



BOYS & GIRLS CLUB
OF TRUCKEE MEADOWS

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**BOYS & GIRLS CLUB CELEBRATES ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET,
NOV. 3 WITH “40th ANNIVERSARY” THEMED EVENING**
*Awards Banquet presented by Hot August Nights Foundation
Honors Female and Male Youth of the Year and Lance Semenko*

RENO, Nev. (Oct. 24, 2016) – The Boys & Girls Club of Truckee Meadows recognizes the best of the best in Club members and community support at this year’s “40th Anniversary-themed [Annual Awards Banquet](#) presented by [Hot August Nights Foundation](#), Thursday, Nov. 3 at the Silver Legacy Resort Casino. Cocktail service begins at 5 p.m. followed by dinner and awards program at 6 p.m.

The Annual Awards Banquet honors Lance Semenko, COO of Q&D Construction, with the 2016 Distinguished Service award and Youth of the Year, Casey Nicholas and Jared Porter. The night also honors kids who make a difference in the lives of friends and peers by living the Club’s mission each day, leading by example and helping others. Nine members from the Club’s youth and teen centers are set to receive a Member of the Year award, saluting his or her outstanding service and participation among the Club’s 14,000 members. In addition, select Club members will receive college scholarship awards from various donors through the Club’s scholarship program.

“Each year at the Awards Banquet we honor those individuals who have made a significant impact in the lives of children in our community,” said Mike Wurm, Executive Director, Boys & Girls Club of Truckee Meadows. “The two best examples of the Club’s impact are the Youth of the Year, who will share their stories of perseverance and the role the Boys & Girls Club has played in their success.”

The Annual Awards Banquet presented by Hot August Nights Foundation includes hosted cocktails from 5 to 6 p.m. followed by dinner and awards program featuring performances from Club members. The top- Level sponsor is available for \$1,600 and includes a 10-person table and full-page program ad, while the \$1,400 Level sponsor receives a 10-person table and half-page program ad. You can also purchase a 10-person table for \$1,200 and individual tickets are \$150 per person. Purchase tickets online at www.BGCTM.org or contact Emmy Quinn at (775) 360-2448 or equinn@bgctm.org.

For more information about the Boys & Girls Club of Truckee Meadows including volunteer, donation and program information, please call (775) 331-KIDS (5437) or visit www.BGCTM.org.

ABOUT BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF TRUCKEE MEADOWS

The Boys & Girls Club of Truckee Meadows is the leading non-profit youth services agency in northern Nevada. Its mission is to enhance the quality of life for children, ages 0 to 18, in the Truckee Meadows through afterschool, summer and school break programming and services. The Club is committed to creating healthy children, in body and mind, with a sense of competence, usefulness, responsibility, belonging and influence, through diverse programs and community involvement. Founded in 1976, the Club now serves more than 13,000 children at 20 sites throughout the Truckee Meadows. At all of its sites, the Boys & Girls Club strives to provide kids with positive and productive outlets for their energy with programs such as afterschool tutoring, character and leadership development, healthy lifestyles, athletics and art. And while the Club invests more than \$2,500 annually into each of its members, memberships cost just \$20 per year, providing equal opportunity to all children in the community. Connect with the Boys & Girls Club of Truckee Meadows on Facebook, www.Facebook.com/PositivePlace, Twitter, www.Twitter.com/PositivePlace and Instagram, www.Instagram.com/ThePositivePlace.

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Kacie Nicholas, 2016 Female Youth of the Year

Through many ups and downs in her 17 years of life, Kacie found the support and consistency she needed at the Boys & Girls Club. The Club's guidance helped her navigate through difficulties and shape her into the bright, driven young lady she is today. A senior at Sparks High School, Kacie stands out as a leader among her peers and a positive example to younger Club members.

Jared Porter, 2016 Male Youth of the Year

A shy child, Jared had trouble making connections with others, but at the Boys & Girls Club, he found his outlet in sports. His bonds with Club staff through athletics helped drive him to succeed, both on and off the field. Today, Jared is a Leader in Training, acting as a mentor to younger kids. He will graduate from Galena High School this spring, and will no doubt continue to shine as the all-star he has become.

Lance Semenko, 2016 Distinguished Service Award Winner

Born and raised in Sparks, Nevada, Lance Semenko found his passion for construction at the young age of 13 when he began working every summer for Helms Construction. He eventually earned a full-time position there in 1988, the same year he graduated from the University of Nevada, Reno. Lance worked at Helms until 1993 when he joined the Q&D Construction team where he has been ever since, being named COO in 2013. In addition to his role at Q&D, Lance also serves as Vice President and President-Elect of the Associated General Contractors of America Nevada Chapter (AGC).

Beyond construction, there is Lance's desire to help children and his love for his family. He has served on the Boys & Girls Club of Truckee Meadows Board of Directors since 1998, where he has dedicated countless hours, including holding the position of Past President. Lance always plays a critical role in the success of the annual "It Just Takes One" campaign.

Lance and his wife of 23 years, Cathy, have two boys, Kenneth, 22, a junior at Oregon State and Connor, 17, a senior at Spanish Springs High School.

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