



## Tony's Treehouse donated \$400 for Boys & Girls Club teens to attend Keystone Teen Leadership Conference in March

Seven teens from the Boys & Girls Club of Laguna Beach joined 1,500 other Boys & Girls Club Teen members from all over the country and military bases overseas as they attended the BGCA's Keystone Teen Leadership Conference in Anaheim this past March. This was made possible, in part, by a very generous \$400 donation from Tony's Treehouse during the stretch of the Teen Center's Keystone Club fundraising campaign.

Founded by Becky Martinez of Laguna Beach, Tony's Treehouse has contributed nearly \$4,000 over the years to help fund special field trips at the Boys & Girls Club of Laguna Beach. When Martinez heard about the Keystone Clubs' dedication to community service and leadership, she wanted to help send them the group to Anaheim.



**Above (L-R)- Top – Bottom: Orange County's Youth of the Year-Austin Willhoft, Keystone President-Aaron White, Keystone Treasurer-Alec Fritschmann, Keystone members-Harmony Lynn, Savannah Johnson, Tony's Treehouse Executive Director-Becky Martinez, Keystone Member-Abi Webb and Teen Director-Dalene Hamer**

"I was so excited to go! This is my second year involved with Keystone and of course it just gets better. National conference helps to open my eyes to world issues as well as what our generation is dealing with." White added, "I am eager to use what I learned at conference in my roles here at home, at school and in lacrosse."

Conference participants take part in leadership workshops where they explore many of the issues that teens face in their communities. Members are presented with thought provoking workshops from some of the most exciting experts in their field, offered engaging super-sessions, interactive academic success and career exploration experiences, and other service-learning events.

The 2014 National Keystone Conference also provided numerous opportunities for teens to network and have fun. Field trips, game nights and social dances are also on the agenda.

The Keystone Club raised over \$2,000 on their own and were overjoyed when they received the donation from Tony's Treehouse to help pay the rest of the way. For more information about Keystone or other Teen Programs, contact Dalene Hamer, Teen Director, at 494-2535 x 106 or at [daleneh@bgclaguna.org](mailto:daleneh@bgclaguna.org)

Tony's Treehouse, a local non-profit, is dedicated to continuing the compassionate spirit of Tony Martinez by uniting family, friends, and community who are dedicated to improving the quality of life for families in need.

The non-profit was founded by Becky Martinez, whose sons; Tony and Danny were members of the Boys & Girls Club as kids.

The Keystone Club program has a rich 48-year history of grooming future leaders, and making a positive impact on the Club and the community. It focuses on three pillars: community service, teen outreach and career and academic success. Teen members volunteered at last year's Tony's Treehouse Gala. They also sold their art pieces during the auction to benefit the non-profit. This helped build a meaningful partnership between The Keystone Club and Tony's Treehouse founder Becky Martinez admired the Teens willingness to "give back".

Fourteen-year-old Aaron White was one of the four teens representing the Boys & Girls Club of Laguna Beach in Anaheim this year.