

Redlands Boys & Girls Clubs Chocolate Fantasy gala sets milestone, raises \$100,000

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Courtesy photo/Leo serrano - boys & girls clubs The 22nd annual Chocolate Fantasy fundraising gala brought in \$100,000 — a record amount for the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Redlands-Riverside.

For the first time in its 22-year history, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Redlands-Riverside's Chocolate Fantasy fundraising gala brought in more than \$100,000.

"It's all for the kids," said P.T. McEwen, the club's CEO.

Held Feb. 13 at the Mitten Building in Redlands, the annual decadent affair — complete with chocolate fountain and champagne — is the club's signature fundraiser in support of programming for the area's youth.

"All the wonderful donors that gave in sponsorships during the live and silent auctions made it happen this year and are providing bright futures to our kids," McEwen said.

"They are the ones that are providing a service to the children and making the programs and everything possible."

Proceeds raised came from live and silent auctions, including a 6 days 5 nights stay in Washington D.C., and a San Bernardino-based Garner Holt Productions, Inc. Private Tour for 10 people with Founder and Owner Garner Holt, as well as individual donations.

Donations are welcomed year-round. To learn more visit www.BeGreatIE.org.



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Bids during a live auction helped raise more than \$100,000 in support of the
Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Redlands-Riverside.*