

Press Release

SAN FERNANDO VALLEY, CA — A new chapter unfolds next week for local youth as the Boys & Girls Club of San Fernando Valley proudly unveils its newly renovated Learning Center. Crafted with love and vision, this vibrant space is made possible by a generous grant from the Panda Cares Foundation, the philanthropic heart of Panda Express.

This latest transformation marks yet another milestone in a legacy of community enrichment at the Pacoima-based Club, where children and teens have found support in both academics and life since 1966. The refreshed space will serve as a vital resource, and has been designed to help local youth reach their full potential in a safe, supportive, and inspiring environment.

The new Learning Center will be called the Panda Cares Center of Hope, and is a shining testament to Panda Cares' unwavering commitment to academic excellence across the nation. Since 2020, Panda Cares has invested over \$51 million in Boys & Girls Clubs of America to elevate youth success. Nicole Chase, President and CEO of the Boys & Girls Club of San Fernando Valley said, "The Center of Hope is more than a space—it's a springboard for dreams. We are deeply grateful to Panda Cares for their dedication to creating impactful change in our community."

Driven by the belief that great futures start within safe walls, the Boys & Girls Club of San Fernando Valley has championed youth empowerment since 1966. The new Learning Center reflects the Club's ongoing mission by offering essential resources and a welcoming space for local children and teens.

The grand opening of the Panda Cares Center of Hope will be at 5pm on Wednesday, November 13th, 2024, at:

Boys & Girls Club of San Fernando Valley
11251 Glenoaks Blvd
Pacoima, CA 91331
Parking is available onsite

About Boys & Girls Club of San Fernando Valley

Since 1966, the Boys & Girls Club of San Fernando Valley has been dedicated to providing a safe, enriching environment for youth in the community. Through its diverse programs in education, health, and leadership, the club serves as a pillar in the lives of young people, supporting hundreds of youth annually in San Fernando Valley. <https://www.bgcsfv.org/>

About Panda Cares Foundation

Established in 1999, the Panda Cares Foundation is the philanthropic arm of Panda Restaurant Group. Committed to serving communities through food, funding, and volunteer services, Panda Cares empowers underserved youth and aids disaster relief efforts nationwide, fueled by the generosity of in-store donation boxes, Panda associates, and valued business partners. <https://www.pandacares.org/>

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