



September Hero Profile 2018

Children's Bill of Rights #9: As the children and youth of San Luis Obispo County, may we each make and keep healthy relationships with friends.

SEPTEMBER'S HERO
Rebecca Britton

PASSION
Giving kids a safe place to learn, grow and have fun together

ONE WORD TO DESCRIBE REBECCA
Persistent

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Boys & Girls Club of South San Luis Obispo County



Rebecca Britton is a champion for children, working to ensure that youth have meaningful ways after school to bond with friends, learn, and contribute to their community.

Over her 15+ years working at the Boys and Girls Club of South SLO County, Rebecca has been a key visionary behind its programs. The agency promotes and enhances the development of kids by instilling a sense of competence, usefulness, belonging and influence.

Colleagues say Rebecca believes every child deserves the same opportunity to participate in fun, enriching activities—regardless of where they come from or their ability to pay. In an effort to keep program costs down and fund scholarships, Rebecca created a t-shirt sponsorship for businesses and donors, who are plenty proud to have their names and logos on the “walking billboards” of hundreds of future leaders. Forging community partnerships has elevated awareness and highlighted the value of the kinds of educational and recreational services the Boys and Girls Club offers.

Thanks to Rebecca's diligent work to build relationships and resources, kids now practice their cooking skills together with the help of Dignity Health, learn the history of landmarks like the Port San Luis Lighthouse, try out sports with Cal Poly athletes, appreciate animals alongside the Roving Reptile Group, and take up sewing and improvisational theater, among other creative outlets.

Rebecca's life motto is much like her work passion: to enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible members of the community.

**Thank you, Rebecca.
You are a true Hands-On Hero.**

Look for more on all of our Hands-On Heroes on COE-TV channel 19!



Hands-On Heroes is a special recognition of dedicated individuals who believe in and support the Children's Bill of Rights, an achievable vision that our children grow up with healthy minds, bodies and spirits that enable them to maximize their potential. This program is coordinated by First 5 San Luis Obispo County in collaboration with local organizations that make a difference in the lives of children in our community. To find out more about First 5 and the Children's Bill of Rights, please visit first5slo.org.



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