor, vice president of operations. "Often, important projects get delayed or shelved because of limited time and/or resources. What we are able to accomplish in a day often has a lifetime impact on the people and organizations we work with. Weidner associates get great satisfaction out of lending a hand and making a difference."

Weidner employees painted the backpack cubby holes inside of the Club, replaced baseboards, replaced carpeting with vinyl and epoxy flooring, re-stripped the parking lot, painted garden boxes, railing and fences, pressure washed the outside of the Club, installed soap dispensers, cleaned bathrooms, put wood shavings on outside landscaping, planted flowers, and fixed doorways – among other tasks.

"It's a huge team building day for us," said Weidner communications specialist Casey Robertson. "It sparks that spirit of volunteerism in our associates. There have been many times where our employees will either want to come back and volunteer, or they'll go volunteer on their own."

She said Weidner Cares started after employees wrote on surveys that they wanted to give back to the community.

Kantor said that seeing how Weidner Cares “impacts people’s lives is huge for us.”

“We’re grateful that Weidner chose our clubhouse for such a big project, and how much they were able to get done,” said Club senior vice president Mark Davis. “Having an environment where our kids can learn, grow and be safe is invaluable to our community.”

When kids came to the Clubhouse the next day, they were excited to see the backpack cubbies, which were painted the colors of the rainbow.

About Weidner Apartment Homes:

Founded in 1977, Weidner Apartment Homes is a privately held real estate investment, development and management company that owes its success to its most important resource – the more than 1,800 associates that make up their onsite and regional teams. Weidner is ranked #14 on the NMHC list of the 50 largest Apartment Owners, and as of September 2019, owns and self manages a portfolio consisting of 272 multi-family communities representing just over 55,000 apartment homes throughout twelve states in the US, and four provinces of Canada. Headquartered in Kirkland, WA, Weidner’s commitment to delivering value drives its vision to distinguish itself as an industry leader in each of its markets. For more information, please visit www.weidner.com

About Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Redlands-Riverside:

Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Redlands-Riverside has been serving the Inland Empire since 1967 in the communities of Corona, Loma Linda, Moreno Valley, Redlands, Riverside, San Bernardino and Victorville. Our Clubs serve over 2,000 youth daily in after-school settings, and offer both winter and summer camps. Our mission is to enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens. For more information, visit www.BeGreatIE.org