



**BOYS CLUBS
OF AMERICA**

April 14, 1989

Mr. Frank Rodriguez
Board President
Boys & Girls Club of Corpus Christi
4629 Carroll Lane
Corpus Christi, TX 78415

Dear Mr. Rodriguez:

As you are aware, Boys Clubs of America has been working closely with the United Way of the Coastal Bend and a concerned group of citizens in Corpus Christi in an attempt to keep the Boys & Girls Club open and actively serving the youth of Corpus Christi. Boys Clubs of America has made a commitment to this leadership group to fully support their efforts in redirecting the affairs of the Club thereby improving the quality of service.

In response to your community's call for assistance, Boys Clubs of America is in the process of drafting a plan that includes providing short term, on site supervisorial assistance. This plan will begin to address the concerns expressed by the United Way in their position statement issued on April 10, 1989. Specifically, we are preparing plans to address the following concerns:

- Developing a plan to address the FICA and income tax being challenged by the IRS.
- Developing adequate financial records in appropriate internal financial control.
- Proceeding with a thorough agency audit for calendar year 1988.
- Assisting with the drafting of any needed changes in the organization's bylaws and personnel policies.
- The development of a responsible and representative governing board of directors who plan an active role in the development of club policies and procedures.
- Hire a full time professional Executive Director.

In a letter dated April 13, 1989, Mr. T. D. Higginbotham, President of the United Way of the Coastal Bend, announced to Mr. Ruben Bonilla, Jr. that the United Way Executive Committee had endorsed a proposal made by community leaders that included providing financial assistance to the Boys & Girls Club, providing that the club immediately meet the following conditions:

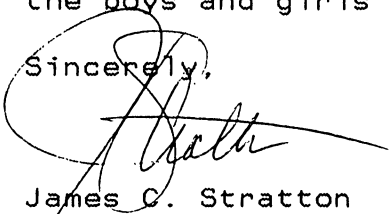
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- A. Replacement of the current Boys & Girls Club of Corpus Christi Board of Directors.
- B. Hiring of an interim director through Boys Clubs of America.
- C. Completion of an assessment of the Boys & Girls Club of Corpus Christi facilities with the assurance that facility deficiencies be corrected within a reasonable time.

Based on these recommendations and conditions, I strongly endorse the United Way proposal and urge your board of directors to deliver the management and control of the Club affairs to a new group of community leaders headed by Mr. Ruben Bonilla, Jr. Boys Clubs of America will begin its work immediately with community leadership to ensure the success of this plan. I urge you to take the steps necessary to ensure an orderly transfer of stewardship to Mr. Bonilla and his leadership group.

In conclusion, let me thank you for your service to the Boys and Girls Club and the community. I know you have struggled with many difficult problems and I commend you for your committed support to the boys and girls of Corpus Christi.

Sincerely,



James C. Stratton
Regional Director

cc: Father Bill Elliott
Ruben Bonilla, Jr.
Chris Nelson
Dr. Hector Garcia

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