Dear Olympic Club Foundation Supporters:

It would be an understatement to say our communities have been disrupted these past two years. We have experienced profound changes at the local, national, and global levels. Many – me included – wondered if we would ever return to life as we knew it before isolation became the norm, and our once vibrant downtown became a shell of its former self. The answer – of course – is an unqualified yes! We are San Franciscans, and we are Olympians. Resilience is part of our DNA. After all, our predecessors rebuilt the City Clubhouse after the 1906 quake, and our Club has endured the Great Depression, two world wars, and myriad other challenges since its founding. Indeed, the comeback of our city and our OC is underway. People are going back to the office, downtown sidewalks are bustling like before, toasts are being made at Article III over cold beers, and the camaraderie we cherish is evident at our golf courses, basketball courts, pools, and everywhere we come together as Olympians.

As we return to the Club, I want to highlight another part of our heritage that is just as important – our service to the community through the Olympic Club Foundation. Since 1992, the OC Foundation has offered our members an opportunity to give back. For 30 years, our OC Foundation has been raising funds to support the nine Bay Area counties that provide organized athletic programming to young athletes from underserved Bay Area neighborhoods. This is something to be proud of.

Our founding Olympic Club Foundation members had the foresight to establish the “Winged O Foundation” to help our community. These founding OCF members — including Melvyn Mark (President), Bob Tomasello (Vice President), Richard Skidmore (Secretary), Andy Burke (Chief Financial Officer), Roy Clay, Richard Guggenhime, and Michael Weise — saw the need, and wanted to provide other members the opportunity. Renamed “The Olympic Club Foundation” in 2000, over the past three decades our Club has helped the Foundation provide more than $6 million to over 300 nonprofit organizations in the Bay Area's nine counties, benefiting more than 300,000 kids.

Celebrating 30 years of supporting our young athletes is a significant milestone. Also impressive is the incredibly generous participation from our OC members. All along, our OC board of directors have supported our efforts, with notable help from our current OC board, our new OC president, Paul O‘Driscoll, and our board liaison, Kevin Lee. We also owe a great deal of gratitude to our OCF Board Members who rotated to emeritus status this year: David McCallum, James Greig, Marina Costabile, Crosby Hyde, Tom Lathrop, Mark McNay and Elaine Murphy. Thank you!

Over the last year, we have raised north of $1,195,388 from our OC family and our broader OCF community. We enjoyed 1,132 gifts to our annual campaign, totaling more $543,855! We grossed $350,000 from our annual OCF Fight Night (big shout-out to Annie Crangle and Ari Warmerdam for co-chairing our marquee event!).

We enjoyed a record-setting 2021, and we have so much to be proud of. However, we were only able to satisfy half of the requests we received from our grantees. We’d love to double our efforts in 2022 to meet those needs!

Our club shines bright from the inside and out, with so much to be proud of. Our Club excels athletically. Our OC family and the OCF lead our community by supporting youth athletics within the Bay Area. For this, I am proud to be an Olympian.

Thank you for your continued support,

Stephen Wynne
President, The Olympic Club Foundation

THE FOUNDATION GAINS NINE NEW BOARD MEMBERS

The Olympic Club Foundation is thrilled to announce we have strengthened our Board by adding nine new members in 2022.

Harper Cullen
Public Health

Patrick Carlin
Carlin and Associates, CPAs

Brian Patrick Doyle
Business Development, Amazon

Carla Hultman
Retired Administrator

Damion Lee
Golden State Warriors guard

Heather McGill
Physician, Physical Therapy

Carolyn Salcido
Development Professional

Bill Ring
Retired Wealth manager, 49er

Carolyn Salcido
Development Professional

Victor Torres
Software Engineer
GRANTEE PROFILE: CRISTO REY DE LA SALLE EAST BAY HIGH SCHOOL

Cristo Rey De La Salle East Bay High School anticipates that every member of its first graduating class will be admitted to a four-year college, an amazing accomplishment for a group that arrived in 2018 collectively trailing the national average by four grade levels. They are now on track to successfully complete the rigorous Cristo Rey college preparatory curriculum. In addition, every student will graduate with several years of corporate work experience from participating in the Corporate Work Study Program. President Steve Murphy noted, “We are deeply grateful for the Olympic Club Foundation’s continued partnership in this amazing mission that will have an impact that ripples across generations.”

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.

MEET WILL CLARK

Donate $1,000 or more to the 2022 campaign on or before May 1, and you’ll be invited to a cocktail party and meet and greet at the Club with Giants legend Will Clark. Contact John Ring for details at jring@olympicclubfoundation.org
GRANTEE PROFILE: GATEWAY HIGH SCHOOL

Student Athletics are back in full swing at Gateway High School and the coaches and students alike could not be happier to be back on the field... or the court... or just back in one another’s company. “It feels more personal now,” said Roy, a GHS senior and soccer player. “It’s great to come together with my teammates because we have the same purpose, we’re connected by our sport.”

We’re in an unusual position as a small public school,” said GHS Athletics Director Stephen Flynn. “We have fewer athletes to choose from, and fewer resources and a smaller budget than the private schools we face off against. But we focus on controlling what we can control, letting go of the stuff we can’t, and making sure each athlete is unleashing their full potential. Thanks to the Olympic Club Foundation, Gateway High School’s athletes were able to play their regularly scheduled seasons once we returned to school, and in crisp uniforms, with fantastic equipment and incredible coaches. We are grateful for the opportunities our student athletes have because of the funding provided by the OCF.”

General Admission tickets go on sale August 1, but you can secure your admission today by purchasing a sponsorship.

Call John Ring at (415) 710-0580 or email him at jring@olympicclubfoundation.org.