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THE BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS' BELLE HAVEN CLUBHOUSE INSTALLS SOLAR PANELS AND SHOWCASES CLEAN ENERGY FOR YOUTH

Sun-powered energy will cut the clubhouse utility bills by one third, thanks to support from SunWork, Facebook, and Menlo Spark

Belle Haven, CA, January 22nd, 2018 – The Boys & Girls Clubs of the Peninsula, SunWork, Facebook, and Menlo Spark are pleased to announce the completion of solar power installations for BGCP's McNeil Family Clubhouse in Belle Haven. Thanks to generous funding from Facebook, SunWork was able to bring renewable energy to BGCP, with estimated savings of over \$6,000 on electric bills in 2018. The new 24 kilowatt solar array on the clubhouse rooftop stands out as the largest clean energy installation among the other 25 solar projects donated to homes in the community over the past two years.

"Thank you to [Facebook](#), [SunWork](#), and [Menlo Spark](#) for installing these amazing solar panels on our clubhouse. Our students will now have the opportunity to learn about renewable energy in a building that benefits their well-being, and our environment," said James K. Harris, Senior Director of Operations at BGCP.

"SunWork and our volunteers installed the solar system over the holidays enabling BGCP to start 2018 with savings on their electric bill", said Reuben Veek, SunWork Founder and Operations manager.

"For the past two years, Facebook has partnered with Menlo Spark to bring solar energy to our community, and we're thrilled to expand this initiative in Belle Haven with a new project at the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Peninsula," said Lauren Swezey, Facebook Sustainability and Community Outreach Manager. "Facebook is committed to reducing its potential impact on the environment and being a steadfast supporter of the local community achieving a climate neutral status."

"It's great to see clean solar energy spread throughout Belle Haven, saving nonprofits like BGCP and home owners money, and showing the promise of renewable energy," said Diane Bailey, Executive Director of Menlo Spark. "We're excited to work with the Boys & Girls Club students through a renewable energy learning kiosk to teach the science behind solar electricity and talk about the opportunities to join the green energy economy."

Facebook's sponsorship of the 24kW system, in partnership with the nonprofit SunWork, will enable substantial energy bill savings for BGCP estimated to be in excess of \$63,000 over ten years. The system's performance can be tracked online to show how much solar energy the panels generate every day. Menlo Spark will work with BGCP to create a learning center that will provide hands-on education about renewable energy for the Clubhouse students.

About the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Peninsula

The Boys & Girls Clubs of the Peninsula serves 2,500 low-income K-12th grade students at 12 locations, and supports club members in college through graduation. To close the opportunity gap in Silicon Valley, BGCP students receive year-round academic skill building, case management, mentoring, career pathway, and college success programming. BGCP provides 700 hours of extra learning time instruction per student per year, a 60% increase over the school day alone. Learn more at www.bgcp.org.

About SunWork

SunWork Renewable Energy Projects is a nonprofit that installs solar electricity systems with the help of trained volunteers. SunWork installs systems for nonprofit organizations as well as for home owners that have low electric bills. SunWork's model lets it deliver solar power at lower cost, allowing more people to make the switch to solar, enabling broader adoption of renewable energy. Visit www.sunwork.org

About Facebook

Founded in 2004, Facebook's mission is to give people the power to build community and bring the world closer together. People use Facebook to stay connected with friends and family, to discover what's going on in the world, and to share and express what matters to them.

About Menlo Spark

Menlo Spark is a nonprofit initiative that is collaborating with city government, businesses, and residents to achieve a climate neutral Menlo Park by 2025. By helping to weave together novel energy, transportation, land use and building policies and projects in the city that contribute to sustainability, Menlo Spark is spearheading a unified strategy for progress towards the ultimate goal of zero carbon. To learn more about Menlo Spark, visit www.menlospark.org.

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