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Boys & Girls Club of Palm Springs Honors Rose Wells with Youth of the Year Award

(Palm Springs, CA) The Boys & Girls Club of Palm Springs (BGCPs) has announced that Rose Wells has been named Youth of the Year. Along with the title, she will be receiving a scholarship funded by the Palm Springs Pathfinders through the Harold and Judy Stack Scholarship Fund totaling over \$12,000 to help her on her journey to earning a 4-year college degree.

Wells became a club member in the 5th grade after her father passed away, and has been actively involved in BGCPs for the past 6 years. She has participated in numerous programs, which allowed her to accumulate points she was able to use towards trips to places like Knott's Soak City and Lake Perris – which are great bonuses but not the reason Wells is so committed to the Boys & Girls Club of Palm Springs.

“The Club is such a great place to be, and it gives us access to so many things to do,” said Wells. “You can either just chill out and do homework or take part in one of their fun activities. And I really love the staff and the people – I’ve made so many friends here. Everyone comes together and knows each other well. It’s a place where we all feel like we belong.”

Cooking sessions are Wells’ favorite activity, which are held at the Club’s Health & Wellness Center teaching kids how to make meals and snacks that are both delicious and have nutritional value. Wells added that another thing she really appreciates about the Club is the leadership skills she has gained there. “I used to be shy, but the Club has really helped me overcome that,” explained Wells.

Currently, Wells is the president of the BGCPs’s Keystone Club, which provides leadership development opportunities for club members in the areas of academic success, career preparation and community service. She has been a basketball coach for BGCPs’s youth basketball league for the past 2 years, as well as a varsity player and co-captain at Palm Springs High School. She also acts as a swim instructor for the Club’s youth summer swim program.

“The Youth of the Year recognition is our signature effort to foster a new generation of leaders who are fully prepared to live and lead in a diverse and integrated world economy,” said Margaret Keung, Executive Director of the Boys & Girls Club of Palm Springs. “Rose has been an outstanding leader at our Club, and she is extremely deserving of this honor.”

The Youth of the Year program has honored and celebrated the nation’s most inspiring teens and their incredible journeys. Stories of outstanding leadership, service, academic excellence and dedication to

living a healthy lifestyle have made Youth of the Year America's premier leadership and recognition program for teens.

Next fall, Wells plans on attending Cal State Long Beach to major in psychology.

For more information on the Boys & Girls Club Palm Springs at all that it offers, go to <https://www.bgcps.org/>.

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