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#### **DEAR GALA ATTENDEES:**

Welcome to the 20th Annual Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Conejo Valley (BGCGCV) Gala!

On behalf of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Conejo Valley, we want to welcome you to tonight's gala and thank you for your valued support which allows us to continue to serve youth and families in the region.

We consider tonight a tribute to you, our supporters, who have truly made an impact on the quality of life for families in the greater Conejo Valley. Tonight, we honor Steven Dorfman with the Cal Johnston Service Award for his dedication and commitment to the organization. We also are honoring Los Angeles Ram alum Andrew Whitworth for being an inspirational sports figure, an advocate for the underserved in our community, and spokesperson on behalf of the Boys & Girls Clubs.

Thank you to the fabulous Karen Johnston, this year's Gala Chair, to our entire Gala Committee, and to our dedicated Board of Governors. In addition, we extend heartfelt thanks to all our staff and volunteers who have worked behind the scenes to ensure the success of tonight's event.

Finally, thank you to each of you, our guests, sponsors, and supporters for your devotion to the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Conejo Valley. We have many exciting developments happening in our organization and clubs, and we invite you to tour one of our clubs to see your impact in action.

Sincerely,

Mark Bagaason

**David Heroux** 

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#### **Honoring**

Andrew Whitworth

#### Cal Johnston Service Award Recipient

Steven Dorfman

#### 4:00 pm

Cocktail reception & Silent auction

#### 5:30 pm

Dinner & Program

Youth Speakers: Aaron Chapman and Amara Garcia

#### **MENU**

#### First Course

Beet and citrus salad with goat cheese, pistachio crumble, and mache basil oil

#### **Duo Entrée Course**

Beef tenderloin with red wine sauce & Chilean sea bass with salsa verde roasted potatoes, carrots, and parsnip puree

#### **Dessert Course**

Lemon meringue tart with a berry and lime compote & dark chocolate mousse with vanilla bavarois and fresh berries



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### MISSION STATEMENT

At the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Conejo Valley, our mission is to enhance the lives of young people and their families by providing a positive environment that cultivates academic success, healthy lifestyles, good character and citizenship.

### **WHO WE ARE**

BGCGCV was founded in 2001 and opened our doors in 2003. Since then, we have grown to one of the largest Clubs in Southern California and one of the top 100 Clubs out of more than 4,000 in the country!

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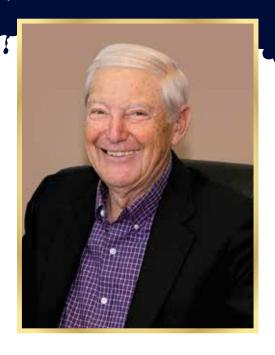


## **2022 HONOREE**

Andrew Whitworth is a former NFL offensive left tackle from West Monroe, Louisiana. Drafted in the second round of the 2006 NFL Draft, Whitworth spent his first 11 seasons with the Cincinnati Bengals and finished up the last 5 seasons of his NFL career with the Los Angeles Rams. He became the oldest player to start a game at left tackle at the age of 40 and in that last season not only became a Super Bowl LVI champion, but was also granted one of the highest NFL honors of being named the 2021 Walter Payton Man of the Year. He may have hung up his jersey, but he can't stay away from the game for too long as he is now entering into his new career of being a broadcast contributor for Thursday Night Football on Prime Video.

Andrew and his wife Melissa have four children-- twins Sarah and Drew (11), Michael (10), and Katherine (7). The entire Whitworth family is incredibly passionate about community engagement and investing in their communities. Whitworth has led community efforts for providing affordable housing, donating to food banks to provide meals, rebuilding neighborhoods, engaging with local and national Boys and Girls clubs, and continuously investing in others.

# CAL JOHNSTON SERVICE AWARD STEVEN DORFMAN



**Steven Dorfman** has been associated with the Boys and Girls Club for over 20 years.

Steve moved to the University Village
Thousand Oaks (UVTO) retirement
community 12 years ago and became a
member of the Conejo Valley B&GC Board
of Governors where he has been active
in several committees and donated the
Technology Center for the Notter Club.

Steve's other philanthropies include the California Lutheran University Steven Dorfman Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship, and programs at City of Hope and USC. He is a member of the board of Active Life Scientific, the creator of the bone score method of measuring bone quality, and races horses both domestically and internationally.

Steve is the retired vice chairman of Hughes Electronics Corporation, where he served as CEO of Hughes Space and Communications Company, Hughes Communication, and Hughes Telecommunications and Space. After retiring from Hughes, Steve was the Hunsaker Visiting Professor at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Steve has served on the boards of Hughes, Raytheon, PanAmSat, American Mobile Satellite, Galaxy Latin America, JCSAT, DirecTV, Galaxy Classroom and HRL Laboratories. He is a member of the National Academy of Engineering. He has served on advisory committees for NASA, The James Webb Telescope, FCC, USIA, the Department of Transportation, USC's School of Engineering and the National Research Council.

Among Steve's awards are the Distinguished Public Service Award, NASA's highest award, for his work exploring Venus and Via Satellite's 1995 Satellite Executive of the Year.

Steve enjoys his three children, five grand children and 3 great grand children and his good UVTO friend Carol Kieschnick.



### KAREN & ED JEFFERSON

Honor Steve Dorfman, and Andrew Whitworth for supporting the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Conejo Valley.



Your passion for supporting the most important resource within our community is praiseworthy.

# MASTER OF CEREMONIES & AUCTIONEER



#### **MATTHEW DILORETO**

Matthew is an actor and musician and former Blue Man.

Over the last 7 years he has, as auctioneer and emcee, assisted many organizations in their fundraising pursuits.

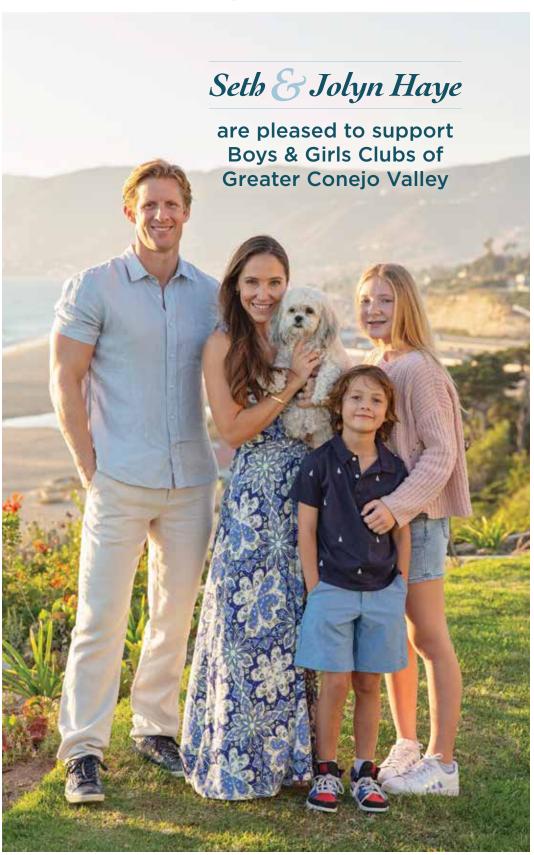
His experience in improv and sketch comedy informs his presence and style allowing for the nimble adjustments often required at a live event.

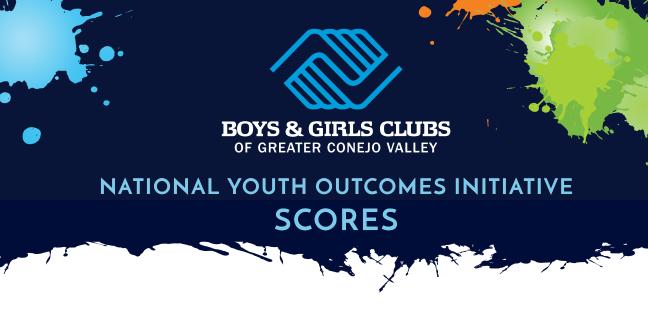
His studies in drama enable him to infuse moments with an intended purpose, one reflective of the organization that for a night he represents.

He composes classical music in his spare time. And if you have a spare Steinway or Martin you're giving away,

Matthew is the guy to call.







In 2022, Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Conejo Valley's focus was to ensure members had a socially and emotionally supportive environment that they could depend on in the midst of a pandemic. To do so, BGCGCV intentionally implemented social-emotional learning (SEL) by helping staff along with youth members and their families cope with challenges, identify emotions, stress management as well as provide a safe, supportive and fun place to be. In April, our members participated in the National Youth Outcomes Initiative and we are excited to present the key areas below. These scores prove we are on the right track and the work we put in was well worth it.

EMOTIONAL SAFETY

"I feel safe being myself at this Club."

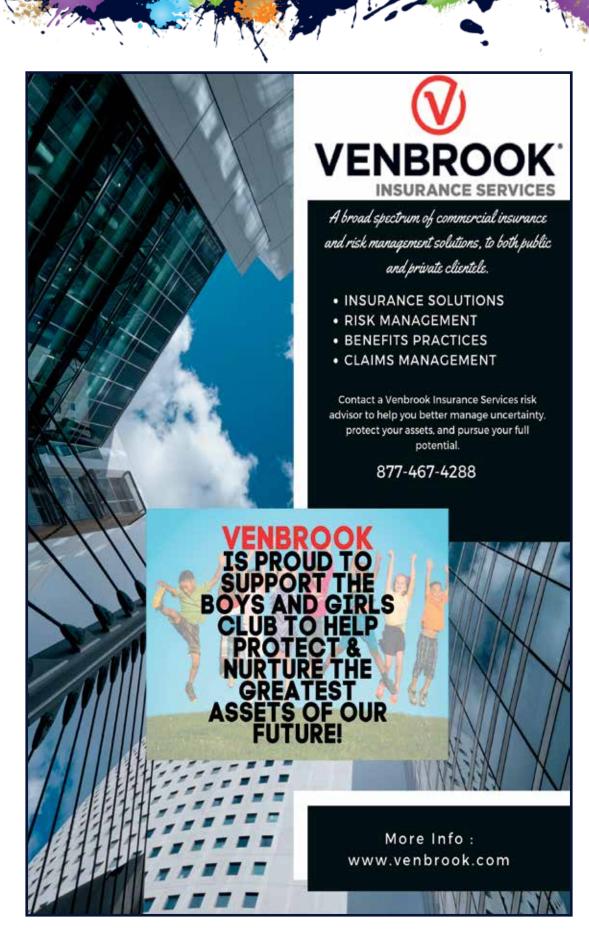
Doing Great: 94% | Fair: 6% | Needs Improvement: 0%

PHYSICAL SAFETY "I feel safe from harm at this Club."

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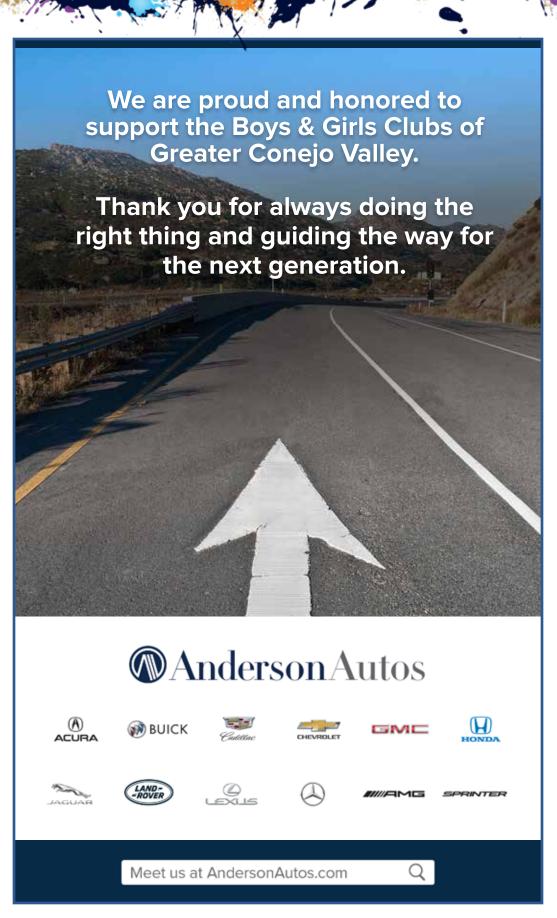
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21 years of providing a safe and enriching environment for the children of our community is a tremendous accomplishment.

We salute the dedicated staff and volunteers that have built the remarkable organization that continues to be a critical resource for the children and families of the Conejo Valley.

Best Wishes for Growth and Success!!

Fred and Susan Nason







# Congratulations STEVEN DORFMAN

on being the recipient of the 2022 Cal Johnston Service Award.

I'm proud to have my name associated with the Annual Service Award being presented to Steven Dorfman, who has been an exceptionally active board member and supporter of our Clubs.

Thanks for your dedication to the



and the children of our community.

Cal & Marje Johnston



# BETTY & JACK GLEASON

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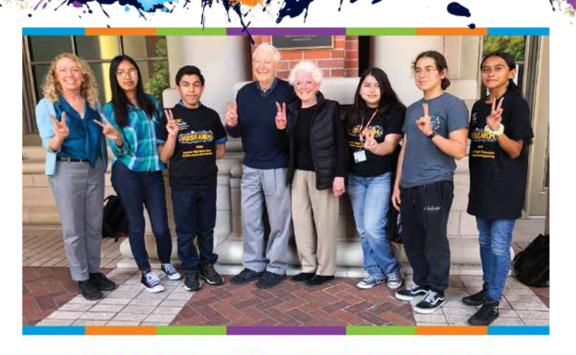


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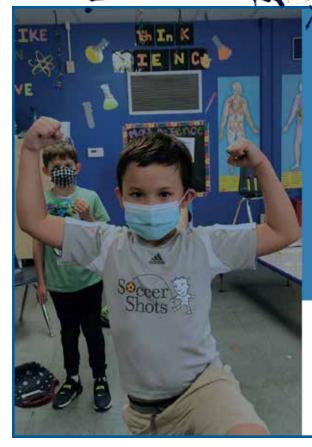




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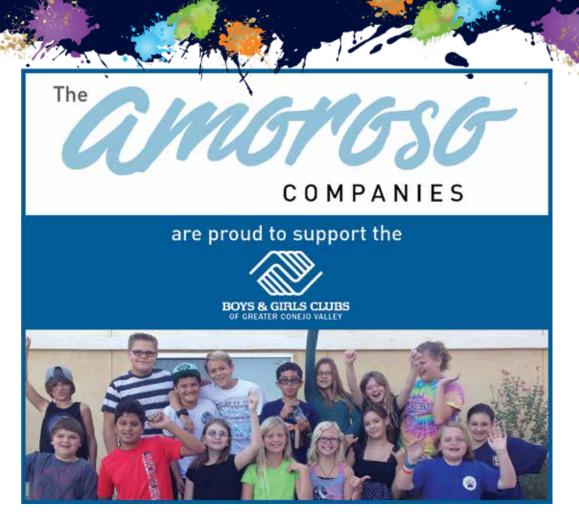
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"I had a tough childhood growing up in Venice, CA and took the bus over to Santa Monica Boys & Girls Club nearly every day to 'escape'. The experiences I had there at the Club literally changed, shaped, and saved my life - I was pointed in the right direction. It was a gift I'll never ever forget. Thank you for giving me a chance to help repay the Boys & Girls Clubs for all they have done for me, and what they continue to do for the kids."

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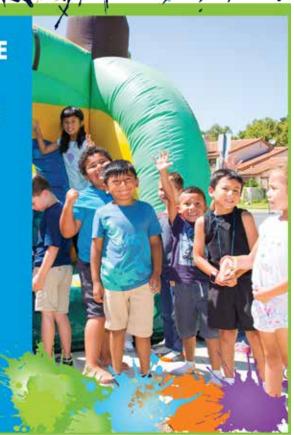


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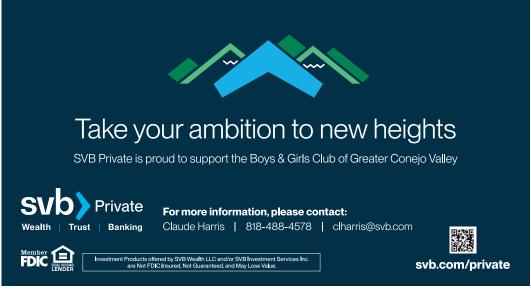


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