

## **March Newsletter**

# Special message from our CEO, Denise Watters



### Spring Into Spring!

March brings a burst of excitement as we welcome the season of renewal. From celebrating International Women's Day and St. Patrick's Day to the International Day of Happiness, there's so much to look forward to this month.

"Swing into Spring" feels especially fitting as we hosted our Inaugural Boys & Girls Clubs of Tucson Swing for the Kids Golf Tournament. We're grateful to our Signature

Sponsor Team Cholla, our Presenting Sponsors UPS and the Desert Mountain Latino Business Resource Group, and all of our many wonderful golf event sponsors!

This time of year highlights why we are so impactful in Tucson. Parents trust us to care for their children, providing a safe, engaging environment where they can grow academically, develop leadership skills, and thrive. During spring break, we had the privilege of taking our teens on a trip to California, where they explored exciting opportunities for higher education and unforgettable experiences—like visiting Disneyland—thanks to your ongoing support.

Spring is a season of growth and renewal, and we're excited to witness our youth blossoming with potential for bright futures ahead.

Jenne Watters

## **Program Highlight**

#### **Power Hour**

Power Hour offers a structured time and place for Club staff and volunteers to help youth complete their homework and start each school day better prepared and with a sense of confidence and competence. As youth complete homework assignments and participate in fun, hands-on activities that reinforce learning, they are developing skills and competencies that are critical to their academic success. In addition, Power Hour offers tutoring assistance for members identified as needing extra help with specific subjects.



#### Summer Camp



Get ready for an unforgettable summer! Registration for Summer Camp 2025 is just around the corner and we're excited to welcome kids ages 7-17 to a season full of fun, adventure, and learning. This year's camp will feature a variety of exciting activities, including arts, technology, sports, fields trips and so much more!

Registration opens in April, so be sure to mark your calendars. For more details and to sign up, visit **bgctucson.org**.

Don't miss out on a summer of memories and new experiences – we can't wait to see you there!



**Keystone Members Visited California** 

Keystone Clubs provide leadership development opportunities for young people ages 14 to 18. Youth participate in activities in three focus areas: academic success, career preparation and community service. With the guidance of an adult advisor, Keystone Clubs aim to have a positive impact on members, the Club and community.

#### BGCT's Youth of the Year!



Mya S. from the Steve Daru Clubhouse has been named the 2025 Youth of the Year.

As the winner, Mya will receive the \$5,000 William J. Dawson Memorial Scholarship funded by Jim & Judy Knapp and Carol Lynn Dawson and will go on to represent Tucson at the state competition on April 8<sup>th</sup>.

Mya is 16 years old and has been a member

Our Roy Drachman & Jim and Vicki Click Keystone Clubs just wrapped up their California College Trip. Both Clubs raised enough money through their extensive fundraising efforts to make this trip happen. We are preparing our Club teens for their future while making unforgettable memories! for seven years. She plans to pursue a degree as a veterinarian at the University of Arizona.

#### **Events**

Youth of the Year Celebration Brunch



Join us in honoring the incredible achievements of our youth leaders at the Youth of the Year Celebration! This special event is dedicated to recognizing the hard work, dedication, and inspiring journey of our youth as they continue to pave the way toward bright and successful futures.

The celebration will take place on Saturday, April 26th, at the beautiful J.W. Marriott Starr Pass. It's a fantastic opportunity to cheer on these outstanding individuals and show your support as they take the next steps in their journey.

We hope you'll be there to celebrate with us and witness the bright future ahead for these remarkable young leaders!

To become a sponsor, please email us at events@bgctucson.org

Swing for the Kids



On Saturday, March 22nd, we held our firstever Swing for The Kids Golf Tournament, an event to remember! Our golfers enjoyed a fantastic day on the course, filled with fun, friendly competition, and perfect weather. The atmosphere was lively and positive, thanks to the support of our amazing sponsors.

We are thrilled to announce that the tournament was a complete sell-out! This incredible turnout speaks volumes about the generosity and enthusiasm of our community. We couldn't have done it without the help of our sponsors, players, and volunteers.

Thank you to everyone who made this event so special! FORE THE KIDS!



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