



BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF TUCSON

Special message from our CEO, Denise Watters



As we move through February, we are filled with excitement and pride at the Boys and Girls Clubs of Tucson. Early in the month, we had the honor of hosting the Mark Irvin City Youth of the Year competition, an event that truly showcases the dedication, growth, and potential of our incredible youth. Our teen members work tirelessly in preparation for this day, and it is not easy to speak before such a distinguished audience. The courage and vulnerability they show in sharing their personal stories were nothing short of inspirational.

The common themes shared by these young people were clear: the Clubs provide a *safe haven*, a *second home*, and a *family* rooted in the unwavering support of our staff. These sentiments reflect the very essence of what we strive to create every day. As we continue to build on a 67-year legacy of service in Tucson, these words remind us of the importance of our mission—to give young people, particularly those who need us most, the tools and guidance to reach their full potential and pursue their dreams. And let me tell you, these dreams are big!

This year, we are proud to announce that Mya, from our Steve Daru Clubhouse, has been named the 2025 Tucson Youth of the Year. Mya is a driven sophomore, a natural leader, and a truly exceptional young woman. I have no doubt that she will seize every opportunity that comes her way. It is an honor to have her as part of our family, and we look forward to seeing the many ways she will continue to shine.

You will have the chance to meet Mya and hear her powerful story at our Annual Youth of the Year Celebration on April 26th. More details will be available on our website, and we hope you'll join us to celebrate Mya and the inspiring youth who continue to grow and thrive at the Boys and Girls Clubs of Tucson.

Thank you for your continued support of our mission. We are excited about the future, and we can't wait to share these stories of resilience, leadership, and hope with you.

Jeremiah Milbank Donor Celebration



Recently, we had the privilege of celebrating our Jeremiah Milbank Society donors in a warm and welcoming atmosphere. The event was a wonderful opportunity for meaningful interactions between our dedicated Club staff and our esteemed donors. We are deeply grateful for the continued support of these incredible individuals who play a vital role in helping us achieve our mission. Their generosity and commitment inspire us every day.

The Jeremiah Milbank society was created to inspire and recognize higher level unrestricted giving from individuals within local Clubs. Each member of the society has given a minimum of \$10,000 to their local Boys & Girls Club organization. Through their leadership and generosity, society members help to assure that every child who attends Boys & Girls Clubs of Tucson is provided with hope and opportunity, through a safe place to learn and grow, and have adult mentors who positively impact their life.

Thank you to all our supporters for being a part of our journey and making a lasting impact. We look forward to continuing our work together, strengthening our community and promoting Tucson youth with a brighter future.

U of A Baseball Fun



A Huge Thank You to the Milo Swan Foundation!

We want to extend a heartfelt thank you to the Milo Swan Foundation for generously donating tickets to our youth for the U of A Red vs. Blue baseball game!

Our kids had an unforgettable time at the game and cherished every moment of the experience. The excitement, the energy, and the chance to cheer for their team made for a day they won't soon forget!

We are incredibly grateful for the Milo Swan Foundation's continued support, and for

U of A Basketball



Youth enjoy unforgettable experience at Women's U of A basketball game.

Our youth from the Boys & Girls Clubs of Tucson had an unforgettable experience attending the women's University of Arizona Basketball game. The event offered an exciting atmosphere, and the young attendees were thrilled by the high-energy action on the court.

Cheering on the team, club members enjoyed a day filled with excitement and team spirit. The Boys & Girls Clubs of Tucson is incredibly grateful for the opportunity to provide this memorable

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experience for the young people in our community.

Boys & Girls Clubs of the Gila Valley visits BGCT



Boys & Girls Clubs of the Gila Valley staff participates in Orientation and Training

With enthusiasm and excitement, the staff from the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Gila Valley recently joined the Boys & Girls Clubs of Tucson for an engaging orientation and training session. During the event, staff members were introduced to the organization's policies and procedures, fostering collaboration and strengthening the network of support for our newest club.

The training was a valuable opportunity to share knowledge and build stronger connections as part of the ongoing effort to create brighter futures for youth in the community.

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Tucson looks forward to continuing to working as one together with the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Gila Valley to make a positive impact.

Stone Canyon Foundation



A Heartfelt Thank You to the Stone Canyon Foundation!

We were honored to welcome the Stone Canyon Foundation to our Steve Daru Clubhouse! Their visit gave us the perfect opportunity to showcase the incredible impact their support has on our community.

The Stone Canyon Foundation is dedicated to empowering youth by providing

Learn more about HeARTworks



The HeARTworks program offers a transformative experience for youth, providing a safe space for self-expression, self-confidence, and critical thinking. By blending arts education with history and science lessons, it nurtures a deeper understanding of the world. Youth explore

educational, social, emotional, and personal development opportunities for PreK-12 students in need. They play a pivotal role in supporting our EXCEL program, which is designed to inspire high school-aged Club teens to stay in school, succeed academically, and plan for a bright future.

It was an amazing opportunity for our clubhouse leadership to share firsthand how their generous support makes a difference in the lives of our Club members.

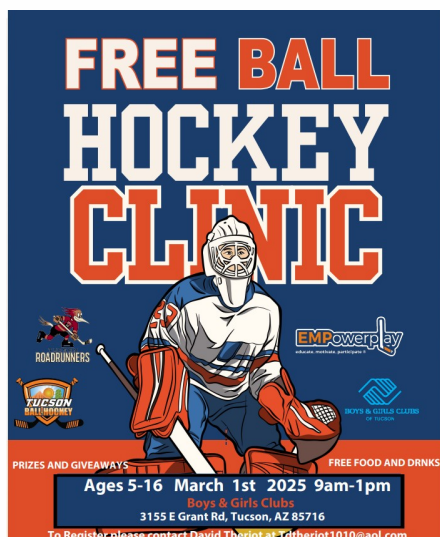
We are deeply grateful for the Stone Canyon Foundation's ongoing commitment to the Boys & Girls Clubs of Tucson. Together, we're helping shape the future of our youth!

their artistic identity through various mediums, while receiving personalized attention in small groups of under 10 participants per session.

Your support helps empower these young individuals, fostering resilience and offering arts education to thousands of youth, many of whom would otherwise lack access.

Events

Hockey Clinic



First Ball Hockey Clinic of the Year!

We're ready for the first Ball Hockey Clinic of the year on March 1st from 9 AM to 1 PM – and it's FREE for all families!

Join us for a fun-filled day with free food, exciting prizes, and a chance to learn some awesome hockey skills! Open to kids ages 5-16.

Location: Frank & Edith Morton Clubhouse at 3155 E. Grant Rd. To register, contact David Theriot at: tdheriot1010@aol.com

Don't miss out – we can't wait to see you there!

Swing for the Kids

Ross Fundraising



Ross is proud of our long-standing partnership with Boys & Girls Clubs, and we are excited to host our 11th annual in-store fundraiser to 'Help Local Kids Thrive' from Feb. 8th to March 2nd. Each year, the Ross Stores Foundation, our Associates, and our generous Customers join forces to raise funds for Clubs nationwide and their Power Hour homework help program.

Together, we are committed to providing kids in communities across the country with the academic support they need to achieve big goals.

Youth of the Year



We are excited to announce our First Swing for the Kids Golf Tournament, taking place on March 22nd at 8:00 AM at the stunning El Conquistador Golf & Tennis. This event promises a day of friendly competition and fun, all supporting a great cause!

Sponsorship opportunities still exist, so don't miss out on this exciting opportunity to be a part of this special event. Whether you're an avid golfer or just looking to enjoy a day on the course, it's a fantastic way to contribute to our community.

Become a sponsor and make a lasting impact. **Click here** to register or for more information. We look forward to seeing you on the green!



The Boys & Girls Clubs of Tucson is excited to invite you to a special event where you can meet Anastacia, Roy Drachman's Youth of the Year; Mya, Steve Daru's, Youth of the Year; and Breanna, Jim & Vicki Click's Youth of the Year.

Join us to discover which outstanding youth will represent Tucson's youth in 2025. The event will be held at the beautiful JW Marriott Starr Pass on April 26th at 11:00 AM. It will be a morning filled with inspiring stories, achievements, and stars.

To become a sponsor and support this wonderful event, please **click here**.

We look forward to seeing you there!



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