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OC Community Foundation aims to raise \$200K for 14 area Boys & Girls clubs

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As students countywide begin to return to classrooms, amid a global pandemic that has disrupted lives and created more challenges for youth than ever before, an online philanthropic event hopes to raise \$200,000 in support of area Boys & Girls clubs.

On Aug. 18, the Orange County Community Foundation will host its Greatness Amplified Giving Day when visitors can learn more about, and directly contribute to, clubs that help members develop healthy relationships, improve academic skills and more.

An estimated 486,179 were separated from their peers and largely relied on remote learning until many schools reopened in March. During that time, more than 25% of high schoolers reported a decline in their emotional and cognitive health as a result of isolation, a Kaiser Family Foundation study reported.

Clubs participating in “Greatness Amplified,” part of OCCF’s iheartOC Collaborative Giving Days initiative, include the Boys & Girls clubs of Laguna Beach, Huntington Valley, Fullerton, Placentia-Yorba Linda, Capistrano Valley, Garden Grove, Greater Anaheim-Cypress, La Habra, Stanton, Tustin Westminster, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Orange Coast and Boys & Girls Club of the South Coast.