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# & Report

## BOYS REPUBLIC

## Parenting and Visiting Program a Hit with Teen Fathers

Every child deserves to grow up in a safe and nurturing home. Social science research shows us that the presence of an involved, appropriate father plays a significant role in a child's school achievement, self-regulation and social competency. Growing to responsible adulthood is hard enough for any child; without a dad the hurdles are much higher.

Most students placed at Boys Republic come from such homes. They are, in fact, part of a multi-generational fatherless cycle. Without intervention, it's a downward spiral that goes like this: from early childhood abuse and neglect into the child welfare system, to juvenile delinquency and out-of-home placement, and eventually to the adult criminal system.

Boys Republic's programs in guidance and education are carefully crafted to reorient at-risk youth toward responsible adulthood. Just this last spring, the agency added a new tool to its offering.

### Teen Parenting and Visiting Program

Nearly one in ten of the male teenagers at Boys Republic are already fathers or soon-to-be parents, themselves. From the confines of



*RESPONSIBLE, ENGAGED FATHERHOOD is the goal of Boys Republic's new Teen Parenting and Visiting Program. The classes were made possible through a grant from First 5 San Bernardino.*

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## **Actress Ali MacGraw Stars in 2009 Della Robbia Wreath Campaign**

Actress and model Ali MacGraw has agreed to serve as Honorary National Chairman of the 2009 Della Robbia wreath campaign. In this role, she will appear in literature promoting Boys Republic's sale of the holiday decorations.

Ms. MacGraw's acting career began when she was offered the leading role of Brenda Patamkin in the screen version of Philip Roth's short novel, "Goodbye Columbus". The movie was a success, opening to tremendous popular and critical acclaim.

Her next film, "Love Story," made her a star. The film earned her international fame, an Academy Award nomination, a Golden Globe award, and many additional honors worldwide. Other film credits include "The Getaway" co-starring Steve McQueen, "Convoy" with Kris Kristofferson, and "Players" co-starring Dean Paul Martin.

Ms. MacGraw currently lives in New Mexico. She works on behalf of numerous social, animal and environmental causes.

## ***New Teen Parenting Class Combines Classroom Learning with Hands-On Experience***

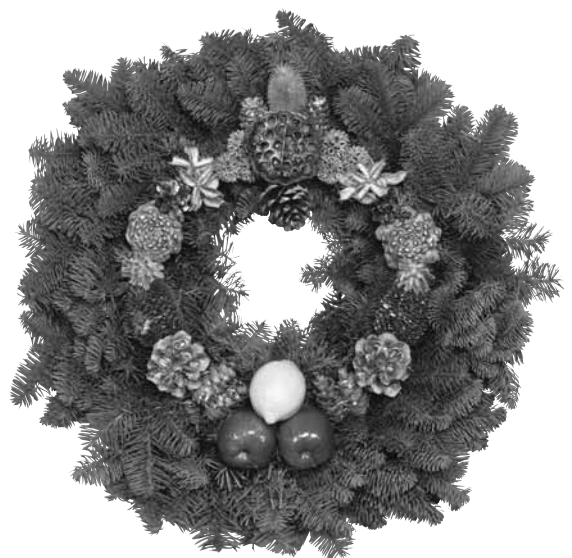
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placement, juvenile dads have little opportunity to bond with their infants or to learn even the most basic skills of parenthood.

The Teen Parenting and Visiting Program (TPVP) is a voluntary, ten-week parenting education program specially designed for juvenile fathers. TPVP involves both classroom learning as well as hands-on experience.

As part of the TPVP, infants visit with their dads. The young fathers learn many practical skills — how to hold a baby, changing diapers and, in general, how to be appropriately attentive to an infant or toddler.

The class was an instant hit with teen fathers. One satisfied student wrote, "My son was born December 9 and I got busted January 24, so I really didn't get a lot of time with him so that really broke my heart . . . my biggest fear is to fail as a father. But . . . [TPVP] helped me overcome my fear and gave me the tools to be a good father."





## *Annual Award Ceremony Provides Recognition for Good Citizenship, Academic Accomplishment*

A fall harvest of more than \$26,000 in scholarships and awards was reaped by students and recent graduates of Boys Republic and Girls Republic during the agency's Annual Awards ceremony, September 3.

Altogether, 27 students and graduates received financial recognition ranging from \$100 clothing allowances to \$2,500 scholarships for outstanding scholastic achievement and overall program success. Twelve others received certificates of scholarship eligibility.

Boys Republic's Annual Award Ceremony recognizes students for exemplary effort, accomplishment or citizenship. The awards are broadly focused in three areas: educational scholarships, vocational scholarships, and aftercare assistance awards (help with rent deposits, clothing, bus transportation, or tools necessary for a job). Over the course of the last year, Boys Republic distributed a total of \$35,178 in scholarship awards.



ALUMNA-OF-THE-YEAR TALIA JACOLONE  
*is now a practicing attorney in Sacramento.*



ALUMNUS FRANK TERRIQUEZ, JR. *won the Boys Republic Employees Scholarship of \$2,500 for exceptional citizenship.*

Among the awards presented at the ceremony were:

- Alumni of the Year to Talia Jacolone, Sam Millett and Joe Harris;
- Mark M Davids Leadership Award of \$200 to Frank Terriquez, Jr.;
- Frank and Marianne Graves Scholarship of \$500 each to Eric Barber, Edden Esparza and Bryan Quijada;
- Fowler Merle-Smith Family Scholarship of \$1,000 to Erica Gandara;
- Paul and Mary Ganobcik "Nothing Without Labor" Scholarship of \$1,000 to Marvin Campos;
- Delight Groves Scholarship of \$500 to Efrain Hernandez;
- Carmen Combs Scholarship of \$1,000 to Jesse Pelaez;

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### *A Christmas Story*

As the year draws to a close, many wise investors look to their planned giving programs to help them put their taxable income and assets in order to reduce their tax burden while, at the same time, presenting a significant holiday gift to one or more non-profit charities of their choice.

One often-used planned giving vehicle for investors owning highly appreciated, long-term property — whether real property or personal — is the charitable remainder trust.

While few people would confuse the IRS with Santa Claus, the charitable remainder trust is a part of the tax code that can provide gifts to everyone - givers and recipients.

Under a charitable remainder trust, the appreciated real or personal property is put in trust to go to the designated charity upon the death of the donor(s). In the meantime, the donors can reap one or more tax advantages and, under the right circumstances, can realize increased interest income from the principle over what they were making before the gift.

Here's a Christmas Carol that illustrates how a charitable remainder trust can work. (The numbers are an estimated return and were chosen for illustration purposes only, as individual situations may vary.)

Bob Cratchitt, age 67, and Mrs. Cratchitt, age 65, have a quantity of highly appreciated stock in Scrooge, Inc. which they do not wish to sell because of the high income tax they would have to pay on the gain. They have owned the stock ever since Scrooge made Cratchitt a partner a number of years ago. At that time, they paid \$7,000 for 100 shares.

Today the stock is worth \$57,000. The Cratchitts are realizing a return of four percent on the stock or \$2,280 a year.

If the Cratchitts sold the stock, they would owe \$14,000 in federal income tax in their current bracket of 28 percent.

Fortunately, Marley's ghost has recommended a good investment counselor who has suggested making a gift of the stock to Boys Republic through a charitable remainder trust. In this way, the Cratchitts will pay no tax on the gain and, at their ages, will get a current income tax deduction of about \$13,000. In addition, they could realize about twice the return — an income of \$4,560 a year — over what they had been making on the stock. All that plus they make a significant gift to Boys Republic which the school will realize at the time of their deaths.

Perhaps the charitable remainder trust is a Christmas tale you should write yourself into. Contact Jerry Marcotte, Director of Development, Boys Republic, 3493 Grand Avenue, Chino Hills, CA 91709. Or phone (909)628-1217, ext. 206.



**ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY:** *Students at Boys Republic's main campus enjoy a visit from Santa, last Christmas. The annual party is conducted by the Pasadena Auxiliary, an organization whose tradition of support has endured since 1911.*

# New Growth at Boys Republic

*Vocational classes at Boys Republic are an outgrowth of the agency's early efforts to provide disadvantaged youth broad experience in community participation. Students gain a sense of responsibility to others through choosing meaningful work projects of vital interest to the Boys Republic community. Agriculture and landscaping are an ideal means to that end.*



Photo: Derek Scott

**PUMPKIN-PATCH WORKERS:** *A favorite among the students, workers tend to jumbo pumpkin.*

## Article by Derek Scott

*T*his year the Baldy View ROP Landscape Class at Boys Republic has learned and practiced landscape design, installation and maintenance beautifying our 200 acre campus as well as volunteer landscape work in the community.

The class has also found time to plant spring and summer gardens. Our spring garden produced enough 'veggies' to supply our campus kitchen, which feeds approximately 200 staff and students, with potatoes for potato salad, cases of tomatoes and even some melons for those hot summer days in the shade.

The real excitement though has been watching the

**PINT-SIZED PUMPKIN:** *A young customer selects just the right pumpkin from Boys Republic's stand at a local farmer's market.*

students plant and nurture about an acre of various types of pumpkins in what is becoming a traditional crop at Boys Republic.

ROP Landscape began at Boys Republic in Chino Hills in July 2008. The first order of business was to introduce the students to the miracle of growth by planting a small (50 ft. x 50 ft.) pumpkin patch.

Although only one or two students had ever planted a seed before, with professional guidance and mentoring from C&R and Peltzer Farms, all 20 or so students did well building mounds and planting tiny to mega-pumpkin seeds. Students learned the three basic soil types, how to compost and rototill, install a sprinkler & drip system, germination and thinning of sprouts, weeding, fertilization, herbicide and organic insect control.

After months of care and anxious anticipation the fruits of the students' labor

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paid off. The first pumpkin of the 2008 harvest was picked on September 3rd and given to our school principal. It weighed approximately 65 pounds and was a beautiful yellow/orange variegated pumpkin. By the end of the season we had a half dozen pumpkins near 100 pounds with another 50 pumpkins fist size to 20 pounders ranging from white to pink to varying shades of orange.

Each of those first summer semester students selected a pumpkin to take home or share with their student cottage. The remainder of the pumpkins was auctioned to staff and friends of our pumpkin patch to partially pay for materials and an ROP harvest party. This year we intend to sell our specialty pumpkins at the Chino Hills Farmers Market.

Pumpkins are one of the few crops that actually grow quicker than most weeds. Once pumpkins begin to bloom and set fruit, the students like to inspect them, almost on a daily basis, to see how much a pumpkin has grown. With a variety of pumpkins, students wander the pumpkin patch 'oogling' at the Tiny Tim pumpkins, the dark green and grey varieties, the white Casper, Fairytale and Cinderella pumpkins and of course the 100+ pound jumbo pumpkins that literally grow in size each day.

As these students, many who are "city boys," wander the patch they are introduced to big bumble bees fluttering flower to flower, Preying Mantises, Lady Bugs as well as bad insects, pests and of course weeding which all makes for a great outdoor learning as well as life experience.

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## Memorials Honor Special People, Events, Thru the Lives of Children

A memorial contribution to Boys Republic and Girls Republic is a meaningful way to honor a special person, a special event or the memory of a friend or loved one. Your gift will reap a second benefit as well by contributing directly to the programs of Boys and Girls Republic. In this way, the honor paid the designee will live on perpetually in the lives of the deserving young people you have helped.

The following are memorial and commemorative contributions made from July 16 through September 30, 2009.

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## ***Students Reap \$26,000 in Awards at Annual Ceremony***

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- Joralmon Scholarship of \$1,000 to Dayjon Tyson;
- Eldon Woods and Roger Fletcher Scholarship of \$1,000 to Benjamin Naderi;
- Charles and Rae Leavitt Scholarship of \$500 to Dion Garner;
- Everett and Jane Houser Scholarship of \$1,000 each to Shawn Beck and John Jonsen;
- Neile Adams McQueen Toffel Scholarship of \$1,000 to Albert Vasquez;
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- Frederick Rees Scholarship of \$1,000 to Joey Cardenas;
- Los Solteros Scholarship of \$1,000 to Luis Guerrero;
- Claude A. Gammel Scholarship of \$1,000 each to Percelious Rodgers and Hector Chaidez;
- Boys Republic Employees Scholarship of \$2,500 to Frank Terriquez, Jr.;
- Pasadena Auxiliary Bridge Club Scholarship of \$750 to Evelyn Guandique;
- Pasadena Auxiliary Past Presidents Scholarship of \$1,000 to Juanita Nava;
- Virginia Pease Hunt Scholarship of \$2,500 to Chris Roberts;
- Certificates of Scholarship Eligibility to Gladys Espinoza, Elizabeth Mariscal, Miriam Ortega, Jason Chavez, Christian Gomez, Andrew Salcedo, Faustino Romero, Roger May, Wilson Hung, Richard Washington, Victor Hopkins and Ray Soriano;
- This year, the Rams Head Award was presented to Boys Republic High School teacher Angie Bennett.