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OF THE PENINSULA

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Menlo Park, October 19, 2021 – The Boys & Girls Clubs of the Peninsula (BGCP) Board of Directors announced Jenny Obiaya has been promoted into the role of co-CEO.

The BGCP Board of Directors promoted Jenny Obiaya into a co-CEO role, where she will partner with fellow co-CEO Peter Fortenbaugh to lead BGCP.

Obiaya has served as BGCP's Chief Program Officer since August 2020. During the pandemic her tireless work ethic and deep commitment to BGCP's students and community were on full display. In tight collaboration with BGCP program leaders and school district partners, she did an incredible job of quickly redesigning and implementing new programs to best support BGCP students during this particularly challenging time. These programs included in-person learning pods, virtual crews and modified summer programs.

Obiaya speaks openly and passionately about her commitment to empowering youth in systematically disadvantaged communities, and she has dedicated more than a dozen years of career experience to that passion. Prior to joining BGCP, she was Chief Strategy Officer, Lavinia Group (Educational Consulting), Director of Schools (Rocketship Public Schools), Managing Director (Teach for America) and a teacher and principal (Success Academy Charter Schools).

Peter Fortenbaugh, who will now share CEO responsibilities with Obiaya, reflected on his experience working with her over the last 15 months: "Jenny created a culture of positivity and a can-do spirit, while also being realistic. She is a born leader with an unusual blend of drive and compassion. She consistently asks the right questions at the right time. She has driven significant positive change throughout the organization, and I'm looking forward to partnering with Jenny to continue empowering students in our community to thrive."

At the announcement of her promotion to co-CEO on Monday, Obiaya addressed the BGCP staff and Board members and spoke of feeling a tremendous sense of gratitude. "It is an incredible privilege to be

a part of Team BGCP because we share a collective passion for empowering our youth and an unwavering belief in their limitless potential. I'm honored to work with each one of you and am fired up to continue growing our impact in the community together." Obiaya concluded her remarks by sharing this anonymous quote that guides her commitment to the mission: "Look back and be grateful. Look ahead and be hopeful. Look around and be helpful."

Jenny earned her BA from Harvard in History of Science and her MS in Education from the Relay Graduate School of Education.

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