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“STILL THE THRILL”
Will Clark Visits The Olympic Club

PRESIDENT'S LETTER



Dear Olympic Club Foundation Supporters:

As The Olympic Club Foundation celebrates its 30th Anniversary, we are honored to build upon all the great work of those who came before us. As of this writing, the seven endowments that we have in place produce more than \$125,000 in annual and predictable

revenue to our grantees, year over year, without ever invading the principal. And now the exciting news: We have started **three new endowments** this past month that will provide critical funds to our grantees, forever. A huge thanks to Mike Delagnes and family (*please see the accompanying story in the September Olympian*), John Trauth, and the Clark Drive funders for helping us take things to the next level with their new endowed funds, which total more than \$1.2 million!

As summer winds down, we are preparing for a big second half of 2022. On the heels of our spectacular evening with **Will Clark** (*see opposite page*), we are thrilled to announce that boxing legend **Sugar Ray Leonard** will serve as the Honorary Chair of our 6th Annual Fight Night. This will be the OCF's highest grossing event ever, as we will have raised more than \$250,000 for our kids before the doors even open on September 14. With Irish boxers from County Cork returning this year, the craic

and banter will be mighty! (Paul O'Driscoll, thanks for helping me finish that sentence!)

Finally, we hope you enjoy the stories in the pages that follow about our grantees who look to bring First Responders and our communities closer together through youth sports. The men and women who work with the Rich May Foundation, San Francisco PAL, and San Mateo PAL are serving as mentors and role models for thousands of kids in the Bay Area, and the OCF is proud to support their programs.

The OCF Fight Night for Charity is a wonderful example of how far we have come, as a community, over the past two-plus years. As members of the Olympic Club, we all see the benefits of healthy competition. Let's continue to lead by example by helping young athletes strive for and achieve greatness. For this, I am proud to be an Olympian.

Thank you for your continued support,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "tohe".

Stephen Wynne

President, The Olympic Club Foundation

GRANTEE PROFILE: RICH MAY FOUNDATION



Officer Rich May was a 38 year-old father of three when he was shot and killed while responding to a call in East Palo Alto. Officer May was a former Marine who was dedicated to helping kids, whether it was through his work with the Police Athletic League, D.A.R.E. (Drug Awareness Resistance Education), or while teaching criminology courses to high school students in his free time. To provide children and young adults of East Palo Alto with an alternative to

gangs and violence, Rich May's family, friends, and members of the local law enforcement community formed a partnership to build Rich May Memorial Field in 2015. This field gives the youth of East Palo Alto the opportunity to practice and compete on an athletic field that is equal to anything across the highway in Menlo Park. Current OCF grantees who use this field include East Palo Alto Razorhawks, EPATT, SMC Sheriff Activity League Rugby, and Ravenswood Athletics. The Field is entirely run by volunteers and they need tens of thousands of dollars each year to keep it going and will need hundreds of thousands of dollars to re-turf the field in four years. The Olympic Club Foundation is proud to partner with them in these efforts. To learn more about the Rich May Foundation, please see www.richmayfoundation.org.





Will Clark discusses baseball with Jack Veach.



Bill and Mary Poland meet Will Clark.



Roger Desouza, Will Clark and Marty Gaehwiler.

WILL CLARK HELPS THE OCF RAISE OVER \$200,000 FOR YOUTH BASEBALL

San Francisco Giants legend Will Clark presented to a packed house at “An Evening With Will the Thrill” at the Downtown Clubhouse on May 18. The audience was enthralled as Clark talked about his career with the Giants, the state of today’s game, favorite teammates and moments, and discussed the importance

of youth sports in our communities. Mr. Clark’s appearance and the support of the Torrey Family and AXR Winery helped The OCF raise more than \$200,000 to benefit youth baseball programs in the Bay Area’s nine counties.



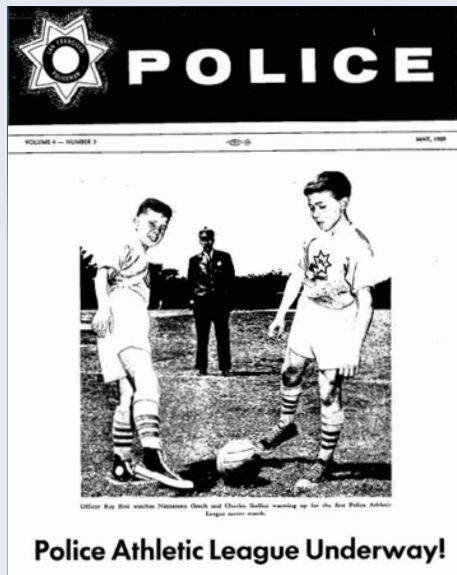
Frank Cassidy (far right) and his daughter Keira with Will Clark.



Scott Elrod, Barbara Bechelli and Will Clark.

GRANTEE PROFILE: SAN FRANCISCO PAL

Sixty-three years ago, two policemen decided to do something about “the growing juvenile



The cover of the PAL Journal, May 1959

delinquency problem” in San Francisco. They courageously took out personal loans and started what has grown into the San Francisco Police Activities League (SFPAL). Since 1959, thousands of SFPAL youth have grown into leaders within the City of San Francisco, the San Francisco Police Department, and the business and nonprofit communities.

Today, almost 1,200 kids participate in PAL healthy activities with the help of over 100 civilian and police volunteers. Executive Director and Retired Police Captain Rick Bruce relayed a great PAL story: “Longtime board member Bob Knighton grew up in Bayview – Hunters Point in the 1960s. As a youth, he played baseball for the PAL, and later at Wilson High School. Bob likes to

remind people that in the 1960s, the Chief of Police would actually come out to ‘Opening Day’ of the PAL baseball season and throw out the first pitch. The Chief would then shake the hands of all of the young ballplayers. Bob was so impressed by this that he decided that he wanted to be a member of the SFPD. Several years later, Bob was sworn in as a San Francisco police officer (one of the first African-American officers in the department), by the same Chief who had thrown out that first pitch years earlier.” The Olympic Club Foundation has provided a number of grants to SFPAL over the past 30 years and is proud to partner with this important 501(c)(3) charity. To learn more about SFPAL, please visit www.sfpal.org.

SUPPORT THE 2022 CAMPAIGN FOR KIDS TODAY!

Your gift to the 2022 Campaign For Kids will make a huge difference in the lives of young athletes. Your support last year allowed the OCF to give out a record \$610,000+ in grants to 65 youth sports programs in the Bay Area’s 9 counties! To make an online gift via ledger or credit card, please see the QR code (right). Checks can be sent to The Olympic Club Foundation at 524 Post Street, San Francisco, CA 94102.



GRANTEE PROFILE: SAN MATEO PAL

The mission of San Mateo PAL is to build the “Bond Between Cops and Kids.” Since 1997, San Mateo PAL has provided free youth sports opportunities to thousands of San Mateo youth. Supported by a volunteer Board of Directors and staff consisting of Police Officers, Parks and Recreation Staff, and City Employees, the San Mateo Police Activities League is building a stronger and safer community through kids – our most valuable asset. San Mateo Police Chief Ed Barberini noted that “the San Mateo Police Activities League, along with our Police and Parks and Recreation Departments, prioritize bringing affordable sports and recreation options to local youth to help provide equitable access to enrichment programs. These activities are necessary to build a stronger, healthier, happier, and safer community, which we all strive to create.”

San Mateo PAL places a strong emphasis on maintaining good academic standing and offers free tutoring to help their athletes complete their homework and improve their GPA. The Olympic Club Foundation most recently provided scholarship funds to members of the San Mateo Quakes youth soccer teams, including funding for two girls’ teams at the U8 and U9 level. To learn more about San Mateo PAL, please visit www.sanmateopal.org.

