

Hi there, this is Dale Warmuth from Boys and Girls Club of the Redwoods. I am the chief volunteer officer for Boys and Girls Club of the Redwoods. Been operating consistently in Eureka since 1971, it started probably 50 years before that, but consistently full-time since 1971. Before about 1990 we were known as the Boys Club. It was more of a boxing-oriented program but somebody got to realizing that there was a whole other part of our citizenry that we weren't representing, and so in came the girls.

And so we are representing boys and girls trying to create young, positive citizens by providing a safe place for kids to stay. We have several sites: The Teen Center, at the Carson Memorial Building next to the water tower, where we provide a computer lab and a host of games, it's a safe place for kids to turn out. We try to make a point to serve a segment of our youth that maybe don't have all the bells and whistles that other kids might have at home and maybe lack a safe place to hang out after school. We also maintain a kid's clubhouse over on the 3100 block of Prospect by the Eureka Mall, serving kids 6 through 13, and then we have another site at the Lolita School site where again we are serving kids 6 through 13 with an after school program.

Boys and Girls Club maintains these sites with about a 500,000 dollar budget with just 2 full-time people and 14 part-time people, we manage to patch together a schedule, and we so much wish for some additional donors to come in and maybe help us maintain a summer program and expand the hours for summertime. Additionally, Boys and Girls Club locally recognizes that there's a host of our community we'd still like to serve further, and again speaking to trying to find additional donors for additional sites as well as those additional hours.

Teaching positive behavior is no simple task. It doesn't happen with just one visit. We've tried to make a point to make the tuition, which is about 15 dollars a year, simple for anybody to maintain. Even for those who can't swing that, we have a way for kids to work off, or a parent to help work off, the meager amount that we do ask for a membership.

Our local Boys and Girls Club, the money is raised here locally, 99% of it stays here locally. While there is a Boys and Girls Club of America organization and we contribute 1% of our budget to them, about 20 to 25-fold comes back to us, and in kind help they are a lead agency on a national level for grants with the federal agencies.

If there's a question, one could reach our executive director Liz Smith here in Eureka, at 441-1030. That's 441-1030, or you can call me, Dale Warmuth, by day I work at Leon's Car Care Center. You can reach me at 444-9636, and I could share with you how you might be able to help physically, or if not, monetarily. I hope to hear from you sometime soon.

Again, this is Dale Warmuth from Boys and Girls Club of Eureka.