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Dear Jill,

Thank you for the opportunity to share the work of the United Boys & Girls Clubs of Santa Barbara County and continue our partnership with the City of Santa Barbara. As you know, UBGK helps an array of families and children, but we have a special interest and profound impact on youth from disadvantaged backgrounds and circumstances. The Westside Club had an incredible year in 2015 and these achievements would not have been possible without the incredible support from the City of Santa Barbara. The most important stat of all is that in calendar year 2015 we served 442 unduplicated members (see attachment). What is so impressive is that we have also seen a dramatic increase in our average daily attendance at our Westside Club.

Our Westside Club Director, Priscilla Hernandez, has been a driving force and spearheaded the transformation of the Westside Club, not only in aesthetics, but more importantly in program and staff development and community outreach. In February 2015, the Westside Club opened its doors on Saturday and started providing an additional 6 hours of service to families in need. As part of our agreement we needed to create two new collaborations and I am happy to report that we created many collaborative efforts. Some of those are Transition House, the Santa Barbara Housing Authority and a couple low-income apartment and housing complexes to register new Club members at no cost to the families. We also created some very impactful relationships with nearby schools. We started providing recess programming for free to the students at the targeted schools. Our most impactful program started in April. The Westside started hosting the Mobile Café Monday through Friday between 4pm and 6pm. This program serves an average of 150 nutritious meals every day. In the fall, our Club organized beautification days that consisted of staff and volunteers to paint and clean the Club. The after-school program is providing more intentional programming that not only assists with homework completion, but encourages learning outside of the classroom. Our Westside Club is collaborating with over 30 organizations and businesses this summer to expose our Club members to more resources this summer and reduce summer learning loss.

One requirement of the agreement is that we explain how much grant money was raised for the Westside Club in 2015. In 2015, we raised \$149,575 for programming and operations at our Westside Club.

One of the other requirements in the agreement was that we get a community police presence in our club. We did in fact dedicate a space for that to happen and a police officer did come in to set up but they have not been coming on a consistent and regular basis.

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I am proud to report that over the past year, the Westside Club has experienced aesthetical improvements such as painting, cleaning, new furnishings and minimal plumbing updates inside the club. The Club also updated their lighting system to incorporate LED lighting inside the gymnasium. New sheds were installed along the back fence in the patio area to provide additional storage as well. The Westside Club has an ongoing fundraising initiative to secure the necessary funding to remodel the outdated kitchen. The goal of this project is to provide a fully functional kitchen where nutritional programming can take place and allow community members to use the space as well for events. Construction on this new space is contingent upon successful procurement of funds.

These are just a few examples of our remarkable progress and incremental impact over the last year. Included in this report are the attachments you requested below. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions. We look forward to presenting our achievements in person to the Parks & Recreation Department's Commission Meeting on Wednesday, July 27th.

Thank you again for supporting our mission and helping us reach more youth, more often, with deeper impact.

All my best,

Michael Baker
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