

Variety Boys & Girls Club Gala - Universal City, California

VBGC Spirit of Community Award for Pat Gonzalez

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Good evening, everyone. I'm Jim Clark, president and CEO of Boys & Girls Clubs of America. I'm not able to join you for tonight's Gala, but I very much wanted to recognize the incredible work that the Variety Boys & Girls does for kids and families in your community.

Like the 23 Club members you honor tonight as Variety Club College & Trade School Scholarship winners. I know many past scholarship winners have gone on to become leaders of their communities and the public and private sectors.

Congratulations to each of you as you embark on your personal journey to a great future.

This special evening also features the presentation of the Variety Boys & Girls Club Spirit of Community Award. It

recognizes a Club board member whose tremendous and uncommon service has significantly contributed to youth achieving their goals through the Club's positive guidance. Congratulations to tonight's honoree, senior vice president for Paramount Pictures, Patricia Gonzalez.

Pat is an icon of the Los Angeles philanthropic community. She consistently goes above and beyond to ensure thousands of young people have the resources and support they need to succeed. While she's been on the board fewer than two years, Pat has made a major impact. In spearheading the Club's annual auctions, for instance, Pat has elevated them to a high level of success. Her long-term commitment to your end of the year ask and holiday party, in supplying goods and gifts for the young people we serve, has been unmatched.

Pat's endless energy, passion to make a difference, and can-do style lifts up her fellow board members - and anyone else around her. Her trademark smile brightens any room she enters. People just feel better when they're around her.

Pat, on behalf of the Boys & Girls Club Movement, thank you for your passion and commitment to help all kids fulfill their potential, especially those who most need the Club. Your service to the Variety Boys & Girls Club and many more local groups has positively impacted the futures of Greater L.A.'s young people for generations to come. Congratulations.

Thank you, everyone, for this opportunity to speak and for your support of Boys & Girls Clubs. Have a great night!