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TRIBE TO GIVE AWAY \$10,000 TO SUPPORT BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB

After school and summer programs offer peer support and career skills

PALM SPRINGS, Calif. — The Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians has given \$10,000 to the Boys and Girls Club of Palm Springs, a youth development agency and after school program.

The Tribe has helped out the Boys and Girls Club previously, giving more than \$45,000 since 2007. The program has a long history of success in mentoring youths with peer groups and career programs that help young adults step into the professional world.

“The Boys and Girls Club continues to provide children a safe and productive environment that, in turn, supports their working parents,” said Richard M. Milanovich, Chairman of the Tribal Council. “We’ve always believed that kids who feel that sense of community are going to be more successful adults later on. That’s why the Tribe has traditionally supported the Boys and Girls Club.”

Boys and Girls Club Executive Director Dean Moore said the organization serves some 1,200 children at their Palm Springs location, with about 300 youth participating daily in after school programs. “Right now, we’re enrolling members in the summer youth program,” Moore said. “We’ve expanded the summer program by about 100 slots, starting Tuesday, June 16 through August 14.”

The Boys and Girls Club provides education and career development, including individual tutoring. “We also have a high school career explorers program that prepares teens to apply for a job, with resume-building and job interview skills,” Moore added. Members pay just \$20 to join, and nobody is turned away because of an inability to afford the program services.

Moore, who has worked with the Palm Springs Boys and Girls Club for more than four years, was himself a member of the Boys and Girls Club as a Chicago-area youth. “I came from a single parent home, and I got into a lot of trouble, but I was always welcomed back to the Boys and Girls Club. It meant a lot to me.”

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About the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians

The Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians is a federally-recognized Indian Tribe located in Palm Springs, Calif., with 32,000 acres of reservation lands that spread across Palm Springs, Cathedral City, Rancho Mirage, and into the Santa Rosa and San Jacinto mountains. The Tribe's developments include two Palm Springs golf courses, the Spa Resort Casino and Hotel in downtown Palm Springs, and the Agua Caliente Casino Resort Spa in Rancho Mirage, which includes the 2,000-seat concert venue, The Show. It also operates the Indian Canyons preserve, an environmental paradise open to the public.