



August Newsletter

Message from our Interim CEO



As we close out a vibrant and inspiring summer at the Boys & Girls Clubs of Tucson, we are filled with gratitude and pride. This summer, we had the privilege of serving more than 1,500 youth across our six Clubhouses, providing a safe, welcoming, and enriching environment filled with laughter, music, good food, and unforgettable experiences.

From sports and SMART Girls to Parks in Focus and a variety of other engaging programs, our members explored new interests, built essential skills, and created lasting memories. None of this would have been possible without the continued generosity and support of our amazing community.

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Tucson have always relied on the generosity of our donors, supporters, and champions. Today, more than ever, your support is essential. As the challenges facing our youth grow, so does our opportunity, and our responsibility, to make a lasting impact. With your help, we can reach more kids, offer life-changing programs, and build a stronger, brighter future for our entire community. Together, we can open the door to great futures. [Go to our website, make a gift today.](#)

Thank you for being part of this journey. Your support continues to make a meaningful difference in the lives of Tucson's youth.

Tony Penn
Interim CEO

Back to School Across BGCT



The start of a new school year was celebrated in style across all six Clubhouses with exciting Back-to-School events! From tasty food to fun-filled

Happy Panda Cares Day!



Thanks to the generous support of Panda Express, our Jim & Vicki Click Clubhouse celebrated Panda Cares Day with a special back-to-school boost!

activities, our members came together to enjoy a day of laughter, connection, and celebration.

Each Clubhouse welcomed youth with open arms and backpacks full of school supplies! Members were able to stock up on the essentials they need to start the year strong, while also enjoying games, crafts, music, and more.

Carter's Fundraising



We're excited to announce a special opportunity to support the Boys & Girls Clubs of Tucson, just by shopping at Carter's!

From August 20th through October 18th, Carter's stores at Tucson Spectrum and Tucson Premium Outlets will be participating in a national 10-week giving campaign. During this time, each participating store will be paired with our Steve Daru and Roy Drachman Clubhouses.

As part of this initiative, customers will be invited to donate \$1, \$3, \$5, or any amount of their choice at checkout. 100% of all donations will go directly to the BGCT, supporting vital art and early learning programs for kids right here in our community.

Program Highlight: SMART Girls

Panda Express went above and beyond by providing backpacks, books, and school supplies, ensuring our youth are equipped and excited for the new school year.

We're so grateful for this ongoing partnership and look forward to many more years of supporting Tucson's youth together!

Manheim Fundraising Campaign



We're thrilled to announce that Manheim teamed up with BGCT for a month-long campaign to support youth and strengthen our impact in the community!

Throughout August, Manheim hosted fundraisers and exciting activities to raise awareness and generate support our mission. The Tucson Manheim location was paired with our Jim & Vicki Click Clubhouse, ensuring that the energy and generosity of their customers, team members, and vendors make a real, local difference.

All funds raised during this campaign will directly support STEM programming.

We're grateful for Manheim's commitment to our youth in Tucson. Together, we're driving opportunity, one fundraiser at a time.

Thank You Taco Bell Foundation



SMART Girls is a small-group program designed to support girls in three age groups with a focus on health, fitness, prevention, and self-esteem.

Through fun activities, field trips, and mentorship from adult women, participants learn about healthy eating, physical fitness, positive relationships, and making smart life choices; all while building confidence and strong peer connections.

We're excited to share that the Boys & Girls Clubs of Tucson has been awarded a 2025 Community Grant from the Taco Bell Foundation.

This generous grant will support Career Launch, our job-readiness program that helps teens explore career paths, build essential skills, and prepare for jobs, internships, and future opportunities.

It will also enhance our Diplomas to Degrees program, which guides teens in planning for college or other postsecondary education.

Thank you to the Taco Bell Foundation for the Community Grant! Because of your support, more BGCT Club Kids gain the tools, resources, and confidence they need to pursue their dreams.

Help us continue to inspire and support Tucson's youth! Your donation to the Boys & Girls Clubs of Tucson creates life-changing opportunities every day.

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