



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS  
OF TUCSON**

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**The Boys & Girls Clubs of Tucson proudly announces the recognition of our own Denise Watters as the Boys & Girls Club CEO of the Year for Arizona by the Boys & Girls Clubs of America**

[TUCSON, ARIZONA, November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024] She has been awarded the prestigious Boys & Girls Club CEO of the Year for Arizona by the Boys & Girls Clubs of America for her commitment to leadership and community impact. Under her leadership, Boys & Girls Clubs of Tucson have expanded services, programming, and professionally developed staff for all six Tucson clubhouses. This recognition reflects the hard work and passion that she brings to our organization and community.

Denise's unique perspective as a former board leader and transitioning to CEO has positioned her to deepen meaningful donor relationships, bringing the community closer to the Club and our mission. Her leadership and passion shines in all she does representing the Club in Tucson and across the BGC Movement.

"Denise is a change-maker who has demonstrated leadership with every constituency of Boys & Girls Clubs of Tucson—the staff, the youth, the Board of Directors, community leaders, and the donor community."

*Joe Gulotta, Board Chair, Boys & Girls Clubs of Tucson*

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Tucson is dedicated to ensuring that all of Tucson's youth have greater access to quality programs, safe clubs and a dedicated caring staff who will help enhance their lives and shape their futures.

For more than 65 years, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Tucson, have been opening doors for Tucson's youth providing tools for success and a brighter future.

Being a member of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Tucson helps them discover that they will have a chance to find a way to college and create the future they've dreamed on, practicing our programs, and learning how to become great citizens, our clubhouses offer a safe place and environment to open their mind and expand their creativity to reach great success in life.

No matter how hard our families struggle, our programs can be affordable for everyone.

The clubhouses offer more than 40 programs throughout the year in four core areas:

- Academic Success
- Character & Leadership
- Workforce readiness
- Health & Well-being

"Denise and her team have done exceptional work for the kids and families around Greater Tucson. Her leadership has proven to be forward-looking, inclusive, and youth focused. We need more Executives like Denise Watters."

*Joe Ingoglia Director of Organizational Development BGCA*

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Tucson has helped thousands of youths aged 7-17 through more than 40 programs during the school year and summer camp, specializing in four areas: character & leadership development, workforce readiness, health & wellbeing, and academic success. To learn more about the impact of our community and youth development, visit [bgctucson.org](http://bgctucson.org).