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Ali MacGraw is Della Robbia Wreath Campaign Chairperson

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 is the latest in a long line of prominent Americans from diverse fields of the performing arts, industry, athletics, and public service who have, for nearly 55 years, added luster and prestige to the annual self-help effort.

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 success, opening to tremendous popular and critical acclaim.



Actress Ali MacGraw

Holiday Magic: Student Work Experience Program Promotes Spirit of Giving

It is perhaps one of the greatest privileges of childhood to believe in Santa — a magical Santa who brings wonderful gifts. The innocent delight of children as they excitedly anticipate holiday gifts is enriching for all of us.

With maturity and opportunity, of course, our sense of meaning in holiday spirit changes. Transformed as if by magic, the childlike delight of receiving from Santa Claus gives way to a fuller, greater sense of holiday spirit: the reward of giving something of oneself to others.

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Student Work Experience Program Performs a Special Kind of Holiday Magic

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A Magical Opportunity

Boys Republic's annual Della Robbia wreath campaign performs a special kind of holiday magic. As the agency prepares for its 86th consecutive season of hand-producing the richly traditional, all-natural wreaths, it is also providing a rich opportunity for its students.

Each year, the Della Robbia wreath campaign helps transform more than 400 troubled teens at Boys Republic into contributing adults. From gathering, sorting and preparing decorative seed pods to fastening them to supple evergreen wreath boughs and finally, to shipping the finished Della Robbias to their destinations throughout the world, students experience the challenges and rewards of adult responsibility.

Production quotas help them see tangible results at the end of each day.

Of paramount importance, they also learn to give of their own efforts to the larger community. As an exercise in teamwork, students learn quickly how their efforts benefit others.

CIRCLES OF HOPE: Della Robbia wreaths have been called "Circles of Hope" because they provide at-risk students with both work experience and a chance to repay part of their own programs of education and self-improvement. Since 1907, Boys Republic has helped more than 27,000 boys and growing numbers of young women to overcome childhood abuse, abandonment and trauma and to find new direction and purpose in their lives. For the great majority, making Della Robbia wreaths was an important part of the reorientation and learning process.



Actress Ali MacGraw Lends Support to Boys Republic's 2009 Wreath Campaign

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Wanting her next film to be something special, Ali looked for a script that touched her on a personal level. That picture was "Love Story," and it made her a star. An original screenplay by Erich Segal, the film earned Ali 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 travels extensively, appearing in documentaries and working on behalf of numerous social, animal and environmental causes. These include the Humane Society of the United States, Animal Protection of New Mexico and a number of specific animal sanctuaries. She is actively involved with the Santa Fe Rape Crisis and Trauma Treatment Centre, the Lensic Theatre for the performing Arts, and many other New Mexico non-profits. She received the Luminaria Award in 2008 from the Santa Fe Community Foundation, and the Governors Award for Contribution to the Arts in the same year.



Entrepreneur Joins Boys Republic's All-Volunteer Board of Directors

Entrepreneur William H. Tilley has joined Boys Republic's all-volunteer Board of Directors. The Board elects its members from the ranks of Southern California's leaders in business, professional and civic life. Mr. Tilley represents all three.

Bill Tilley is chairman and CEO of the Jacmar Companies, a string of food distribution companies based in Alhambra, California. Today Tilley's Jacmar Companies employs more than 5,000 people and owns a string of restaurants, among other interests, including wholesale foodservices distributions, equity investments and real estate management.

Tilley and Jacmar Cos. Recently acquired the 50 year-old Shakey's pizza parlor chain in which employees, managers, franchisees and executives share ownership of the company.

Tilley studied accounting at the University of Southern California and went on to earn master's degrees in accounting and business administration. He has shared his knowledge with business students as a lecturer at Stanford University's Graduate School of Business and Harvard

University's Business School. He has also continued to teach classes at USC and UCLA for the past 40 years.

Mr. Tilley and his wife, Nadine, have two grown children. The Tilley Family Foundation provides grants to deserving students who wish to study entrepreneurship.



William Tilley

Photo: Inland Valley Daily Bulletin / Neil Nisperos



“Friends of Steve McQueen Car Show” Draws Increased Attendance

The Second Annual “Friends of Steve McQueen Car Show” was held June 6. The event, organized by Ron Harris and the Porsche 356 Club, drew a crowd of approximately 1200 spectators. Show-quality vehicles filled the football and baseball fields at Boys Republic's Chino Hills campus.

Actor and racer CHAD MCQUEEN, at left, signs Alex Esparza's commemorative T-shirt. Steve McQueen is perhaps Boys Republic's most famous alumnus. His family remains very supportive of the school's work with disadvantaged youth.

Annual Appeal to Seek Funding for Aftercare Services

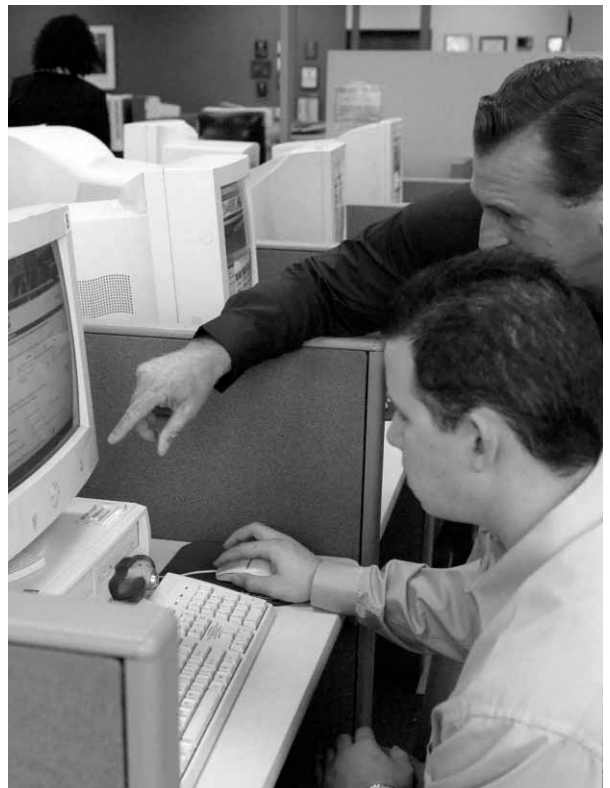
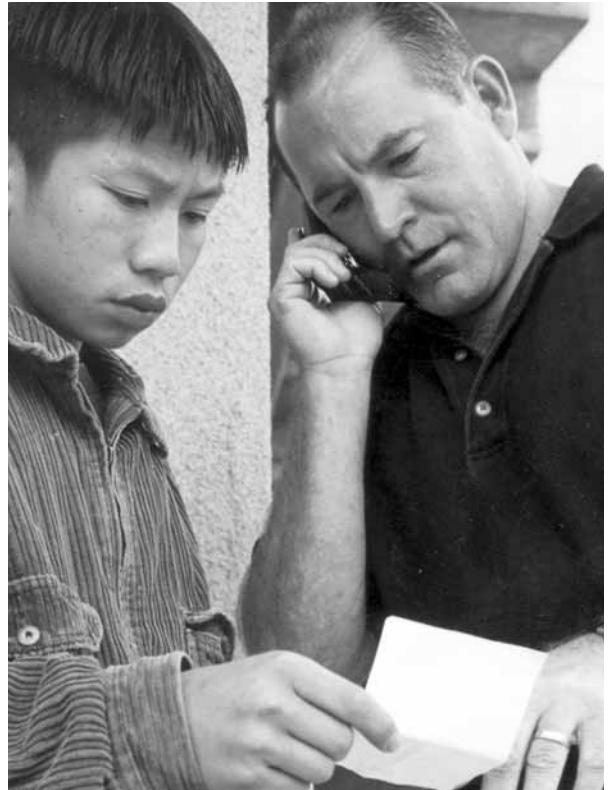
Unlike many social service agencies, Boys Republic mails out only one request for funding, each year. Our Board of Directors studies the agency's needs, approves a project for funding and the request is mailed during the early Fall. This year, we seek donations for the Aftercare Program — aftercare encompasses a range of services which can only be funded through private support.

There are many challenges to recovery facing the troubled young people of Boys Republic and Girls Republic. One of the most difficult is the transition to home — either to parents and family or to life on one's own. The task of finding a job and apartment, enrolling in school, or family problems can place a graduating student at risk of failure.

During our students' first twelve months after graduation, Boys Republic provides its students Aftercare Program services. Here are the elements of a program proven to increase the likelihood that our students' return to the community will be as free of difficulty as possible:

- **Community resource counseling:** Professional counselors walk the graduate through the process of enrolling in school, locating an apartment, or obtaining employment.
- **Aftercare assistance awards:** Small stipends help students attempting establish themselves on their own with funds for bus transportation, food, rent deposits, clothing for a job interview or tools necessary for employment.
- **Family reunification counseling:** Professional family counselors meet with the graduates and their families to resolve an conflict or obstacles to the students' remaining at home.
- **Exceptional medical and dental care:** We treat a number of students whose exceptional or disfiguring medical or dental conditions are not covered by conventional forms of reimbursement but which, if left unresolved, would act as an obstacle to employment.
- **Educational and vocational scholarships**

We believe that the Aftercare Program has helped significantly to improve our graduates' prospects for long-term happiness and success. Fiscal year 2008 outcomes research shows that, after a one-year follow-up period, 85% of our graduates had remained arrest-free and 91% were living independent of institutional support.



Orange County Residence Students Earn Awards at Dinner Ceremony



Deandre Currington achieved a 3.3 GPA at Santa Ana High School, earning the Academic Excellence Award. He also earned the Leadership Award.



Recent graduate Vito Pelaez received the Blue Book, a recognition for having completed all of the residence program goals



SUMPTUOUS AWARDS DINNER: Guests dined to live music before the presentation of awards.

About Orange County Residence

Boys Republic opened the Orange County Residence in 1973 for students who could benefit from a less-restrictive community residential setting. The program accommodates 20 students having an average stay in the program of nine months. They attend Santa Ana High School.

Boys Republic's Orange County Residence held its Spring Awards and Recognition Dinner for students at the agency's community residence in Santa Ana. The May 27 event provides recognition for students' accomplishments in academics as well as toward residential program goals.

Guests included members of the Orange County Ladies Auxiliary; parents; Boys Republic alumni; representatives from Title One Tutoring Program; and faculty, staff and administrators of Santa Ana High School and of Boys Republic.

The Orange County Residence program emphasizes good citizenship, student leadership, academic preparation and accountability.

Among the awards presented at the ceremony were:

- Most Improved Student to Jose Tofoya;
- Blue Book Award to Vito Pelaez and Albert Reyes;
- Orange County Auxiliary Scholarship of \$500 to Donta Jackson;
- Academic Excellence Award to Deandre Currington (3.3 GPA);
- Leadership Award to Luis Ventura and Deandre Currington, and
- Scholarship Eligibility Award to David Fuller.

Boys Republic Mourns Loss of Inspirational Employee



Photo: Talesha Hopkins

Stacie Williams

Of all the personal qualities that inspire hope and determination in young lives at-risk, none is more

important than the honesty and sincere concern of an adult role model. Boys Republic employee Stacie Williams possessed those qualities and, in her role as Assistant Supervisor at Orange County Residence, guided many teens to productive, responsible citizenship. Ms. Williams died July 1, 2009 after a long battle with cancer.

“Stacie was the true heart and soul of Orange County Residence. Her compassion and commitment to both staff and students was extraordinary. Boys Republic has lost an incredible staff member and I have lost a dear, dear friend.”

*Garry Hodge,
Residence Supervisor*

“Confucius once said, ‘Choose a job that you love and you’ll never have to work a day in your life.’ Stacie embodied these words with her passion for the boys, comradery

with her team and overall enjoyment of the process. Watching her work with the boys was like watching Tiger Woods swing a golf club; she just looked more natural, more comfortable and more confident than everyone around her. Boys Republic has been blessed to share in her final years and those blessings will multiply through the lives of the students to whom she so wholeheartedly gave of herself.”

*Chris Burns,
Associate Director*

“Her enthusiasm and commitment to youth and staff set her apart from the rest of us at Boys Republic,” said Executive Director Max Scott. “The students who worked with her will forever be grateful for what she gave to them personally.”

*Max Scott
Executive Director*

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 April 14, 2009 through July 15, 2009.

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Our Mission

Boys Republic is a nonprofit organization which seeks to give adolescent youth with behavioral, educational, and emotional difficulties an opportunity to achieve their maximum potential for responsible, self-directed life within the community.

Every attempt is made to involve family members in the rehabilitation process and to bring about the reunification of the family. We consider the development of academic, vocational, and social skills essential in assisting the youth we serve to return to the community as useful, productive citizens.

Memorials Honor Special People

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