



WINGS

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SAN RAFAEL HIGH ATHLETIC BOOSTERS

Giving wings to youth

SEPTEMBER 2023



SAN RAFAEL HIGH'S NEW WEIGHT ROOM IS "SUCH A MOTIVATING CHANGE FOR THESE KIDS!"

PRESIDENT'S LETTER



Appreciation comes in many forms. I am in my last year of my term as President of The Olympic Club Foundation and can tell you that I am extremely

appreciative of our incredibly supportive OCF community. I also appreciate our dedicated board of directors and incredible OCF staff, led by the all-pro John Ring, Vicki Larkowich, and our newest addition to the OCF team, Karin Haskell (welcome aboard, Karin!). In 2022, your generous support led us to our most productive year yet. Your generosity has benefitted countless Bay Area athletes and their families. We have received so many sincere words of appreciation and heartfelt letters of gratitude from recipient athletes and grantee organizations...your support is definitely appreciated.

This edition of Wings is focused on the Bay Area public schools we have recently funded — San Rafael High School, Washington High School, and El Cerrito High. We have focused on helping public schools with limited development staff. Your support goes an incredibly long way, as we look to continue to help offer student-athletes much needed and

appreciated sports activities. As a young athlete, there's truly nothing better than competing for your school!

With the summer months winding down, we are looking to end 2023 on a strong note and achieve another record-breaking year! That said, we have a busy few months ahead, and we hope to see all of you at our upcoming events. Please mark your calendar, please show up, and please join us as we look to gather and celebrate success.

ONE CLUB CHALLENGE

Saturday, September 9th

Everyone is welcome at Lakeside to compete and/or watch all OC athletes compete on the tennis courts — which team will bring home the hardware??? Lacrosse? Squash? Triathlon? Rugby? Basketball? Water polo? Field hockey? Soccer? Maybe even Softball?!

FIGHT NIGHT FOR CHARITY

Wednesday, September 13th

Our 7th annual Fight Night for Charity — let's get ready to RUMMMMMBLE! Guaranteed to be another incredible evening with extremely talented boxers competing in front of a black-tie crowd. Added bonus: this year's bouts will include an OC member from our basketball community. Needless to say, you won't want to miss Fight Night for Charity!!!

CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT

Friday, October 20th

CORNHOLE...the newest addition to our OCF calendar! Maybe you play cornhole quite frequently, or maybe you've never heard of it? That said, experience doesn't matter with this game...just so long as you are able to throw a small corn-filled bag while holding a beverage in the other hand. Don't miss out; sign up to join us for this fun-filled afternoon!

Looking ahead, we hope to continue to build off the tremendous successes we have all enjoyed. Please be on the lookout for the annual Campaign for the Kids letter in the fall. For reference, we have received 157 grant applications this year (nearly twice the number of applicants we received in 2022!). There is a great and sincere need for our support.

It's for the kids!

With Appreciation,

Stephen Wynne

President, The Olympic Club Foundation

GRANTEE PROFILE: EL CERRITO HIGH SCHOOL

Founded in 2001, the El Cerrito High School Mountain Bike Race Team is a Division 1 member of the NorCal Racing League that has inspired a broad cross-section of teenagers from a wide range of socioeconomic backgrounds toward athletic accomplishment, respectful teamwork, and personal responsibility through mountain biking. This past season, the team rode four days a week from November to May, pushing their limits and conquering new challenges despite the rain and mud. Together, they completed a staggering 2,175 individual rides, accumulating 4,350 hours of

riding time and covering an impressive 32,625 miles. Moreover, their commitment extended beyond the bike, as they dedicated 125 hours to trail work at China Camp, leaving a positive impact on their community. Board Member Ram Chandran noted, "Our district is a disadvantaged area and many families have trouble meeting the cost of bikes and travel. The grants from The Olympic Club Foundation have really helped us cover the cost of bikes and provide scholarships to help financially stretched families." To learn more, see www.echsmtb.com



GRANTEE PROFILE: SAN RAFAEL HIGH SCHOOL

Olympic Club Foundation Grantee San Rafael High is proud to report that “after 20 long years, the weight room has received a long-overdue makeover.” With a lead gift from the OCF and support from private donors, Alumni, and Athletic Boosters, the old and rusted weight room is now a state-of-the-art facility that will benefit all student-athletes. “It looked really old and crusty, some of the seats were broken or outdated, and there were some things missing,” noted San Rafael High Athletic Director Jose De La Rosa. “We didn’t

have proper weights and equipment for our female athletes, and now we do!” The school also noted that the OCF’s most recent support helped them provide a stipend for a strength and conditioning coach. San Rafael High parent Kalen Donaldson added, “My son used the new weight room almost every day during the football season and is staying in shape off-season using the room, as well. It is a pleasant place to work out and such a motivating change for these kids!” To learn more, see sanrafael.sracs.org



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AQUATICS SHOWCASE DINNER

Gold Medalist Nathan Adrian enthralled a packed house at the Aquatics Showcase Dinner on June 1 at City Clubhouse. KNBR’s Brian Murphy moderated a lively and inspiring discussion while helping the OCF raise more than \$55,000 for local youth swimming programs.



SUPPORT THE 2023 CAMPAIGN FOR KIDS TODAY!

Your gift to the 2023 Campaign For Kids will make a huge difference in the lives of young athletes. Your support last year allowed the OCF to give out a record \$660,000+ in grants to 66 youth sports programs in the Bay Area's 9 counties! To make an online gift via ledger or credit card, please see the QR code. Checks can be sent to The Olympic Club Foundation at 524 Post Street, San Francisco, CA 94102.



GRANTEE PROFILE: WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL

OCF grantee Washington High School serves a diverse population of kids and has a storied baseball program. Dedicated to building accomplished, well-rounded leaders both on and off the field, Washington High strives to prepare their kids for success after high school.

The Washington High Sports Foundation is run by former San Francisco Police Chief Tony Ribera and works to supplement the school's baseball budget with donations for equipment and assisting in paying for travel.

The Olympic Club Foundation has been proud to partner with Washington High by helping fund their new state-of-the-art batting cage. The facility was dedicated to Rob Fung, their former head coach (numerous city championships) and a current San Francisco Policeman. Officer Fung noted that the team won the City's AAA Championship right after the facility was built, and that "generations of San Francisco kids will benefit from the generosity of The Olympic Club Foundation and the Club's members." To learn more, see www.WashingtonEaglesSoar.com



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