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Camp Bob Waldorf Golf Classic Raises Over \$400,000

Over 1,000 Youth from Low-Income Households in Los Angeles to Attend Summer Camp

LOS ANGELES, CA – (May 15, 2024) - Jewish Big Brothers Big Sisters of Los Angeles (JBBBSLA) held its 30th Annual Camp Bob Waldorf Golf Classic on Monday, May 13th at Valencia Country Club to send youth across Los Angeles to overnight summer camp this summer. JBBBSLA has owned and operated Camp Bob Waldorf in Glendale for over 80 years offering multiple camp programs in a fun, safe, nurturing environment for youth who come from low-income families. Camp programs are built upon four core pillars – Community, Identity, Inclusion, and Respect.

Thanks to the support of donors and sponsors, the Golf Classic raised over \$400,000. JBBBSLA is grateful to the generous golfers, foundations, institutional sponsors, and in-kind donors who support Camp Bob Waldorf. The event's success is due to the dedicated Event Co-Chairs Joey Behrstock and Steve Miller, the Golf Committee, title sponsor National Mortgage Resources, and Golf Cart sponsors Heckenberg Realty Group and Westpac Wealth Partners.

At the event's closing awards dinner, over 130 golfers heard from JBBBSLA CEO Cari Uslan, Camp Assistant Director Ben Farris, Golf Committee Co-Chairs Joey Behrstock and Steve Miller, and former camper and Leader-In-Training Maya Urshansky.

“What draws me back year after year is that regardless of what challenges we are facing, where we come from, or how old we are, when we gather at camp we still get to be kids having the time of our lives and have a safe space where we can celebrate our similarities and differences,” said Urshansky. “I can say with full certainty that having the experience of Camp Bob Waldorf for so long in my life factored significantly into shaping me into the young adult I am today.”

Thanks to community and institutional support, all campers receive financial aid, and no camper is turned away for inability to pay. The annual Golf Classic ensures more youth from low-income households can attend camp and develop valuable life skills, build confidence, and become future leaders.

“Our campers come from some of the most disadvantaged areas of Los Angeles,” Assistant Camp Director Ben Farris said. “Many of these kids and their families never dreamed that sleepaway summer camp could be a possibility for them. Your support directly helps them attend Camp Bob Waldorf.”

About Camp Bob Waldorf

Owned and operated by Jewish Big Brother Big Sisters of Los Angeles and inspired by Jewish values to help others, Camp Bob Waldorf is a non-denominational residential camp located on 112 acres in the Verdugo Mountains of Glendale. Since 1938, Camp Bob Waldorf has helped more than 60,000 youth from low-income households throughout Los Angeles. All campers have access to JBBBSLA's other programs including the College Access + Success Program, offering one-to-one college counseling and scholarships to attend college and more. Learn more about these programs at jbbbsla.org.

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