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**ROSS STORES DONATION PARTNER WITH BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF TUCSON TO  
ENHANCE ACADEMIC = PROGRAMS FOR LOCAL KIDS AND TEENS**

**Tucson, AZ – April 2, 2016** – Boys & Girls Clubs of Tucson and **Ross Stores** are partnering to support the Club’s Power Hour program, an interactive after-school homework assistance program for members, ages 6 to 18.

Nationally, one out of five youth will not graduate from high school on time, oftentimes due to serious challenges they face personally and academically. Boys & Girls Clubs of Tucson Power Hour program offers the opportunity for Club staff to support youth in developing a positive attitude about learning while emphasizing the importance of high school graduation.

“Schools alone cannot meet the many needs of children, especially during the hours after school,” said Karin Malbrough VP of Program Operations. “With the support of Ross we are able to provide academic programs, like Power Hour, to kids and teens in the Tucson area during the critical out-of-school-time. Together we can address the high school dropout crisis and bridge the achievement gap in our community.”

The partnership with Ross Stores will assist in making the program a more effective tool to keep members on top of their academic studies as well as provide the Club with staff training and resources. Additionally, local Ross store employees will have an opportunity to volunteer their time at Boys & Girls Clubs of Tucson.

“Supporting the local communities we serve is an important focus for us,” said Leslie Oestreicher, Director of Corporate Social Responsibility and Sustainability for Ross Stores. “The Power Hour program provides youth with the opportunity to learn and develop skills that enable them to be successful in their studies.”

Power Hour is one of Boys & Girls Clubs of America’s top national programs supporting academic success. It is the organization’s vision to assure success is within reach of every young person

who enters the doors of a Club, with all members on track to graduate from high school with a plan for the future.

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### **About Boys & Girls Clubs of Tucson**

For more than 50 years, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Tucson (BGCT) has helped kids, especially those who need us the most, build great futures. The Boys & Girls Clubs of Tucson provides an affordable alternative and after school programming to 5,000 youth each year at six locations throughout Tucson. Using proven programs and resources, BGCT equips youth with pathways to success and as a result they have the resilience and support to face challenges and seek solutions. BGCT is a trusted partner in empowering children and relies on community support for sustainability. For more information, visit <http://www.bgctucson.org> or call 520-573-3533

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