

Foundation issues fundraising challenge for Boys & Girls Club's 50th anniversary in Redlands

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The Buster Family Foundation has pledged \$50,000 to Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Redlands-Riverside in honor of the 50th anniversary of the club's founding in August 1967.

Foundation Trustee William C. Buster Jr. served as the club's fourth president of the Board of Directors in 1970-71. He served on the board for nearly 15 years.



William C. Buster Jr., a former president of the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Redlands-Riverside, has pledged \$50,000 toward the club's 2017 fundraising campaign. (Courtesy photo)

"The purpose of the gift is to honor the club's 50 years of service to local communities, as well as the active involvement of so many local board members," Buster said in a news release.

The foundation announced the challenge grant as a way to encourage past and current board members, plus other supporters of the club, to support the organization.

"The gift is intended to raise the bar for giving in celebration of the 50th anniversary," Buster said.

Board Chairman Bill Brunick said the Buster Family Foundation has taken the lead in the club's anniversary celebration campaign, by not only giving the first gift, but inspiring others to give.

"They're setting the tone for the rest of the club leadership and the community," Brunick said. Responding to the Buster Family Foundation challenge are Tim and Carol Rochford and

Cheryl Lossett, each with their own gifts of \$50,000. Others were inspired to give and added an additional \$38,000 to the challenge.

“The Buster Family Foundation’s generosity allows us to do what we do every year – serve more kids, more often,” said club CEO P.T. McEwen. “We are fortunate to have such committed friends of the club. It is a great capstone as we close out our 50th anniversary celebrations.”

The club is hoping to raise \$250,000 by year’s end. Donations can be sent to 1251 Clay St., Redlands CA 92374. For information, call 888-822- 6535 or visit www.BeGreatIE.org.