

Local kids win big with Boys & Girls Club refurb

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On Tuesday, March 10th, Mexican National Team soccer legend Alberto Garcia Aspe joined forces with The Home Depot associates and local volunteers to completely refurbish the Boys & Girls Club in Aurora.

The refurbishment project is part of The Home Depot's national community service program, in partnership with the Mexican National Team, aimed at giving back to local Hispanic communities. The Boettcher Branch of Boys & Girls Clubs of Metro Denver is one of five community centers and schools that will receive a renovated facility or new playground through this program.



The day started with a great Home Depot cheer and big smiles from the team of enthusiastic volunteers. The local Starbucks provided hot coffee, Einstein Brothers Bagels donated morning nosh, and Julius Flores, branch director of the William E. Cope Club, mixed beats to keep the crew pumped throughout the day. With leadership from The Home Depot experts, the group was able to install new kitchen cabinets and countertops, replace damaged tiles, install new bathroom vanities, add cove base molding, and repaint the majority of the building interior in just one day.

“We are so thankful to have The Home Depot associates and community members here today,” said Art Mitchell, Boettcher branch director, Boys & Girls Clubs of Metro Denver. “Many kids consider our Club to be a second home, and with the help of these amazing volunteers, our Club has been transformed into an even more positive place for the youth we serve.” In addition to the improvements made at the Boettcher Branch, The Home Depot also donated tools and materials to be utilized by all eight branches of Boys & Girls Clubs of Metro Denver.

Alberto Garcia Aspe was on hand to encourage kids to stay active, meet community members, and help revitalize the building with a coat of fresh paint. Several lucky Club members were able to speak at length with Aspe who autographed photos and soccer balls. “I look up to him. We all try to play like Aspe and the Club gym is always full when we play indoor soccer,” said Joshua, age 12.

Aspe, along with Michael Perez and Norma King of the Denver Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, helped celebrate the project's completion at the board cutting ceremony.

About Boys & Girls Clubs of Metro Denver (BGCMD): Since 1961, BGCMD has been helping kids ages 6-18 in the Greater Denver Metro area realize their full potential as productive, responsible, and caring citizens. The organization operates eight safe neighborhood branches, including the Boettcher Branch located at 1523 Boston Street in Aurora, where kids can spend time after school and during the summer learning, developing social skills, expressing themselves creatively, and participating in sports. To learn more about the activities and programs of Boys & Girls Clubs of Metro Denver and how you can make a difference in a child's life, visit us on the Web at www.bgcmd.org.